

1 Corinthians 7:39

A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

3. Jesus fulfills the Jubilee!

Hebrews 12:28–29

²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving *a kingdom that cannot be shaken*, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Main Idea

We are taught to be true children of Abraham and in Jesus, we have an unshakable inheritance in God's family.

In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#46] (Numbers 26–36) *A Heart Turned Towards the Inheritance: Part 16, An Unshakable Inheritance...* – Numbers 36

Sermon Outline – May 29, 2016

Children's Sermon: Hard Things

Why are Mom & Dad always trying to get you to do hard things?

Becoming a Christian actually guarantees

life will be hard!

Acts 14:21–22

²¹ When [Paul & Barnabas] had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that *through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.* (Testing...)

Why?

Notes:

Transition:

The Wilderness Journey Pictures this Same Reality

Main Idea

God uses the wilderness to detach our affections from the slavery of Egypt and teach us to long for the promised land.

Inheritance, Authority, Faith & Submission

Confusion about the Law

Jubilee

As the Jubilee legislation showed, the principle was that land was to be kept in the family, clan, and tribe. ¹

Leviticus 25:23–24, 28 (Cf. vs. 10 & 13)

²³ “*The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine.* For you are strangers and sojourners with me. ²⁴ And in all the country you possess, you shall allow a redemption of the land. ...

²⁸ But if he does not have sufficient means to recover it, then what he sold shall remain in the hand of the buyer until the year of *jubilee*. In the *jubilee* it shall be released, and he shall return to his property.

Why was family inheritance so important?

Review *Hermeneutics* – Principles to Help Us Understand the Bible

- Put On Your Jesus Goggles
- Ceremonial, Moral, **Civil** (moral principles and/or ceremonial)

Moral principles? (The good of the family trumps the good of the individual.)

Ceremonial: (In the end, our sinful choices would be overcome by God's sovereign promise...through his promised seed...)

Their Question Arises *because* They Believe God

² They said, "*The Lord commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the people of Israel, and my lord was commanded by the Lord to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.*"³

But if they are married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the people of Israel, then their inheritance will be taken from the inheritance of our fathers and added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry. So it will be taken away from the lot of our inheritance.⁴ And when the *jubilee* of the people of Israel comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry..."

The LORD's Solution

The LORD's Command

⁶ This is what the Lord commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad: *'Let them marry whom they think best, only they shall marry within the clan of the tribe of their father.'*⁷ The inheritance of the people of Israel shall not be transferred from one tribe to another...

Zelophehad's Daughters

Review Numbers 27:1–11

(What happened in Numbers 26?)

Zelophehad's daughters cared about their father's name and believed in God's promised inheritance.

¹⁰ The daughters of Zelophehad *did as the Lord commanded Moses*,¹¹ for Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married to sons of their father's brothers.

Why bookend this section with these daughters?

Main Idea

This generation had been taught the faith of Abraham and so they prepared to enter the Promised Land with faith & submission.

Jesus Fulfills the Law More Perfectly

Matthew 5:17b

I have not come to abolish [the Law & Prophets] but to fulfill them.

Jesus' Learned Obedience through Suffering

Matthew 4:1

Then Jesus was *led up by the Spirit* into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Hebrews 5:7–8

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.⁸ Although he was a son, *he learned obedience through what he suffered.*

We are Taught by God...

John 6:44–45

⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be *taught by God.*' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—

Hebrews 3:8

do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of *testing in the wilderness*...

Mark 8:35

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but *whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.*

Specific Applications from Numbers 36:

1. Think "family" not "individual"
2. Freedom inside *God's family*