SUNDAY READING.

Kneeling at the Threshold.

of the door; Waiting till the Master shall bid me rise

ness of His home.

A weary path I've travelled, 'mid darkness, storm and strife, Bearing many a burden, struggling for

will soon be o'er;

Oh, would that I were with them, amid the shining throng Mingling in their worship, joining in their

The friends that started with me have entered long ago; One by one they left me struggling with

umph sooner won; How lovingly they'll hail me when all my

toil is done! no grief nor sin.

I see them by the portals prepared to let

Father, bid me rest!

POSSESSING POSSESSIONS A New Sermon by Pastor C. H. Spurgeon.

ance, and there shall be holiness; and the joy the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions." Obad. 17.

Coming-A Promise holding Good for all Time.

ing is singular. It begins with a "but," use that access, and come often and boldly by His discriminating grace? Oh, then, your power in your classes, or your words because the previous verses have been de- to the throne of grace? Do you avail your- you are not your own, you are His for- will be to your children as idle tales! nouncing judgments upon Edom. When selves of your opportunities? Do you ever, and you are not to live for your- It they see your lives to be unholy, the God comes forth to punish His enemies, make the utmost use of prayer? In other selves, but for His glory, and for the ungodly will reject your testimony, and it He also comes forth to bless His friends. holy matters, do you really stand where making known of His salvation among will be no wonder that they do so. They When Pharaoh is overthrown in the Red God would have you stand? Are you as your fellow-men; wherefore, beloved, want to reject it; they are looking out for Sea, it is that Israel may pass onward to rich as Christ has made you? A man may take heart and courage, and let your souls excuses for rejecting it, and they will Canaan; when Amalek is overcome, it is have large possessions, and yet be practi- be big with high enterprise and noble pur- gladly find an argument in your unhallowthat Israel may be at peace. There is a cally poor, because he is miserly in his expose. Say to yourselves, "It shail be ed conversation. They will say, "The black cloud, as well as the silvery rain. penditure. Is it not so with many a child true, 'the house of Jacob shall possess man does not believe it himself, or else he The acceptable year of the Lord is the day of God? All things are ours, and yet we their possessions,' for we know of a truth would not live as he does." Shall the of vengeance of our God. This combin- live as if nothing were ours. Let our that there is deliverance upon mount taught excel the teacher? You lose your ation so constantly occurs that the Psalmist | prayer be that we may use and enjoy to | Zion." said, "I will sing of mercy and judgment." the utmost all that the Lord has given us The sword of vengeance is displayed at the in His grace, and so possess our possessame time as the sceptre of grace. In that sions. last great day, that

COMING OF THE LORD,

which is the joy and expectation of His people, will be confusion to His adversaries. To the ungodly, "the day of the Lord will be darkness, and not light." God grant to you and to me that we may know on which side we stand, and may be found in Christ, wearing His righteousness, accepted in the Beloved, so that whenever the Lord cometh forth with plagues for His adversaries, He may have a favor toward us.

I make no doubt that this promise has a time when the house of Israel, restored God; for our expectation is from Him. from captivity, came back to Zion, and Edom was utterly consumed. "The house Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for seen, and cannot as yet enter upon. the Lord hath spoken it." But the former useless, like a cheque which has been paid; that shall follow. We believe in the resurtoration of the captives to Jerusalem can dead, for we are not yet buried; we can-

I. First of all, consider

A PRIVILEGE

Each family had a lot and portion which possess our possessions by enjoying belonged to it for ever, being entailed upconquerors, and they could no longer possess their possessions. Now, the promise more may we enjoy the peace, the rest, comes to them by the prophet Obadiah: the purity, the victory of heaven, and The house of Jacob shall possess their thus possess our possessions. possessions." A property may be my lawful possession, and yet, for divers reasons, I may not be able to get at it; it may be in the hands of one who defrauds me of it, or I may be far away and unable to reach it. The words are singular, but their meaning is distinct: "They shall possess their possessions."

souls who shall be led to take what is promised to believers. "The house of Jacob into the enemy's country, and storm fort shall possess their possessions." We set after fort for Jesus. This land is a part before many of you, every Sabbath day, of Christ's own kingdom; let us take it. the great possessions of eternal life, of Is this to be done? It must be done! pardon, of justification, of the new birth, We must not be satisfied till millions bow sanctification, and all the other treasures at our Lord's feet-until Jesus, by the of the covenant; but though they are set grace of God, possesses the east and the before you, and you long after them, many west, the north and the south. I regard of you feel unable to grasp them as your this as a promise to us: "The house own. You know that the tenure of those of Jacob shall possess their possessions." possessions is faith; but either you do not understand what faith is, or you, for some other reason, fail to exercise it, and so you do not appropriate what the gospel freely gives to you. You are either confused by ignorance, or dazed by fear as to your sin, "Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance." think so. Zicn must have holy preaching along in mit der rehearsal! (Aside) A het or held back by the temptations of the This fact should help us to possess our if she is to have conquering power. devi'. I pray that you may have grace possessions. See what God has done for

speedily to take what Jesus freely gives, us! What can He not do? Is anything so that you may come to possess your too hard for the Lord? That you may see If this church, which has enjoyed so much

