

1 Chronicles 28:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

Analysis

David's solemn charge combines personal and corporate dimensions: 'Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.' Speaking before Israel but 'in the audience of our God' recognizes divine witness to covenant commitments. The dual command - 'keep and seek' (shamru v'dirshu) - requires both obedience and diligent study. The motivation is generational - possessing the land and passing inheritance to children. This teaches that covenant faithfulness has multi-generational consequences, anticipating believers' calling to pass faith to future generations.

Historical Context

This public charge (c. 971 BCE) bound the entire nation, not just Solomon, to covenant faithfulness. David's emphasis on land inheritance reflected Israel's land-centered theology, though the New Testament expands this to spiritual inheritance in Christ.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How seriously do you take the multi-generational impact of your faithfulness or unfaithfulness?
2. What spiritual inheritance are you actively preparing to leave for 'children after you' - whether physical or spiritual descendants?

Interlinear Text

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| וְעַתָּה | לְעֵינֶי י | כָּל | יִשְׂרָאֵל ל | קֹהֶל |
| H6258 | Now therefore in the sight | H3605 | of all Israel | the congregation |
| | H5869 | | H3478 | H6951 |
| יְהוָה ה | וּבְאָזְנֵי י | אֱלֹהֵיכֶם ׀ | שָׁמֶר ו | וְדַרְשׁ ו כָּל |
| of the LORD | and in the audience | of our God | keep | and seek |
| H3068 | H241 | H430 | H8104 | H1875 |
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| מִצְוֹת | יְהוָה ה | אֱלֹהֵיכֶם ׀ | לִמַּעַן | תִּירְשׁוּ |
| for all the commandments | of the LORD | of our God | H4616 | that ye may possess |
| H4687 | H3068 | H430 | | H3423 |
| אֶת | הַטּוֹב ה | וְהִנַּחְלָתֶם ׀ | לְבָנֵיכֶם ׀ | |
| H853 | land | and leave it for an inheritance | for your children | |
| | H776 | H2896 | H5157 | H1121 |
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| אֲחֵרֶיכֶם ׀ | עַד | עוֹלָם: | | |
| after | you for | ever | | |
| H310 | H5704 | H5769 | | |

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 4:1 (References God): Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

Isaiah 34:16 (References Lord): Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

Proverbs 13:22 (Good): A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Ezra 9:12 (Good): Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever:

that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.

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