

The 5 Daughters of Zelophehad
Numbers 27:1-5
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Thesis: I want to show the lesson we can learn from these five women.

- Intro:
1. Few people show the foresight and concern for their families like the daughters of Zelophehad.
 2. We can learn that we must look out for the welfare of our families and do so in the right manner.
 - a. These ladies do so by going to a man of God (**Num 27:2**).

I. The remembrance of their father.

- A. Who was not a part of a mass rebellion against the Lord.
 1. The rebellion is a reference to the rebellion by the sons of Korah (**Num 16:23-24**).
 2. The rebellion was one that angered the Lord and resulted in the death of many (**Num 16:31-32**).
- B. However, he died according to his own sin.
 1. His sin was lumped in with the sin of the nation (**Num 27:3**)
 2. He was not a perfect man but he did not rebel like the sons of Korah.

II. Their Duty to their Family.

- A. Concern for the family name.
 1. They did not want their family name to end because their father had no sons.
 2. Their lack of inheritance at this point was not due to sin, but because their father simply had no sons.
 3. So the plea was that they not be without an inheritance simply because their father had no sons.
 - a. Surely there would be other families who possibly could have only daughters as well.
- B. Creating a family that would continue.
 1. They wanted nothing that was right for them to have. This was not a handout but an inheritance that was their right to possess. (**Num 27:7**)
 2. They would have to take a man from within their own tribe, the tribe of Manasseh (**Num 36:1**)

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Wisdom of the daughters
 - 1. The daughters request was done in a respectful way.**
 - 2. The approach was not a demand but a request.**
 - 3. Their desire was not immoral.**

B. Concern for a future family shows great foresight.

1. The inheritance was more than an continuation of a name but also included physical and material gain.

2. This inheritance was an aide to help with any future families.

Application & Conclusion:

1. The daughter's actions show concern for their families, we too should look out for the welfare of our families as well.
2. These ladies saw an area of concern and they handled and did so properly.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9