

Matthew 19:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Analysis

Jesus promises that everyone who forsakes family or property 'for my name's sake' will receive 'an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.' This demonstrates kingdom economics—giving up earthly treasures for Christ yields infinite return. The 'hundredfold' blessing includes spiritual family (the church community) and eternal life. Reformed theology sees here the principle that God cannot be outgiven—sacrifices for Christ are investments with eternal dividends. The motivation must be 'for my name's sake,' not personal gain.

Historical Context

First-century disciples literally left family businesses, inheritance rights, and social security to follow Jesus. This cost was immense in kinship-based Mediterranean culture. Jesus promises restoration in church family and future kingdom. Early Christians experienced this, finding community support exceeding biological family ties. Persecution often meant literal loss of family and property.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What would following Christ wholeheartedly cost you?
2. How has the church family compensated for what discipleship cost?
3. What eternal inheritance motivates present sacrifice?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	πᾶς	ὅς	ἀφῆκεν	οἰκίας	ἢ	ἀδελφοὺς	ἢ	
And	every	one	that hath forsaken	houses	or	brethren	or	
G2532	G3956	G3739	G863	G3614	G2228	G80	G2228	
ἀδελφὰς	ἢ	πατέρα	ἢ	μητέρα	ἢ	γυναῖκά	ἢ	τέκνα
sisters	or	father	or	mother	or	wife	or	children
G79	G2228	G3962	G2228	G3384	G2228	G1135	G2228	G5043
ἢ	ἀγροὺς	ἔνεκεν	τοῦ	ὄνόματός	μου	έκατονταπλασίονα		
or	lands	sake	G3588	name's	for my	an hundredfold		
G2228	G68	G1752		G3686	G3450	G1542		
λήψεται	καὶ	ζωὴν	αἰώνιον	κληρονομήσει				
shall receive	And	life	everlasting	shall inherit				
G2983	G2532	G2222	G166	G2816				

Additional Cross-References

Philippians 3:8 (Parallel theme): Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

Luke 14:26 (Parallel theme): If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Matthew 16:25 (Parallel theme): For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Matthew 6:33 (Parallel theme): But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1 Peter 4:14 (Parallel theme): If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

Matthew 10:22 (Parallel theme): And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

John 15:19 (Parallel theme): If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Luke 6:22 (Parallel theme): Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

Matthew 5:11 (Parallel theme): Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Acts 9:16 (Parallel theme): For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.