

THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY

The Idea of Private Property Is God's

I. GOD'S IRREFUTABLE TITLE TO PROPERTY OR OWNERSHIP

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning, God *created* the heaven and the earth."

John 1:3

"All things were *made* by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

Psalms 24:1

"*The earth is the Lord's*, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

Psalms 50:10-11, 12

"For *every beast* of the forest *is mine*, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. In know all the fowls of the mountains; *the wild beasts* of the field *are mine*. . . *the world is mine* and all the fullness thereof."

Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:7

"And God said, *Let us make man* in our image. . . . So *God created man* . . . *male and female created he* them."

"And *the Lord God formed man* of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Psalms 139:14

". . . *I am* fearfully and wonderfully *made*: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Ezekiel 18:4

"Behold, *all souls are mine*; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Acts 20:28

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed *the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*."

I Corinthians 6:20; 7:23

"For *ye are bought* with a price. . . . *Ye are bought* with a price. . . ."

I Peter 1:18

"Forasmuch as ye know that *ye were* not *redeemed* with corruptible things, as silver and gold. . . . But *with the precious blood of Christ*, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. . . ."

Revelations 5:9

". . . *for thou* wast slain, and *hast redeemed us* to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. . . ."

I Corinthians 6:19

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and *ye are not your own*?"

II. GOD'S EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE AND ADVANTAGE OVER HIS

Governs

“Which *removeth the mountains*, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. Which *shaketh the earth out of her place*, and the pillars thereof tremble. Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and seaeth up the stars. Which alone *spreadeth out the heavens*, and *treadeth upon the waves of the sea*. . . Behold, *he taketh away*, who can hinder him?.” **Job 9:5, 6, 7, 8, 12**

“God that made the world and all things therein. . .hath made of one blood *all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth*, and *hath determined* the times appointed, and *the bounds of their habitation*.”
Acts 17:24, 26

“That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might *gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth*; even in him. . . .” **Ephesians 1:10**

Dispenses

““These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the *nations divided in the earth* after the flood.” **Genesis 10:32**

“For all the land which thou seest, *to thee will I give it*, and to thy seed for ever. . . . Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for *I will give it unto thee*.” **Genesis 13:15, 17**

“. . . *the Lord gave*, and the Lord hath taken away. . . .” **Job 1:21**

“. . . *the gift of God* is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” **Romans 6:23**

“For God so loved the world, that *he gave* his only begotten Son. . . .” **John 3:16**

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, *All power is given unto me* in heaven and in earth.”
Matthew 28:18

“God. . . . Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things. . . . Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. . . .” **Hebrews 1:1, 2, 4**

“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; *heirs of God*, and joint-heirs with Christ. . . .” **Romans 4:16, 17**

“*In whom* also *we have* obtained *an inheritance*. . . .” **Ephesians 1:11**

Uses For His Own Satisfaction

“ . . . *according to the good pleasure of his will* . . . according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself. . . him who *worketh all things after the counsel of his own will*. . . ” Ephesians 1:5, 9, 11

“ . . . and *will be gracious to whom I will be gracious*, and *will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy*.”
Exodus 33:19

“For he saith to Moses, *I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy*, and *I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion*.” Romans 9:15

III. MAN'S JUST CLAIM OR TITLE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE EARTH AND IN ALL OF HIS PRODUCTIONS

“And God said *Let us make man* in our image, after our likeness: and *let them have dominion* over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and *over all the earth*, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. . . male and female created he them. . . And God blessed them, and God said unto them, *Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it*: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

Genesis 1:26, 27, 28

“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, *Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth*. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every best of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb *have I given you all things*.”
Genesis 9:1–3

“ Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better than that *a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion*. . . Behold that which I have seen: *it is good and comely to enjoy the food of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion*. Every man also to *whom God hath given riches and wealth*, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and *to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God*.”
Ecclesiastes 3:22. 5:18–19

“Whiles it remained, was it not *thine own*? and after it was sold, was it not *in thine own power*? Acts 5:4

“ . . . Son, . . . *all that I have is thine*.” Luke 15:31

IV. MAN'S PROPERTY

Material	Immaterial
<p>“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is <i>my body</i>.” Matthew 26:26; Mark 14:22; Luke 22: 19</p> <p>“... <i>The ground</i> of a certain rich man. . . .” Luke 12:16</p> <p>“... Cain brought of the fruit of the ground. . . .And Abel . . . brought of the firstlings of <i>his flock</i>. . . .”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Genesis 4:4, 5</p> <p>“... <i>Abraham's cattle</i> and. . . <i>Lot's cattle</i>. . . .” Genesis 13:7</p> <p>“... <i>thy herds and thy flocks</i> multiply. . . <i>thy silver and thy gold</i>. . . multiplied, and <i>all that thou hast</i>. . . multiplied. . . .” Deuteronomy 8:13</p> <p>“... A wise man, which built <i>his house</i> upon a rock. . . .” Matthew 7:24</p>	<p>“Why art thou cast down, O <i>my soul</i>?” Psalms 42:11</p> <p>“Truly <i>my soul</i> waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.” Psalms 62:1</p> <p>“... I seek not <i>mine own will</i>, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.” John 5:30</p> <p>“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.” John 6:38</p> <p>“... hath power over his own will.” I Corinthians 7:37</p> <p>“For my thoughts are not <i>your thoughts</i>, neither are <i>your ways</i> my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than <i>your ways</i>, and my thoughts than <i>your thoughts</i>.” Isaiah 55:8-9</p> <p>“And herein do I exercise my self, to <i>have</i> always <i>a conscience</i> void of offence toward God, and toward men.” Acts 24:16</p> <p>“All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but <i>I will not be brought under the power of any</i>.” I Corinthians 6:12</p>

PROPERTY

Webster's 1828

- The *exclusive right of possessing, enjoying and disposing* of a thing; ownership.
- *Prior occupancy* of land and of wild animals gives to the possessor the property of them.
- The *labor of inventing, making, or producing* any thing constitutes one of the highest and one of the indefeasible titles to property.
- Property is also *acquired by inheritance, by gift, or by purchase*.
- Property is sometimes held in common, yet *each man's right to his share* is *exclusively his own*.