

# Numbers 27:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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God declared, 'The daughters of Zelophehad speak right'—divine approval of their petition. Their boldness in seeking justice was vindicated; God rewards those who pursue righteous claims. This case established that God's law serves justice and family preservation, not rigid tradition that harms rather than helps. Divine law has both stability and appropriate flexibility.

## Historical Context

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The ruling modified inheritance practice to allow daughters to inherit when no sons existed, with stipulation they marry within their tribe (36:6-9) to preserve tribal land allocation. This precedent balanced multiple values: family name, women's rights, and tribal integrity. Wise law serves multiple goods simultaneously.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

1. How do you balance upholding scriptural principles with applying them justly to new situations?
  2. What does this teach about God's care for vulnerable people and family continuity?

## Interlinear Text

## Additional Cross-References

**Jeremiah 49:11** (Parallel theme): Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

**Galatians 3:28** (Parallel theme): There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.