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An Inheritance is Coming!

Warm hellos to you dear brethren, co-workers, spiritual family on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and scattered children of God, from our offices here in Spanish Fort, AL.

My wife and I have returned from a week of visiting scattered brethren, and enjoying a couple days of relaxing a little with reflection upon our blessings.

While taking a little time, sitting on a deck, and slowing down from the pace we often find ourselves in, I had time to reflect more on my calling, and what God has in store for you and me.

My wife and I also were talking this morning while having coffee, and we agreed, "...all that is happening around us will consume our thinking if we let it!" We concurred that we need to make a purposeful shift of focus to what God has laid out in His plan from before the foundation of the world.

What a fabulous future we have as future inheritors of eternal life! Have you thought about what will be our areas of responsibilities and service under and with Christ? It's a great focus!

What planets, galaxies, nations, cities or parts of cities or townships will we have responsibility for? Of course, it is obvious we will have to endure and continue the course as Christians to be there to find out.

"Inheritance" was important in God's instructions to Israel. We've read in Acts 17 of the action of the Most High in dividing or apportioning the inheritance to the nations. He determined boundaries taking into account the number of the children of Israel. The Greek word translated "boundaries" (NKJV) or bounds (AV) is *horothesia* and refers to the "setting of boundaries." (Online Bible Greek Lexicon)

God led Joshua to determine the boundaries or territorial borders of the tribes of Israel as recorded in Joshua 15-16. At times, specific cities are mentioned as part of the inheritance or possession of a particular tribe. Numerous cities with their villages are mentioned in Joshua 15

within the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah. There must have been some kind of process to assign plots of land to individual members of the tribes of Israel.

There were several statements in the Pentateuch that dealt with preserving the boundaries of the assigned plots of land owned by individual Israelites.

"You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which the men of old have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess."
(Deut 19:14)

'Cursed is the one who moves his neighbor's landmark.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'
(Deut 27:17)

The Hebrew word translated "landmark" is *gebuwl* and refers to border or territory (Online Bible Greek Lexicon). The translators realized that the borders would be defined by landmarks, often stones or stone cairns, and it was these landmarks or monuments that could be illegally moved to try to enlarge one's plot of land and diminish the other's. This prohibition against moving a boundary or landmark is also mentioned in the Book of Proverbs (Prov 22:28; Prov 23:10). In the latter reference it mentions the additional offense of taking part of the land of the fatherless by the act of adjusting the boundary by moving the landmark!

One more interesting mention of the serious illegal action of moving a boundary or landmark is found in Hosea 5:10. *"The princes of Judah are like those who remove a landmark."* God was addressing their evil behavior and unfaithfulness and comparing it to that of stealing another man's land.

Individual ownership of property was important in the structure that the Lord set up in how the nation was to be administered. Yes, the Lord owns everything. *"Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it."* (De 10:14)

It is His right to apportion the land of the earth as He determines. Men will try to override God's instructions, and the result is always anything but good and positive.

The Lord developed a legal system to maintain original private ownership of the land of Canaan that was given to the tribes of Israel. It is called the Jubilee. We see the basics described in Leviticus 25. *"And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession."* (vv.10, 13)

It will be interesting to see how Christ as the governing king directs the distribution of land and ownership when He returns. No doubt the principles we have examined above will play a part.

In our current circumstances, we see ownership of land is in jeopardy on multiple levels. How many family farms or other property have been lost to the state when unreasonable property taxes have not been paid because of reduced income or other financial adversities? Some even have stated that the deed to the land is not actually owned by the one who has paid off a loan and is the supposed owner. There is much to change and be rectified in the future. Things as we know it, even in this nation will be dramatically changed!

We also have an allusion to inheriting something incredibly awesome. Hebrew 2:5-8 states that God will eventually "*put all things in subjection under his (man after his transformation to be above the angels) feet.*" What does "all things" refer to? It evidently refers to more than just this planet earth! Again, we will find out in the future...pretty exciting I think!

So my friends, focus on the promises of God, dig into His Word and keep your eyes focused on Christ the living head of His church. Don't get sucked into the shift of this world, its fears, and focuses. There's a spirit behind all of this, and it is not of God.

Let's you and I stay strong, vigilant and focused on the God who has called us, allowing Him to live in us, looking forward to that coming Kingdom of God! And, it IS coming! That is a promise.

Arms up friends! Our prayers and thoughts are with you daily. Please do pray for us as well.

-Scott Hoefker

(Pastor, *The Living God Ministries Gulf Coast*)

The schedule for this **Sabbath** is:

July 10th / Friday: Evening Praise Sacrifice to welcome God's Sabbath - 6:30 pm (via *teleconference* live connect with Stephen Glover and Friends.)

July 11th / Saturday: Spirit and Truth Worship Services - 10:15 am, with services held in both **Montgomery** and **Spanish Fort** at our normal **10:15 a.m.** (with *phone conference connection* available from Montgomery and *Live Webcast* from Spanish Fort). A noon "potluck" meal will be enjoyed and shared with a small group in **Spanish Fort** shortly after worship services.

July 11th / Saturday: Malachi 3:16 Sabbath Fellowship (Interactive Bible Discussion) - **3:30 pm**
from Montgomery. (Connecting live with all via *phone conference*).

Telephone Ministry (English): Call **1-712-770-4700**; then, when asked, enter Code **112165 #** to join.

(Note: All callers are muted and must press ***6** to comment and ***6** to resume mute.)
All times are listed in Central Standard Time zone.

Our Daily Bread Recordings

Sunday through Saturday / Our Daily Bread [listen anytime 24/7 to a recorded 15 minute message] Call 1-712-770-4709 (note this call in number is different and ends in "9"), then when asked, enter code 112165# [reference code numbers are on "Spiritual Fellowship Opportunities" on this website <http://www.tlgministriesgc.org> or at "Resources/Archives" on <http://www.haggai114.net>]

Daily Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday – Friday / **Morning Sacrifice** (Prayers & Scripture Reading) at 6:00 a.m.
Sundays / **The Minor Prophets** (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. [Whit, Logan & Friends]
Mondays / Africa Discipleship at 7:00 a.m. [Stephen & Moses]
Almond Branch Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. (Interactive) (Stephen & Friends)
Tuesdays / **Haggai Fellowship** (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. (Interactive) [Stephen & Friends]
Wednesdays / Africa Discipleship at 7:00 a.m. [Stephen & Moses]
1st & 3rd Wednesday / **Sons of God Fellowship** (Young men training) at 6:30 p.m. [Stephen & Friends]
2nd & 4th Wednesday / **Lydian's Fellowship** (Ladies) at 6:30 p.m. [Esther/Gayle/Laura & Friends]
Thursdays / **Mt. Carmel Fellowship** (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. [Scott & Friends]

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