You who now believe were once stran-Im kneeling at the threshold, weary, faint gers to such an extraordinary joy as that We have been saved; for "Upon mount souls of men, should we not see great to you that

THESE THINGS WERE YOURS

But now the morn is breaking, my toil in the purpose of God, even from everlasting. Now is it fulfilled to you-"The I'm kneeling on the threshold, my hand is house of Jacob shall possess their possesings, you do but come to your own; you possess your possessions.

friends, many by faith have laid hold upon I will not make guesses as to what the purposes of salvation, unless we are cloth-Their pilgrimage was shorter, their tri- Christ is mine; but, beloved, who among tians, or as the gleanings of the vintage. might plead on my knees, with tears in is a casket, which is all ours, but we'do those who are in Christ Jesus are a small here to be holy. not open its doors, and take out all its very wide; but we need to be bidden, pleasure to give you the kingdom," is like Abraham, to lift up our eyes to the O Lord, I wait Thy pleasure, Thy time and north, and to the south, and to the east, and to the west, that we may form a But I'm wasted, worn, and weary; O, clearer idea of the goodly land which the us, though we be but a few, He will ac- holy we shall Lord our God has given us.

W. L. Alexander, in the Christian at Work. I fear we do not by enjoyment possess our possessions. Alas! with many berare: they can talk about the blessing, but they do not habitually rejoice in it themselves. "Oh, yes," they say, "it is a very delightful thing to be washed in Christ. "But upon Mount Zion shall be deliver- the blood of the Lamb." But do they en-

PEACE WHICH FLOWS FROM CLEANSING ?

Go a step further. We possess our possessions when we hold firmly what we enthat He is able to keep that which I have see the Lord on our side. committed unto Him." When happy feelings vanish, faith abides the same. Be it before us, I remark, first, that it might

upon these words, and apply them to souls | the temple of God. The Church of God realizing things to come. Brethren, we should be God's peculiar dwelling-place, have possessions which we have not yet wherein He walks as a king in his own

WE BELIEVE IN THE SECOND COMING fulfilment of a promise does not make it of our Lord from heaven, and in the glory only have fulfilled the promise upon a not yet walk the golden streets, for we very small scale; it has a wider meaning have not passed through the gate of pearl. "He that raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ to be desired. The land of Canaan had heaven, yet in union with our Lord we been granted to Israel by the Lord of all. are virtually there. Even here we may period of rest, "as the days of heaven upon it by a covenant of salt. Through their on the earth." Already we have the earsins, the tribes were carried into captivity nest of the inheritance in the indwelling the land was taken from them by their of the Holy Spirit, and we have obtained that inheritance in Christ. More and

One other meaning, and upon this I am winning others for Jesus. The whole world belongs to Christ, and in His name we are to posess it for Him. As yet we is very much land yet to be possessed," Let us use the words as applicable to and we must press on our conquest in the name of Jesus. We must carry the war

> be handled, and, first, comes this-A FAVOR TO BE REMEMBERED :

the force of the passage, let me work out of divine favor, could be in every member

which comes by faith. You wandered up Zion shall be deliverance," and we have things? If every member were in earnest Waiting for the dawning, for the opening and down in sin, knowing nothing of what found it so. In Christ Jesus we have been in praying for the visitations of God, and free grace and dying love had done for saved. The Revised Version has it, "In if every one pleaded day and night for you: but now you have come to God, and mount Zion there shall be those that the display of divine power, and added to To the glory of His presence, to the glad- you have ventured by faith to take pos- escape." We have escaped from sin, his pleading that which would prove it to session of what the Lord so freely offers death, and hell. Delitzsch reads it, "Up- be sincere, namely, his own individual in the gospel; and behold, it is revealed on mount Zion will be that which has effort, what a day would break upon us! been saved." Yes, we have been saved, It would be a morning without clouds ! saved from spiritual death, saved from I see no reason why it should not be so. punishment, saved from sin itself, saved One thing more—there must be holy unto the glory of our God! Because of living. Prayer-meetings: what are they this deliverance, let us go up and publish if they are held by a number of people salvation, and proclaim the name of our who do not serve the Lord at home? sions." If you have now the confidence Deliverer. Hearken unto His voice, ye Preaching: what is that, if the preacher

remnant. That cheering word, "Fear

STILL APPLICABLE TO THE CHURCH. Yet let us not despair: if God has saved not by many nor by few: His own right The unholy worker is not really in earnest. Bargain. lievers, times of actual enjoyment are Only go forth in the same spirit as the has no spirituality, but is a mere actor,

