

abundantly. <sup>11</sup> *I am the good shepherd.* The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

### Key Idea

God provides a greater Joshua, indeed a greater Moses in the person of Jesus Christ!

## *A Better Shepherd, A Better Inheritance & A Better Love*

### A Better Shepherd

➤ Consider Jesus... (Prophet, Priest & King)

### A Better Inheritance

➤ New Heaven/Earth...

### Isaiah 65:17

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

### A Better Love

➤ Love God & Neighbor... (Family, Church, Christ)

### 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

<sup>31</sup> So, whether you eat or drink, or *whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.* <sup>32</sup> Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup> just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, *not seeking my own advantage*, but that of many, that they may be saved. <sup>1</sup> *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

### Key Application

Trust our good shepherd by putting our Hope in his promised inheritance & Seeking His glory in all things.

<sup>i</sup> Ashley, T. R. (1993). *The Book of Numbers* (p. 543). Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

<sup>ii</sup> Ibid. (p. 543).

## In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#32 in Series] (Numbers 26–36) *A Heart Turned Towards the Inheritance: Part 2, A Better Inheritance & Better Shepherd* – Numbers 27

**Sermon Outline** – January 31, 2016

### Children's Sermon: Previously in Numbers...

#### #1 Zelophehad's Daughters

##### Numbers 26:52–54

<sup>52</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>53</sup> “Among these *the land shall be divided for inheritance according to the number of names.* <sup>54</sup> To a large tribe you shall give a large inheritance, and to a small tribe you shall give a small inheritance; every tribe shall be given its inheritance in proportion to its list.

Beware the Wickedness of Unbelief... Faith is Rewarded...

##### Numbers 26:33

<sup>33</sup> Now **Zelophehad** the son of Hopher *had no sons*, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

#### #2 Moses' Asks for a Successor

##### Exodus 4:13 (Ex. 3–4)

But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.”

##### Deuteronomy 18:18

*I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers.* And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ...?

### Key Idea

Trust in our trustworthy King, Hope in our eternal inheritance and Love your family name.

Notes:

### *The Faith of Zelophehad's Daughters*

#### Zelophehad Died without any Sons

<sup>3</sup> “Our father died in the wilderness. He was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korah, but *died for his own sin.* And he had no sons.

It seems that the normal practice in Israel was that daughters did not inherit property, but joined the clan of their husbands after being given a dowry by their fathers (cf., e.g., Gen. 29:24, 29; Judg. 1:13–15; 1 K. 9:16).<sup>i</sup>

### The Request Zelophehad's 5 Daughters (Cf. Numbers 36)

<sup>4</sup> “*Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father's brothers.*”

<sup>5</sup> Moses brought their case before the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>7</sup> “*The daughters of Zelophehad are right. You shall give them possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers* and transfer the inheritance of their father to them.

As the Jubilee legislation showed, the principle was that land was to be kept in the family, clan, and tribe (Lev. 25:10, 13, 25–28)<sup>ii</sup>

<sup>8</sup> ... ‘If a man dies and has no son, then you shall transfer his inheritance to his daughter. <sup>9</sup> And if he has no daughter, then *you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.* <sup>10</sup> And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. <sup>11</sup> And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his clan, and he shall possess it. And it shall be for the people of Israel a statute and rule...

(Cf. Numbers 36 – Must marry inside their father's clan)

#### Key Observation

Zelophehad's daughters cared about their father's name and believed in God's promised inheritance.

### Moses' Dying Request

#### A Shepherd King

<sup>16</sup> “Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, **appoint a man over the congregation** <sup>17</sup> *who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that* the congregation of the Lord may not be *as sheep that have no shepherd.*”

#### Key Observation

Moses does not plead for himself but for the God's people.

**Moses has come a long way from the burning bush!**

### Deuteronomy 34:10–12

<sup>10</sup> And *there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,* <sup>11</sup> none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

**Moses received more than a glowing face.**

**A Picture of our true King!**

### God's Immediate Answer

<sup>18</sup> ... “Take **Joshua** the son of Nun, *a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.* <sup>19</sup> Make him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight. <sup>20</sup> You shall *invest him with some of your authority,* that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey.

### God's Ultimate Answer (A Better Joshua/Moses)

#### 2 Samuel 5:2 (A Better King David)

<sup>2</sup> In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who *led out and brought in Israel.* And the Lord said to you, *‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.’”*

### Ezekiel 34:11, 22–23

<sup>11</sup> “For thus says the Lord God: **Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.** <sup>12</sup> *As a shepherd seeks out his flock...*

<sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. *And I will judge between sheep and sheep.* <sup>23</sup> **And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.**

### Mark 6:34ff.

When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because **they were like sheep without a shepherd.** And he began to teach them many things. ... [fed the 5,000 in the wilderness]

### John 10:10–11

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. *I came that [the sheep] may have life* and have it