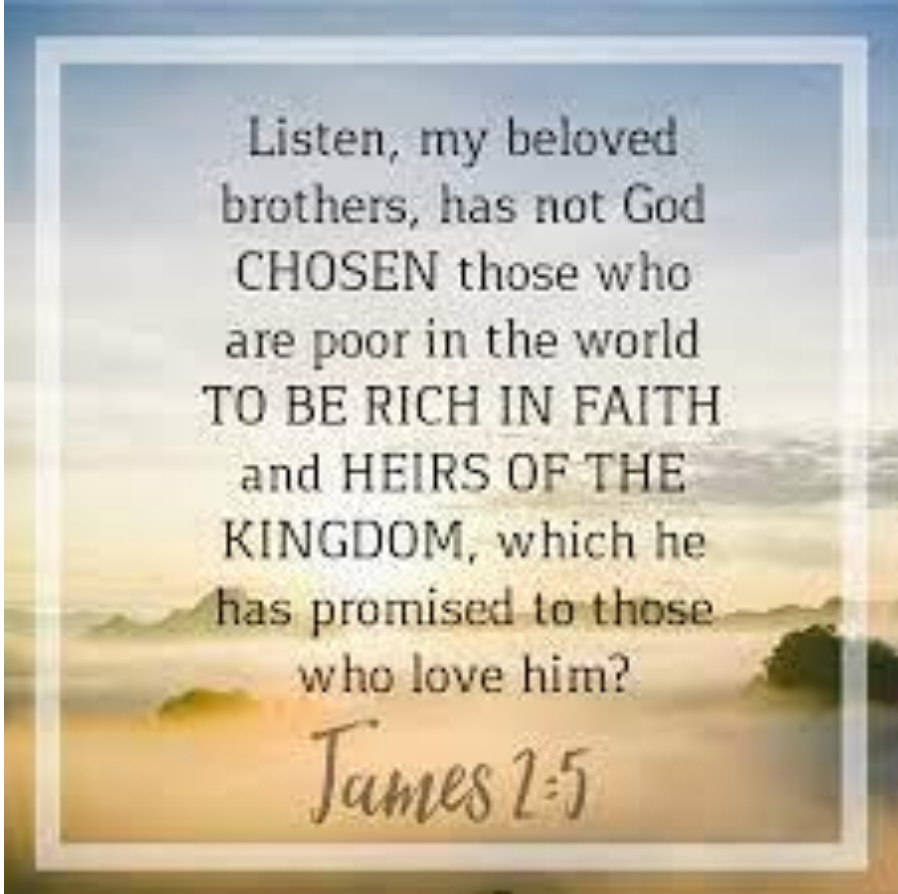


Yet what we suffer
now is nothing
compared to the
glory he will reveal to
us later. For all
creation is waiting
eagerly for that
future day when God
will reveal who his
children really are.
Romans 8:18-19

You Are an Heir of God

Chapter 4 Unshakable Hope



Listen, my beloved
brothers, has not God
CHOSEN those who
are poor in the world
TO BE RICH IN FAITH
and HEIRS OF THE
KINGDOM, which he
has promised to those
who love him?

James 2:5

What does it mean to be rich in faith?

What does it mean to be heirs of the kingdom?

What does it mean to be rich in faith?

Galatians 3:14

King James Version

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our claim as heirs?

Romans 8:12-17 (NIV)

12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. **13** For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. **14** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. **15** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.^[a] And by him we cry, “*Abba*,^[b] Father.” **16** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. **17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



What does it mean to be heirs of the Kingdom?

You have been adopted into God's family

Everything God has belongs to you

God has blessed you with every blessing

You have been adopted into God's family (Ephesians 4:6-7)

And because
you are children,
God has sent the
Spirit of his Son
into our hearts,
crying,
“Abba! Father!”
So you are no
longer a slave
but a child,
and if a child
then also an heir,
through God.
Galatians 4:6-7



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The Bible says God is your loving Father.

You come, not as a stranger, but as an heir to the promise, and can approach God's throne as a child of the King with full confidence.