Have they "received the atonement," and personality of that one man. He chooses then there was George Miller behind it, Blessing and Judgment Combined-The with it that peace with God which follows one man with a view to others. Brethren, and every syllable had weight. That bless-Joy and Terror of Christ's Second upon justification by faith? Do they de- we ought to go in and possess the land, ed man spoke as one who had experience light in "the peace of God which passeth and win the people for Jesus, for therefore of what he said. His long life of faith in all understanding?" You know, dear are we chosen. Has He saved you? Has God made every word powerful with the brethren, that it is your high privilege to He taken you out from among the fallen heart and conscience. Teachers of Bible-This is a remarkable passage. Its word- have access to the mercy-seat; but do you mass of mankind? Has He chosen you classes and schools, a holy life must be

III. Our final word is perhaps the most important of all. I call your attention to blessing on a work which is not holy. If a third matter.

THE CHARACTER TO BE CONSPICUOUS.

joy. Too many Christians hold their bless- "Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, ings with a feeble hand; they expect where and there shall be holiness." It is through find it impossible to pray for you. they ought to enjoy, and think where they | holiness that the house of Jacob shall enter ought to know. They are never sure, and into that possession of which I have thus they do not "possess their posses- spoken at so great length. If there be no sions." They are not sufficiently at home | holiness, then there has been no deliverwith spiritual things to be said to possess | ance, and there shall be no possessing of them. It is a grand thing when the grace possessions, Holiness is a link which is ness of spirit and life, they cannot feel of God enables a man to say, "I know essential to the golden chain of blessings. union of heart which produces interceswhom I have believed, and am persuaded If we are without holiness, we shall not sion.

To give you the bearing of the words be deliverance, and there shall be a sanc-

THE TEMPLE OF THE GODHEAD,

the promise may be presented again, and rection of the dead, and the eternal bliss is my rest; here will I dwell, for I have next the Church of the living God. "This | Lord in conversions. it will again be honored. God's rules of of the godly in heaven. We believe that desired it." With what dignity is the Jesus, how much I wish that you were so! action are immutable, and hence what He we shall dwell with Christ for ever and church invested, when it is in very deed May you be led to believe at once in Him did to one company of His people He will ever. Can we possess these possessions the temple of God! Unless we can redo to others of them. The temporary res- even now? We cannot now rise from the alize this, we shall not possess our possesssions. If your church membership is a and live! And you that are Christ's I beg mere trifle to you, if you think that a you to remember the remarkable expresthan such an event could exhaust. The Yet, by the realizations of faith, we may who meet together for religious purposes, your possessions!" Amen. Lord is prepared to do the same on a make these things to be so near that we you miss the mark. The church must be larger scale for all those who put their may measurably enjoy them even now, the sanctuary of God-the place where and so already possess our possessions. God reveals Himself; and if it is not so, the men and women who make up that church have never tasted the divine de-Jesus." Though we are not actually in liverance, neither will they possess their possessions. Without the presence of God in the church, it has no power to subdue the world to the faith.

The great thing that makes God's people a holy people is the presence of God with them. He sanctifies both the place of His abode and those that come near to Him. It is holy ground where Jehovah reveals himself, though it be but in a bush. God is everywhere; but He is not everywhere as He is in His church. There is a special, gracious presence of going to lay emphasis: we long to see souls God in the midst of His chosen people; and this it is that makes them "holiness unto the Lord." The Church needs reviving at home. We hear men talk of "getsee not all things put under Him; but the ting up a revival." What idle talk is this! enemy abides in His strongholds. "There If the Church of God becomes spiritually for weddings. quickened, the revival will come, but not else. Let us carefully see to our holiness, and God will see to our success.

