

"I Am Your Portion"

Introduction. In Numbers 18:20, God told the Israelite priests that they would not have a portion of land like the rest of the tribes. God would be their portion. Because they had a special relationship with God, they had a special opportunity not shared by the other tribes (cf. Deuteronomy 10:9).

Do you think the Levites got a fair deal? The Levites did not receive any land, cities, or houses. Is that fair? The American Dream says that you can have it all -- cars, houses, boats, and money! Many people have all of this, yet they really have nothing.

The Levites had the opportunity to know the Law, direct the ceremonies, and enter the house of God. Christians are the priests of God today (1 Peter 2:5). We do not have a land portion, but we do have God as our portion.

I. ***What Does This Mean In Practical Terms?***

- A. You can have rest for your soul (Matthew 11:28-29).
- B. You can have the fellowship of Christ and His followers (Matthew 28:20).
- C. You can have the satisfying bread of life (John 6:35, 48-51, 66-69).
- D. You can have the light of the world (John 8:12).
- E. You can have the door (John 10:7-9).
- F. You can have the good shepherd (John 10:11).
- G. You can have the resurrection and life (John 11:25).
- H. You can have the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).
- I. You can have the true vine and source of strength and nourishment (John 15:1-5).
- J. You can have marvelous peace (John 16:33).
- K. You can have a treasure in your earthen vessel (2 Corinthians 4:2-7).
- L. You can have something to sustain you in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

II. ***What Will Be Your Portion?***

- A. If you know God, you have it all. You have the best portion (Psalm 17:8-15). People in the world cannot see any of these aforementioned marvelous provisions because God is not their portion (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).
- B. If you do not know God, you have nothing of real value. Material wealth does not profit spiritually (Ecclesiastes 5:10; cf. Ephesians 3:20). You have nothing worth living for; you might as well eat, drink, and die (1 Corinthians 15:32). You have no real direction and nothing to look forward to but eternity in hell.

Conclusion. Christians have the best portion in life. It is not land or material possessions -- it is a special relationship with God (Romans 8:15). Only Christians have this relationship, and if we can remain faithful, then think of how much more wonderful it will be in heaven (Revelation 21:7, 22-23; 22:1-5).

Is God your portion? Is He your everything? Why not obey the gospel and let God be your portion to sustain you in life. Now is the time to choose (Exodus 32:26; Mark 10:21).

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