

Lay Hold of Your Inheritance – Part 1

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Scripture reading: Jude 1:3

The Lord has been speaking much to us about "inheritance" and "possession." We are not just bought by the blood of Jesus to escape hell. I remember one girl saying to me, "If I can just make it with one foot into heaven, I will be satisfied." I pitied her condition because she did not realize the purpose for which Jesus came—the purpose for which she was saved and delivered from the wretched condition of the world—or she would never have said that. She would say, "I will run with all my might! I will make distance between me and the thing and this that I have seen." But I praise God, and I hope that wherever she is now, she is saying something different.

God has been speaking to us much about "inheritance" and "possession." Esau did not care very much about his inheritance—he sold it so lightly. God, however, is saying to us now that we have received an inheritance that is incorruptible, and the Word says we should *"...earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"* (Jude 1:3). This tells us that from that time, the faith had been under attack. The Christians were under attack; the enemy had moved in and had begun to rob them of that faith that was delivered to the saints. I think we are at the same point at this time, when we have to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. **There are so many voices, there are so many things floating around, that many times I see people confused; but the confusion comes because of lack of letting your roots deep down into Christ. We cannot abide as shallow Christians; we have to sink our roots deep down into Christ, so that we can stand, and that we can have the fortitude against the storm, and the tempest, and the temptations from day to day that attack our soul!**

Our inheritance is in Christ Jesus, and we have to lay hold of it. We have to make sure of our inheritance that we do not sell it as Esau did, but that we HOLD FAST to that which has been ministered to us and given to us by the Spirit, that we be not robbed. There are enticements, the things that come to rob us—because the Word says (in Ephesians 6:12) that, *"we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* That means that there are things that are more powerful and greater than we are able to handle by ourselves, and it would be impossible to manage unless we lay hold of faith and hold fast to Christ, and by the anointing of the Spirit overcome the temptations and the different things.

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Thought for today: Let us lay hold of our inheritance in Christ Jesus and let us hold fast to that which has been given to us by the Spirit that we be not robbed.