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Module : Firstborn Sonship

Session 4 : Inheritance of the Primogeniture – Part 2

Focus : Mature Son is Heir of All Things in Christ

In Session 3, we listed twelve biblically documented areas of our spiritual inheritance. The list was made to make us aware of the coverage that the Scriptures accord to the matter of inheritance. In essence, these are not twelve separate component parts to one whole. In truth, we have but one inheritance, that being **our Heavenly Father Himself** by virtue of our **inherited name or identity as firstborn sons in Christ**. These **two** important aspects represent the fullness of our inheritance, of which the Holy Spirit was given as a guarantee. In God our Father, we as His sons, have access to all things within His will for us, and this would include the following aspects which we want to briefly address in the present session:

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| ● We are heirs of a Sonship Identity (1) | ● We are heirs - Abrahamic Promise (7) |
| ● We are heirs of God, the Father (2) | ● We are heirs of the 'Blessing' (8) |
| ● We are heirs of Salvation (3) | ● We are heirs of the World (9) |
| ● We are heirs of Eternal Life (4) | ● We are heirs of the Earth (10) |
| ● We are heirs of Immortality (5) | ● We are heirs of the Nations (11) |
| ● We are heirs of the Kingdom of God (6) | ● We are heirs of All Things (12) |

[The numbering of these continue from 'three' (3) onwards – following on from points (1) and (2) in session 3]

3. WE ARE HEIRS OF SALVATION

Heb. 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will **inherit salvation**

Our total salvation includes our redemption, justification, sanctification and glorification. It also incorporates past, present and future elements and incorporates our spirit, soul and body. My spirit is regenerated at the time when I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, my soul is being renewed daily through the renewal of my thinking (mind) and my body will be made incorruptible at the literal second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This total salvation, including the fact that the created angels are positioned for my aid, is part of my inheritance in Christ!

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- 5 And He who sits on the throne said, **“Behold, I am making all things new.”** And He said, “Write,
for these words are faithful and true.”
- 6 Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will
give to **the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.**
- 7 He who overcomes will **inherit these things**, and **I will be his God and he will be My son.**

Note that immediately after the overcomer is given an inheritance of 'these things', reference is made to the relationship between God the Father and the overcomer who inherits as His son. Sonship is actually the inheritance and in this sonship, i.e. firstborn sonship, we have access to every single dimension of our inheritance as identified in the points above.

6. WE ARE HEIRS OF THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God is an all-pervasive superimposition of God's nature and will upon every expression of life, sector or domain on planet Earth and the entire created heavenly domain.

James 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and **heirs of the kingdom** which He promised to those who love Him

Matt 25:34 “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world

“Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” is both our cry, our prayer, our pursuit and function.

Before his death, Jehosaphat gave the Kingdom of Judah to his firstborn, Jehoram, to oversee, govern and administrate.

2 Chron. 21:3 Their father gave them many gifts of silver, gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah, **but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram because he was the FIRSTBORN.**

Firstborn sons always seek first the Kingdom of God and its establishment in the earth, for we are called to administrate it on our Father's behalf. We express the kingship of God in our sphere of influence wherever God has placed us in the world (e.g. the workplace). As we seek His kingdom and righteousness first, all other things are added to us. (More of this in later sessions).

Matt. 6:33 But seek **first His kingdom** and **His righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you.

Firstborn sonship and **kingdom representation/administration** are linked, and as such place a demand upon the firstborn to live a life of purity and obedience. Note the following Scriptures in this respect:

1 Cor. 6:9-11

We are heirs OF God (**Rom. 8:17**) simply because we are heirs THROUGH God (**Gal. 4:7**).

In the light of our inheritance – we ought not to be easily discouraged nor get sluggish, but we must maintain faith, patience and perseverance.

Heb. 6:10-12

- 10 For God is not unjust so as to **forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name**, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.
- 11 And we desire that each one of you show the **same diligence** so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,
- 12 so that you **will not be sluggish**, but imitators of those who **through faith and patience inherit the promises**.

Details of the promise to Abraham are recorded in Genesis 12 and again in Gen.17.

Gen. 12:2,3 And I will make you a **great nation**, And I will **bless you**, And make your **name great**; And so **you shall be a blessing**; And I will **bless those who bless you**, And **the one who curses you I will curse**. And in you **all the families of the earth will be blessed**.

Gen. 17:1-8

1. Now when Abram was ninety- nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless.
2. “I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And **I will multiply you exceedingly**.”
3. Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,
4. “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will **be the father of a multitude of nations**.
5. “No longer shall your name be called **Abram**, But your **name shall be Abraham**; For I have made you **the father of a multitude of nations**.
6. I will make you **exceedingly fruitful**, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you.
7. I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.
8. I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God

God promised to make Abram’s name great in Gen. 12. In rehearsing this promise in Gen.17, God changes his name to Abraham. Abram means ‘exalted father’ and Abraham means ‘father of a multitude’; or ‘father of nations’. This too is our ‘name’, i.e. ‘father of nations’. The ‘name’ of the ‘Son’ is also ‘Everlasting Father’ (Isaiah 9:6,7). As God’s sons, we are to represent the Heavenly Father and portray His love to the nations of the earth. This is part of our inheritance in God. Many only conceive of the Abrahamic promise and blessing only in material terms. It includes this, but is far more profound than this.