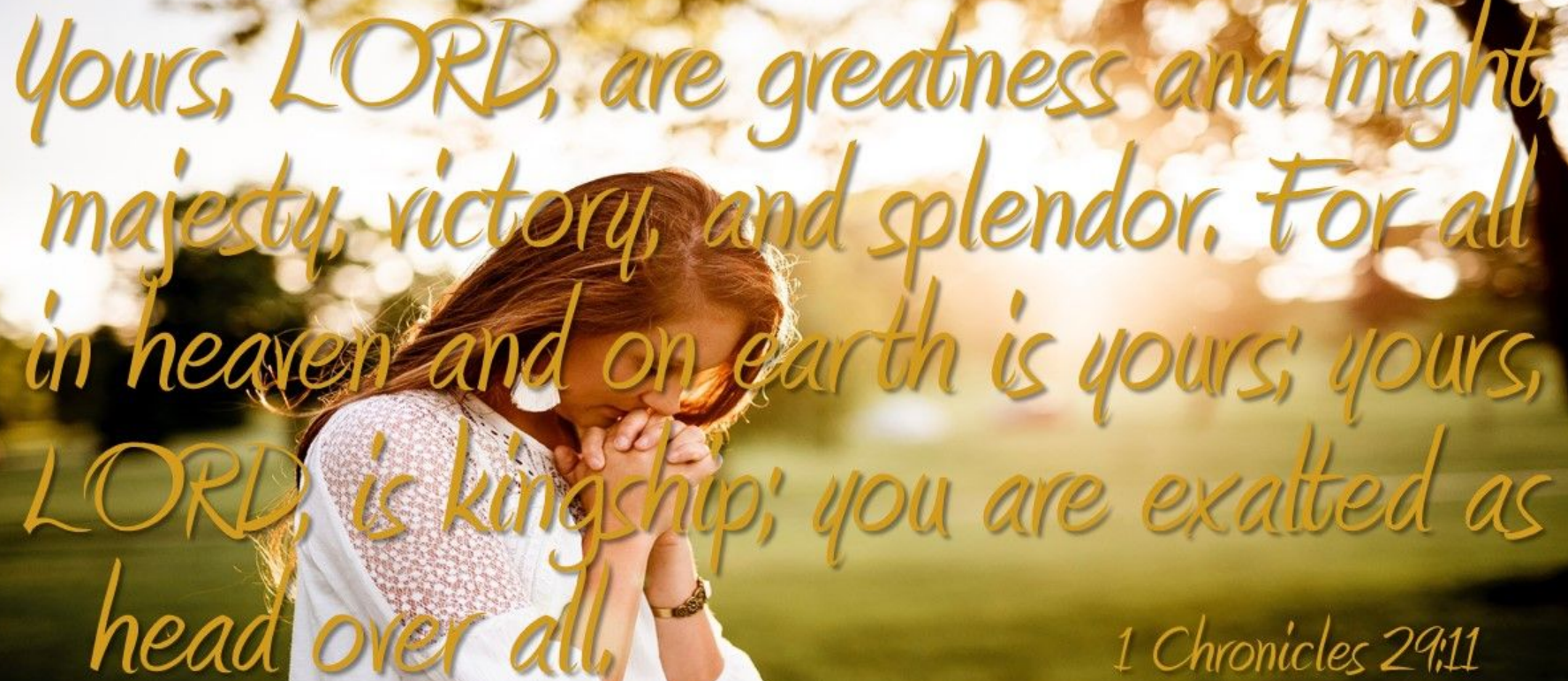
How can you live each day from the foundation of knowing that you are heirs of God?

What belongs to God?

Deuteronomy 10:14



**Behold, the heaven and the
heaven of heavens is the
LORD'S thy God, the earth
also, with all that therein is.**

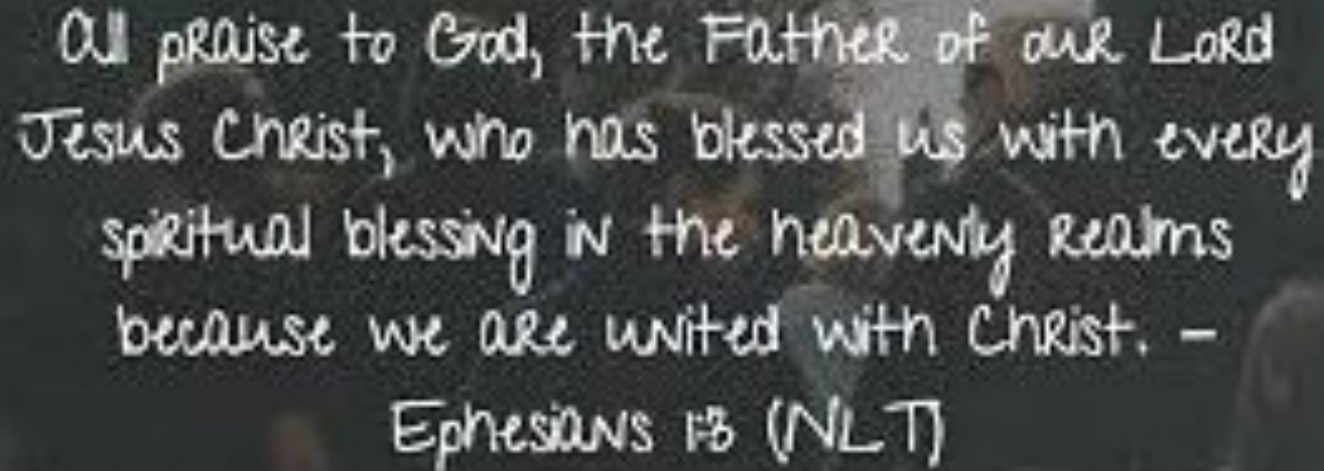


Yours, LORD, are greatness and might,
majesty, victory, and splendor. For all
in heaven and on earth is yours; yours,
LORD, is kingship; you are exalted as
head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

