

~POSSESSIONS (107)

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- The men of Shechem argued, that if the married into Jacob's family, then all of the **possessions** of Jacob would become theirs.
- Then their **possessions** and their wealth and all their livestock, will they not be ours? Only let us give them our consent that they may dwell with us. (**Genesis 34:23**)
- Every man to whom Yehowah God had given riches and material **possessions**, he had empowered to eat from it and rejoice in his hard work.
- Also every man to whom the true God has given riches and material **possessions**, he has even empowered him to eat from it and to carry off his portion and to rejoice in his hard work. This is the gift of God. (**Ecclesiastes 5:19**)
- The congregator showed that some men have everything that they could ever need, and yet the true God does not allow them to use these **possessions** for themselves, for this too is vanity.
- A man to whom the true God gives riches and material **possessions** and glory and who, for his soul, is in no need of anything that he shows himself longing for, and yet the true God does not enable him to eat from it, although a mere foreigner may eat it. This is vanity and it is a bad sickness. (**Ecclesiastes 6:2**)
- This wicked system is bringing God's beautiful earth to ruin. Through his Son of Man, Yehowah will **rehabilitate** the land, transforming the earth into a beautiful garden home for all of the human family. Also through the Son of Man, mankind will be given a **hereditary possession** in the earth, and even all of the **dead** in Sheol will come back to life, and thus **repossess** the good land that they loved.
- This is what Yehowah has said; In a time of goodwill I have answered you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you, and I kept safeguarding you that I might give you as a covenant for the people, to rehabilitate the land, to bring about the

repossessing of the desolated hereditary **possessions**. (**Isaiah 49:8**)

- Yet when the young man heard this saying, he left and went away grieved, for he had many **possessions** and clearly was unwilling to divest himself of them. This example stands out even today, for many others, then and since, have experienced the same choices in life, and most of them choose to go the way of the rich young ruler. They understand the teachings of Jesus, but they refuse to live by them.

- When the young man heard this saying; he went away grieved, for he was holding many **possessions**. (**Matthew 19:22**)

- Jesus had correctly read this man's heart, for the man on hearing this went off saddened, for he was holding many **possessions**, and was not of a mind to part with them.

- But he grew sad at the saying and went off grieved, for he was holding many **possessions**. (**Mark 10:22**)

- Also they went to selling all the things that they had acquired before becoming Christians, and they took the proceeds and distributed them to anyone having need among them, so that all had enough, and no one was lacking in anything. Certainly this is a far cry from the mindset of Christianity today!

- And they went selling their **possessions** and properties and distributing the proceeds to all, just as anyone would have the need. (**Acts of Apostles 2:45**)

- This now was the third time, that Paul was coming to them, and yet he promised, that he would not become a burden to them this time either. He was not seeking their **possessions**, but their hearts.

- He shows, that this is the obligation of parents and of children, to love one another from the heart. Also, that it is parents, that set aside for their offspring out of their surplus, and he will come with rich spiritual blessings for them. If they as spiritual children properly value spiritual things, then they will put these things first in their lives.

- Look! This is the third time I am ready to come to you, and yet I will not become a burden. For I am seeking, not your **possessions**, but you, for the children ought not to lay up for their parents, but the parents for their children. (**2 Corinthians 12:14**)