In Christ we are Abraham’s seed, and are too the recipients and beneficiaries of these promises.

blessed in Christ with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places, **respond only in blessing others**, especially those who oppose them. Tangible proof of your blessed state is evidenced by how you bless others who malign your character and reputation.

9. WE ARE HEIRS OF THE WORLD

Rom. 4:13 For the **promise to Abraham** or **to his descendants** that he would be **heir of the world** was not through the Law, but through the **righteousness of faith**

World = kosmos = 'order, regular disposition and arrangement'. It includes the universe, heavens and earth. We are heirs of the right arrangement and proper functioning of the entire earth and the universe, according to the original blueprint of God. Right now, the entirety of creation is malfunctioning due to an absence of divine sonship in the earth. The whole of creation groans for the manifestation of the sons of God. When firstborn sonship is restored to the earth in maturity, the entire cosmos will respond to it and align itself back to Divine order. This is part of our inheritance. We, as firstborn sons of God in Christ, seek to install divine principles of operation to every system in the world.

10. WE ARE HEIRS OF THE EARTH

Matt. 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall **inherit the earth.** (KJV)

Psalms 25:12,13 What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall **inherit the earth.** (KJV)

Psalms 37:11 But the meek shall **inherit the earth**; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace (KJV)

Psalm 37:22a For such as be blessed of him (i.e. the righteous) shall **inherit the earth** (KJV)

Psalm 37:29 The righteous will **inherit the land** and dwell in it forever

The earth, created on day three, before the solar system and universe, was to be the centre of all created things, with man on the earth as the absolute centre. Earth, resourced from Heaven, was to reflect the will of God in Heaven. From the domain of the earth, man was to reflect and represent all who God is and also steward His purposes. The earth was given to us not only manage/steward, but it is also the place from which we, in **CHRIST**, would have custody over **ALL CREATED THINGS**, visible and invisible. This is part of the responsibility attendant with firstborn sonship. The EARTH is part of our INHERITANCE. Take care of your world.

Earth belongs to the Lord, and what belongs to the Lord, He has made us heirs of.

Psalm 24: 1 The **earth** is the Lord's, and **all it contains**, the **world**, and **those who dwell in it**

It is not just the physical planet that is part of our inheritance, but ‘those who dwell in it’, i.e. people from every nation.

7. We are heirs of salvation, which ultimately includes total restoration of spirit, soul and body; and daily and varied expressions of God's power in our lives.
8. We are heirs of eternal life, which not only incorporates a timeless eternal life, but a life depictive of the character of God in every sense – full, abundant, whole, complete.
9. We are heirs of immortality, a life that has conquered sickness and death, the last enemy.
10. We are heirs of the kingdom and its administration; we pursue His Kingdom first, its coming and establishment in the world, its predominance over every other system or kingdom in the earth.
11. We pursue His Kingdom and His righteousness first. As tangible proof of our prioritisation of His Kingdom, we demonstrate our imputed righteousness practically by living lives of purity and obedience, lest unrighteous behaviour disqualifies us from kingdom inheritance.
12. In Christ we are heirs of the Abrahamic promise. In us, all the families of the earth are blessed.
13. Inheritance is by promise through rest, not by human attempts to keep external regulations. The fact that it is promised must be dominant in our thinking, for we access it through rest and not works.
14. We are heirs of all spiritual blessing in Christ. This includes being hugely favoured in life by God.
15. The blessing attendant with our inheritance must not be dis-esteemed, as Esau dis-esteemed his birthright blessing for the momentary satisfaction of his fleshly nature.
16. We are blessed to be a blessing. Our blessed state is for the benefit of others. We are conduits of blessing. This is an essential part of our inheritance.
17. Tacit indication of our blessed state is aptly and powerfully demonstrated in how we bless those who hate us, instead of responding carnally.
18. We are heirs of the world – the right arrangement and orderly functioning of its systems according to God's ways. As such, we seek to install divine principles of operation to every system in the world.
19. We are heirs of the earth, the physical planet, all its resources, the principles governing its effective and efficient functioning, and all the people who dwell in it. As such we care for the planet. We impose divine standards upon our spheres – our homes, workplaces; we should be neat, tidy, orderly, etc. We also manage all relationships according to God's expectations of us.
20. We are heirs of the nations. It is our responsibility to immerse all nations into the nature of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through the repetitive teaching of apostolic doctrine (the doctrine of Christ), and so bring all nations under Christ and His rule.
21. In and through Christ, who is the sum of all things, we are heirs of all things, the heavens and the earth, whether visible or invisible. All things are to be reconciled in Him. Reconciliation and the bringing of all things back to their original placement in Christ is our business and inheritance.
22. Reconciliation of men to God through the administration of the forgiveness of sins and reconciliation of brothers who have offended each other is an essential part of our mandate in Christ. This too, is our inheritance.
23. Ultimately, we will share in ALL THINGS that belongs to CHRIST (Heb. 3:14).

Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

Psalm 16:5b

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