

# Job 42:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

## Analysis

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"And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren." The daughters receive inheritance equally with sons—highly unusual in ancient patriarchal society. Job's encounter with God transformed not just his theology but his practical living, including gender justice. This teaches that genuine spiritual transformation produces social reformation. Right knowledge of God leads to right treatment of all people, especially the marginalized or undervalued.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern inheritance laws typically excluded daughters unless no sons existed. Job's equal treatment of daughters was radically countercultural, anticipating biblical themes of equality before God. This taught that divine wisdom challenges unjust cultural norms, calling God's people to treat all persons with dignity and fairness.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What cultural norms need to be challenged by biblical principles of justice and dignity?
2. How has deeper knowledge of God transformed your treatment of people society undervalues?

## Interlinear Text

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| בְּכָל              | אֵי          | וְבָ                 | כְּבָנָו                | וְתִּפְנַחַת            | אֵל           | אֵל   |
| H3808               | <b>found</b> | <b>were no women</b> | <b>so fair</b>          | <b>as the daughters</b> | <b>of Job</b> | H3605 |
| H4672               |              | H802                 | H3303                   | H1323                   | H347          |       |
| And in all the land | <b>gave</b>  | H1992                | <b>and their father</b> | <b>them inheritance</b> | <b>among</b>  |       |
| H776                | H5414        | H1                   |                         | H5159                   | H8432         |       |
| אֶחָיוּם:           |              |                      |                         |                         |               |       |
| their brethren      |              |                      |                         |                         |               |       |
| H251                |              |                      |                         |                         |               |       |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 27:7** (Parallel theme): The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

**Psalms 144:12** (Parallel theme): That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

**Acts 7:20** (Parallel theme): In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

**Joshua 18:4** (Parallel theme): Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me.

