

Our Glorious Reality: Heirs of God

“For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God (Rom. 8:14, NASB 1995).

Do you desire to live your life under the direction of Father God? Begin by separating yourself from the world and start paying close attention to how the Holy Spirit is bearing witness with your spirit. The Holy Spirit bears witness with your spirit about how to walk in this life. Everything you do, everything you think, the Holy Spirit will teach you how to live according to the will of God.

The Holy Spirit will reveal to you whether you are supposed to do a certain thing, take a specific action or say a particular word. Father desires to be involved in all the different decisions that you make. The Holy Spirit will shed light as to what is right and what is wrong. Sometimes, it is as simple as paying attention and discerning the peace or the open doors, then responding in obedience and faith to what you are sensing.

Beloved, it took me a long time to start minding the checks from Father. The Holy Spirit would be giving me a subtle witness in my spirit, checking me, saying no. But you know what? I would not pay attention. I would just go and do it anyway.

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Eventually I realized that this was hurting me and, more importantly hurting Father. It was not producing any positive fruit when I did not obey. And slowly over time I learned more and more to pay attention to those subtle checks of the Holy

Spirit. Some of you are like that. God is checking you about certain things in your life. He is checking you about how you spend your money. He is checking you about what relationships to be in or not to be in. He is checking you about when to speak and when not to speak. He is checking you about how to handle certain situations. But, you are not paying attention to the checks, and so you keep on finding yourself surrounded by chaos and problems in your life. When you learn to be led by the checks of the Holy Spirit and also the open doors (which is the peace of the Holy Spirit nudging you, leading you to go forward), you will then be led by the Spirit of God.

Beloved, the Holy Spirit, or in Hebrew: *Ruach HaKodesh*, is a real person that you experience right here and right now. Jesus said He would not leave us as orphans: "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:18).

Jesus is here right now, and He is speaking to you by His Spirit. He is bearing witness with your heart. You just need to learn to be listening. If you are not listening, you are going to be walking around in darkness. But if you will stop walking in your own self-initiative, if you will stop walking in self-will, open up your ears and make it your prime ambition to be led by the Spirit of God—you will learn how to walk by the Spirit.

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is bearing witness with your spirit that you are a child of God. And that God does not just put up with you, but that He loves you and delights in you. Father celebrates over you, and His banner over you is love. You are, hallelujah, His child.

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"And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17a).

Paul is revealing a glorious privilege that we have: We are

not only children of the Father, but we are also heirs of God. That means that God Himself is our inheritance, and He has given us His Spirit as a pledge of our inheritance (Eph. 1: 13-14). What could we want that is greater than God Himself? In Him is fullness of joy, of peace, of contentment, of satisfaction. Jesus said life consists not in the abundance of things obtained, but that real life is found in the Holy Spirit. We have been made heirs of God. Every feeling we ever wanted to feel, the fullness of experiencing life, the fullness of joy, glory, happiness, power and identity—all this is ours—in Him!

Remember when Jesus breathed on His disciples before He ascended to heaven? He had been crucified, and they were all hiding in the upper room. His disciples thought He was dead. Suddenly, Jesus walked through the wall where they were huddled together in fear, and what did He do? He breathed on them and said, "Peace be to you." The Hebrew word that Jesus actually spoke there was *Shalom*, which means: complete restoration of everything that is needed for you to be whole.

Jesus breathes on us the word "Shalom." And in God, beloved, as those who have inherited God, as those upon whom Yeshua has breathed and to whom He has said, "Shalom," we know that He is bringing us into complete wholeness with Himself because God is wholeness. He is bringing us into complete wholeness of life. There is no greater inheritance than the inheritance of God Himself. God is our victory!

Beloved, as we learn to be led by the Holy Spirit, we not only receive His guidance to help us navigate this life, but we also experience the reality that we are the sons and daughters of Father God. And if we are children of God, then we are heirs of God. I want to encourage you, as never before, to listen to His small quiet voice, considering Him in everything you do. I encourage you to walk as a child of the Creator of the universe as you pursue your inheritance—God Himself.

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