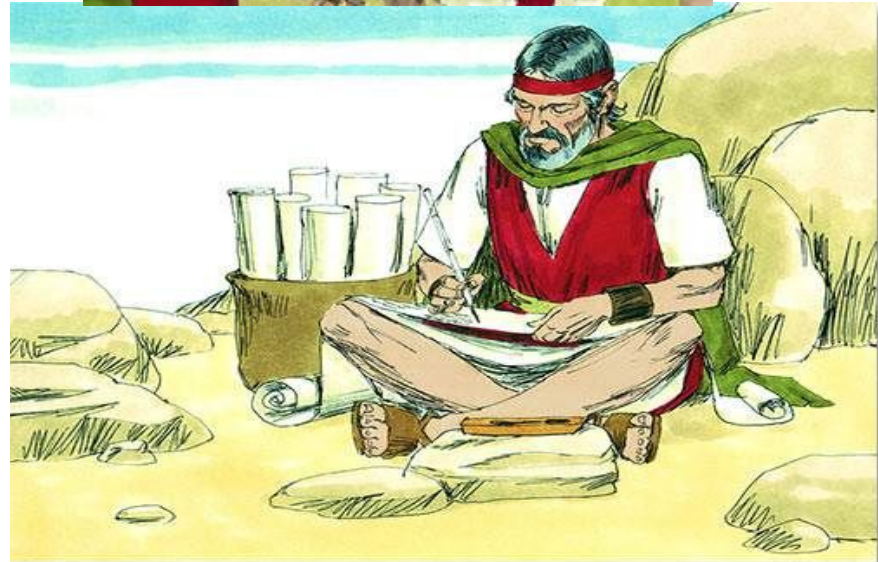
God has blessed you with every spiritual blessing

Ephesians 1:3



All praise to God, the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms
because we are united with Christ. —
Ephesians 1:3 (NLT)

Joshua's story of Faith in God's Promises and his claim to inheritance



Joshua 1:1-9 NIV

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. 7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

The Lord told Joshua...



Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying... 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you are to cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it'

Joshua 1:11



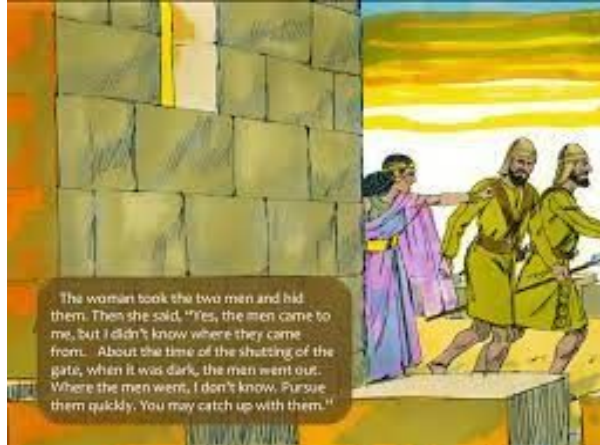
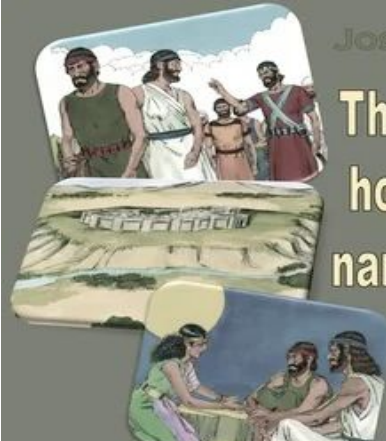
Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho"

Joshua 2:1

JOSHUA'S TWO SPIES

They came to the house of a harlot named Rahab and lodged there.

Joshua 2:1





RAHAB - THE RED CORD OF HOPE AND SALVATION

*So she lowered them down by a **rope** through the window—for her house was in the wall; she was living in the wall. (Joshua 2:14-15)*

Rope in verse 15 is the Hebrew word “chevel” (חבל). Chevel in Hebrew, even till today, means a rope or cord, but in the Bible it also pertains to territory because you can mark out territory with lines and cords. It can mean measured portion, lot, part or region, but it can also mean pain, sorrow or travail. We can be bound up with “chevelim”, with sorrows and pains

*Then she said to them: “Go to the hill country, lest the pursuers meet you, and hide yourselves there for **three days**, until the pursuers return. Afterward, you may go your way.” Then the men said to her: “We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear, unless when we come into the land, you tie this **line of scarlet** thread in the window through which you lowered us down.”*

Now here in verse 18, that same rope to let them back up again is not a rope but is a cord (tikva תקוה), which also means **hope, expectation**.

RAHAB - THE RED CORD OF HOPE AND SALVATION

The Lord did give Jericho into their hands. The spies' safe passage was assured by Rahab, and Rahab's family were saved due to her fear of God and willingness to do what they told her to do to be saved. The walls came tumbling down in a manner that is archaeologically observable today, and God got the victory.

The rest of the story:

Rahab went on to marry one of the tribe – Salmon from the tribe of Judah – and they had a son called Boaz.

Boaz went on to marry a woman from another of Israel's enemies, Moab.

Boaz and Ruth the Moabite gave birth to Obed, who was father to Jesse, father of King David, ancestor of the Messiah.

What does the story of Joshua and Rehab mean to our understanding of heirs of God's kingdom?

How does truly living out the promise as heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ change the way that we view and approach life and all that it brings?