

## PORTIONS

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**Key Thought: We Are God's Portion**

Have you ever gone into a fancy restaurant and felt cheated by the portion that you were served? Many of these establishments pride themselves on the exquisite cuisine that they serve. Other restaurants become well known for the quantity of food they serve (ie. truckers stops).

\*\* The mother said firmly, "If you two boys can't agree and be quiet, I shall take your pie away."

The younger one replied, "*But, Mother, we do agree; Bill wants the biggest piece, and, so do I.*" \*\*

Bob Phillips

*"The World's Greatest Collection of Clean Jokes"*

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\*\* Bobby had been to a birthday party, and, knowing his weakness, his mother looked him straight in the eye and said, "*I hope you didn't ask Mrs. Jones for a second piece of cake.*"

"No," replied Bobby. "*I only asked Mrs. Jones for the recipe so you could make some like it and she gave me two more pieces of her own accord.*" \*\*

Ibid.

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The Bible uses a word that conveys a wealth of truth. It's a simple word yet it carries with a profound thought to those have ears to hear to hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the Church. The word is "**PORTION.**" The meaning of the word is "*one's allotted part or share*" according to Webster's II New Riverside Dictionary. The Bible also uses the word portion ("*cheleq*" - Heb; and "*meros*" - Greek) to describe a part or a share of something. **It is not the whole thing but a part of the whole thing.**

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## **I. THE SINNER'S PORTION (Luke 15:12)**

The story of the prodigal son is one classic gems of the gospel of Luke. No other story captures the heart of those who have been scared by the rejection of a loved one. No other parable describes so clearly the attitude of a sinner.

Here was the son of a wealthy farmer who neglected to see the value of his portion. He demanded the right to spend and spoil his estate on wild living. He desired to see the real world instead of the “isolated protection” within the confines of his loving home.

He was attracted to something he thought would satisfy his cravings. He was so captivated by the pleasure of sin that he failed to prepare for his future. He entered a world he never knew and was soon stripped of his wealth. The day of famine came like a torrential flood and swept him off his feet. His portion disappeared into the hands of the greedy leaches who lived off his foolish generosity.

They took him for all he was worth and left him in a deplorable condition. The pods (seeds of carob tree) were all he had to eat. It was considered as the food of animals. Only those in extreme levels of poverty would indulge in this swine food. Could you imagine this young man competing with a dirty, stinking pig to eat of its daily food. Where were all his friends who enjoyed partaking of his estate?

**The portion of a sinner is soon lost through a lifestyle that is contrary to the Word of God.** Sin has its way of destroying the increase of the land. God has His way of bringing people and nations to their senses.

*"Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Give careful thought to your ways.*

*6. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."*

*Haggai 1:5,6*

There is no doubt from Scripture that the SINNER'S PORTIONS will end in a futile manner. Don't neglect the value of God's blessing upon your life.

## II. THE SAINT'S PORTION (Lamentations 3:24)

The moment we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour we notice that our attitude toward life changes in a abrupt manner. Life takes on a new meaning. We quickly readjust the things we value in life.

"It is what we value, not what we have, that makes us rich."

E. C. McKenzie  
"14,000 Quips & Quotes"  
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Jeremiah served as a prophet of Judah for 40 years (18-58 yrs). He was given the duty to speak to a nation that would not listen to him or take to heart what God was saying through him. It came to the place that he was alone with God. It is within this context that he wrote these words.

*"I say to myself, The LORD is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."*

*Lamentations 3:24*

The Psalmist also reached the same conclusion.

*"Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has  
nothing I desire besides you.  
26. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the  
strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

*Psalm 73:25,26*

*"I cry to you, O LORD; I say, You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."*

*Psalm 142:5*

Is the Lord your portion today? Do you find your support in Him? Does He meet your every need? If not - why not?!!!

"God wants no man to be more prosperous than his soul."

Vance Havner  
"The Vance Havner Quote Book"  
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## II. THE SAINTS PORTION (Lamentations 3:24)(Contd.)

In the midst of a nation that had turned its back upon God, Jeremiah found God to be faithful in being **his allotted part or share**. When everyone and everything fails - Jesus never fails.

"Jesus never fails, Jesus never fails  
Heaven and earth may pass away,  
But Jesus never fails."

The saints portion will never run out. He was their **manna** in the desert and the **water** from the rock. He was their **cloud by day** and their **fire by night**. He's the **Lily of the valley** and the bright and **morning star**. He's the **fairest of ten thousand**. He's our **buckler** and **our shield**; our **tower** and **wall of defence**. He's **before us** and **behind us** and **beside us** and **over us** as well as **beneath us**. We can taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is the **Alpha** and **Omega** the beginning and the end. He is the **First** and the **Last**. He is the **conqueror of death** and the **resurrection of life**. He's the **Lamb of God** and the **Lion of the Tribe of Judah**. He is Not just enough; He is more than enough.

He is our portion. Nothing else and no one else can compare with Him.

## III. THE SAVIOUR'S PORTION (Deuteronomy 32:9)

Have you ever tried to give a gift to someone who has everything? Its not an easy task. Think about what we could give to God that He doesn't already own or have. It's basically an impossible task. He is the Maker of all things so therefore all things really belong to Him. Someday all the earth will be returned to the One who created it.

Yet even though He has all things, He values one thing more than anything else. It is His portion. It is a share or part of His vast inheritance that He esteems greater than all other things. This may amaze you but YOU are God's portion.

*"The Lord's portion is His people, Jacob his allotted inheritance."*

*Deuteronomy 32:9*

God chose a people as His own. He named them Israel. He placed a divine calling upon them. He separated them for Himself. They were His chosen people. As Christians today we have also become the Lord's portion. He guards us like the apple of His eye (Deuteronomy 32:10). Nothing and no one is more important than you are.

### III. THE SAVIOUR'S PORTION (Deuteronomy 32:9)(Contd.)

It's important to know that God has saved a large portion for Himself. If you listen and believe some people you tend to think that there will be no such thing as a thriving church. This is simply NOT true. There are more Christians today in ratio to non-Christians than there were at the turn of the first century. God is moving by His Spirit. Nothing and no one will hinder Him from increasing His portion in these last days.

God's plate will be full at the wedding banquet.

\*\* Little Susie was mother's helper. She helped set the table when company was due for dinner. Everything was on and the guests came in and everyone sat down.

The mother noticed something was missing. "*Susie,*" she said, "*You didn't put a knife and fork at Mr. Larson's place!*"

*"I thought he wouldn't need them"* explained Susie. "*Daddy said he always eats like a horse.*" \*\*

It's not that God "eats like a horse" but I will say that His portion (His people) is larger than most people imagine. It covers the entire earth. It reaches down into the slime and crime of **inner city streets**. It extends into the **palaces** of the elite. It **spans all the oceans** and **scales the highest mountains**. God's portion is found wherever His grace and mercy have poured out. People continue to respond to the love and care of God.

### Where Do You Fit into the Picture? What Portion Do You Represent?

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