

## Lesson 9 | The Inheritance of the Saints

**Objective:** Understanding that God has faithful and true promises for those who seek Him with all their hearts, yet unfortunately, many do not understand or accept them.

**Biblical Reading:** Galatians 3:27

**Memory Verse:** "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." **2 Peter 1:4**

### BIBLICAL TOPIC

Many people who read the holy scriptures have not yet had the privilege of partaking of the nature of God. This is because their disbelief and lack of faith prevent them from accepting that God has made many incomprehensible promises.

God formed humanity from the dust of the earth, therefore, the nature of man is earthly, just as the Apostle Paul expressed (**1 Corinthians 15:47**). Each one of us, to call God "Father," needs to partake of the divine nature. Now then, how is it possible to obtain divine nature? The Apostle Paul says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." (**Romans 8:14-16**) All those who have received the Holy Spirit share in the divine nature and are considered children of God (**Acts 5:32; Ezekiel 36:25-27**).

When God created man, He gave him full authority to rule over the earth, as it is expressed in **Genesis 1:27-28** "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the

fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." The earth, by God's will, was made to be inhabited by people. However, when man sinned, the earth was filled with corruption to such a degree that it seems despicable to us. Nevertheless, an important question arises, has sin caused God's purpose to change? Of course not.

God took Abraham and told him that He would give him and his offspring all the land that he saw (**Genesis 13:14-17**). This promise became a covenant, which God would confirm: "Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it" (**Genesis 15:7-8, 19**). This promise was declared to Isaac and Jacob by his father (**Genesis 18:17-19**), nevertheless, God later would declare the same promise to each of Abraham's descendants (**Genesis 26:1-4; 28:10-15**).

However, they did not receive this promise, as Stephen expressed in **Acts 7:5**, and as the writer of the letter of **Hebrews 11:9-10** says, since they were waiting for a city with foundations. David and Solomon held firmly to this promise when they said, "For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, but those cursed by Him shall be cut off" (**Psalms 37:22**), "For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it." (**Proverbs 2:21**)

When the Lord Jesus came, He confirmed this promise, and did not change it, yet stated, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (**Matthew 5:5**). The Teacher of Galilee did not come to change the promises that the Father had given, but to fulfill everything that had been declared about Him in the Scriptures (**Luke 22:44**). He did not come to give promises different from those of His Father, since what God has established, no one can change (**Numbers 23:19**).

Now, let us see what Paul clearly understood about this promise when he said, "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "and to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "and to your Seed," who is Christ." (**Galatians 3:16**). Therefore, all the Gentiles who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah and have

decided to put God's will into practice become part of that seed, and therefore that promise will also reach us: "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" **(Galatians 3:27–29)**.

Therefore, the Lord Jesus will come to establish His kingdom on earth, fulfilling the promise that God made to Abraham—not only to rule over a portion of the land, but over the whole earth, which was promised **(Romans 4:13)**. Beloved brethren, David, clearly understood what the inheritance for the saints was. We too, having the divine nature, understand the plans that God has for each one of us **(Psalm 115:16)**.

### QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to have a divine nature? **2 Peter 1:4**
2. Because of humanity's sin, did God change His decision to give people the earth? **Numbers 23:19; Psalm 89:34**
3. What was the promise God gave Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?  
**Genesis 13:14-17; 26: 1-4; 28:10-15**
4. Did David and Solomon maintain their faith in that promise?  
**Psalm 37:3; 11, 22,29,34; Proverbs 2:21, 22; 10:30**
5. Will only a portion of the earth, or all of it, be inherited by the descendants of Abraham? **Romans 4:13**
6. Who else is part of the descendants of Abraham, and what inheritance will they receive? **Galatians 3:29**