Next to this, there must be holy teaching: "there shall be holiness." All the teaching that goes forth from us must be God's holy truth, and not the dream of human wisdom. Instrumentality must be added it to August. fitted for what it aims at, and soul-saving sermons must deal with sin and salvation, December are so called because they were II So much upon the main part of our and talk to you about strikes, or home applied. discourse : there are two other things to rule, or socialism, and should then pray to God to convert souls by my discourse, would it not be a mockery, or worse? I

There must be holiness in the form of

aroused to mighty intercession for the

We are few, comparatively. I reminded | children are taught by frivolous persons, We are few, comparatively. I reminded children are taught by his God you of that reading of the text—"Upon whose lives are destitute of piety? God Our \$35 Bed-room set for \$25. Let us go a step further. Beloved mount Zion shall be an escaped remnant." will not bless us, to the effecting of His the covenant possessions, but yet they do number of God's chosen will be in the ed with holiness as with a garment. Zion's not to the full possess them. The text | end; but at present, taking the most charit- | priests must put on their snow-white garleads me to pray that believers may enjoy able view of things, the saved ones are as ments of holy living if they are to offer an fully what they have grasped by faith. a handful of corn on the top of the moun- acceptable sacrifice before Jehovah. If I us knows all that is ours in Christ? He The world lieth in the wicked one, but my eyes, I would be seech every brother

Suffer the word of exhortation. As we With them the blessed angels, that know treasures. Our possessions in Christ are not, little flock, it is your Father's good so eagerly desire that we may have a great increase to this church through numerous conversions, let us lay this to cur hearts, that we must be holy; for if we are not

arm getteth unto Him the victory. Ye Do you not know, yourselves, that when are able to possess the land, few as ye are. you have listened to a clever preacher who twelve did when the Holy Ghost rested and known to be of worldly habits, his upon them at Pentecost; and few as you preaching has no power in it for you? may be, you can yet subdue the nations to What he said was all very well, but it fell flat: he was a clever and eloquent man but Notice this, that we are set for the de- he did not touch you. When I heard liverance of others. The Lord's purpose George Miller, some years ago, there was of grace to any man does not end with the nothing of oratory in what he said, but

leverage of power if you fail in holiness.

What is more, saints cannot pray for a you work for God in an unholy way, or work for God rightly, yet, nevertheless, are inconsistent in your ordinary life, the people of God will be grieved, and will

CAN ANY GOOD COME

to a ministry for which we cannot pray? Unless the people of God see in a man downright consecration to God, and holi-

Lastly, God Hlmself will not own a ministry which is not accompanied by holy been fulfilled already, and that there was night or be it day, our soul waits upon be translated, "Upon mount Zion shall an unholy life? Ah, brothers! if we can be time when the house of Israel restored or the restored of Israel restored or the restored character. How can God set His seal to go into the world and sin as others do all Edom was utterly consumed. "The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of tether yet. I will fix another meaning sanctuary of God. The people of God are pull over us the garb of sanctity on the Sunday, and say, "I am witness for condust? Does he call on evil men to be His witnesses? He hates hypocrisy, and, therefore he cannot append the "signs following" to a ministry which is impure. first of all, the person of Christ, and Oh my brethren, we desire honor from the

whose death must be your life, who must Himself be your salvation. Look to Him

The Names of the Months. In looking up the peculiar names given each of the 12 months of the year, it becomes necessary for us to go back to the old Romans, who have imposed upon us a set of names equally as absurd as those of the Norsemen, the Scandinavians, and Saxons applied to the week. January is named from Janus, the god of doors and gates, because the month opens the year. Some say that he was a two-faced god, and could look back on the past year and forward to the coming.

February is from februo, to purify, March was originally the first month, and was named for Mars, the god of war.

April is from aperire, to open, because the buds open in that month. May is from Maia, a goddess. June is from Juno, the patron of mar-

riage, and is therefore the favorite month

July was named for Julius Cæsar, and August for Augustus Cæsar. Originally in the common year and 30 in leap years. Augustus was jealous that Juliud's month

should have more days than his own,

therefore took one from February and

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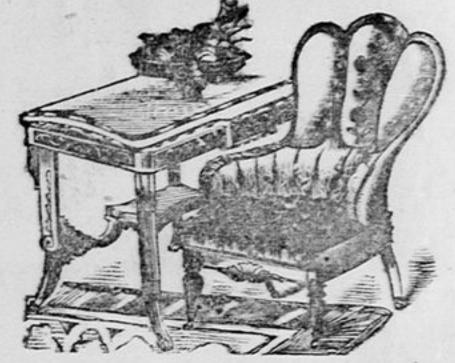
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When such a surprising step is taken it may be unquestionably sumed that the articles so treated possess merits far above the ordin church is simply a community of people sion of the text, and may you "possess From a copy of the journal mentioned we find that a portion the exhibit of

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DRAWING-ROOM CHAIR

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