

SUNDAY READING.

Kneeling at the Threshold.

In kneeling at the threshold, weary, faint and sore. Waiting for the dawning, for the opening of the door; Waiting till the Master shall bid me rise and come.

To the glory of His presence, to the gladness of His home. A weary path I've travelled, 'mid darkness, storm and strife.

Bearing many a burden, struggling for my life; But now the morn is breaking, my toil will soon be o'er; I'm kneeling on the threshold, my hand is on the door.

Methinks I hear the voices of the blessed as they stand Singing in the sunshine of the far-off sinless land: Oh, would that I were with them, amid the shining throng, Mingling in their worship, joining in their song.

The friends that started with me have entered long ago; One by one they left me struggling with the foe; Their pilgrimage was shorter, their triumph sooner won; How lovingly they'll hail me when all my toil is done!

With them the blessed angels, that know no grief nor sin. I see them by the portals prepared to let me in: O Lord, I wait Thy pleasure, Thy time and way are best, But I'm wasted, worn, and weary; O, Father, bid me rest!

W. L. Alexander, in the Christian at Work.

POSSESSING POSSESSIONS

A New Sermon by Pastor C. H. Spurgeon.

"But upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions." Obad. 17.

Blessing and Judgment Combined--The Joy and Terror of Christ's Second Coming--A Promise holding Good for all Time.

This is a remarkable passage. Its wording is singular. It begins with a "but," because the previous verses have been denouncing judgments upon Edom.

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."

I make no doubt that this promise has been fulfilled already, and that there was a time when the house of Israel, restored from captivity, came back to Zion, and Edom was utterly consumed.

I have not come to the end of my tether yet. I will fix another meaning upon these words, and apply them to souls realizing things to come.

WE BELIEVE IN THE SECOND COMING

of our Lord from heaven, and in the glory that shall follow. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the eternal bliss of the godly in heaven.

I. First of all, consider A PRIVILEGE

to be desired. The land of Canaan had been granted to Israel by the Lord of all. Each family had a lot and portion which belonged to it for ever, being entailed upon it by a covenant of salt.

Let us use the words as applicable to souls who shall be led to take what is promised to believers. "The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."

So much upon the main part of our discourse: there are two other things to be handled, and, first, comes this--

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You who now believe were once strangers to such an extraordinary joy as that which comes by faith. You wandered up and down in sin, knowing nothing of what free grace and dying love had done for you.

THESE THINGS WERE YOURS

in the purpose of God, even from everlasting. Now is it fulfilled to you--"The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."

Let us go a step further. Beloved friends, many by faith have laid hold upon the covenant possessions, but yet they do not to the full possess them.

I fear we do not by enjoyment possess our possessions. Alas! with many believers, times of actual enjoyment are rare: they can talk about the blessing, but they do not habitually rejoice in it themselves.

PEACE WHICH FLOWS FROM CLEANSING?

Have they "received the atonement," and with it that peace with God which follows upon justification by faith? Do they delight in "the peace of God which passeth all understanding?"

Go a step further. We possess our possessions when we hold firmly what we enjoy. To many Christians hold their blessings with a feeble hand; they expect where they ought to enjoy, and think where they ought to know.

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THE TEMPLE OF THE GODHEAD,

is first of all, the person of Christ, and next the Church of the living God. "This is my rest; here will I dwell, for I have desired it."

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.

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.

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We have been saved; for "Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance," and we have found it so. In Christ Jesus we have been saved. The Revised Version has it, "In mount Zion there shall be those that escape."

STILL APPLICABLE TO THE CHURCH.

Yet let us not despair: if God has saved us, though we be but a few, He will accomplish His purposes by us. He saveth not by many nor by few: His own right arm getteth unto Him the victory.

Notice this, that we are set for the deliverance of others. The Lord's purpose of grace to any man does not end with the personality of that one man.

III. Our final word is perhaps the most important of all. I call your attention to a third matter.

THE CHARACTER TO BE CONSPICUOUS.

"Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness." It is through holiness that the house of Jacob shall enter into that possession of which I have spoken at so great length.

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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.

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 marriage, and is therefore the favorite month for weddings.

July was named for Julius Caesar, and August for Augustus Caesar. Originally August had but 30 days, and February 29 in the common year and 30 in leap years. Augustus was jealous that Julius's month should have more days than his own, therefore took one from February and added it to August.

September, October, November, and December are so called because they were originally the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth months of the year. The names are inappropriate and misnomers as now applied.

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HOLY PLEADING. If this church, which has enjoyed so much of divine favor, could be in every member aroused to mighty intercession for the souls of men, should we not see great things? If every member were in earnest in praying for the visitations of God, and if every one pleaded day and night for the display of divine power, and added to his pleading that which would prove it to be sincere, namely, his own individual effort, what a day would break upon us!

One thing more--there must be holy living. Prayer-meetings: what are they if they are held by a number of people who do not serve the Lord at home? Preaching: what is that, if the preacher preaches what he has never experienced, and is not prepared to practice? Teaching in Sabbath-schools: what is that, if the children are taught by frivolous persons, whose lives are destitute of piety? God will not bless us, to the effecting of His purposes of salvation, unless we are clothed with holiness as with a garment.

Suffer the word of exhortation. As we so eagerly desire that we may have a great increase to this church through numerous conversions, let us lay this to our hearts, that we must be holy; for if we are not holy we shall

NOT BE FIT TO BE BLESSED. The unholiness worker is not really in earnest. Do you not know, yourselves, that when you have listened to a clever preacher who has no spirituality, but is a mere actor, and known to be of worldly habits, his preaching has no power in it for you? What he said was all very well, but it fell flat: he was a clever and eloquent man but he did not touch you.

It they see your lives to be unholiness, the ungodly will reject your testimony, and it will be no wonder that they do so. They want to reject it; they are looking out for excuses for rejecting it, and they will gladly find an argument in your unholiness conversation. They will say, "The man does not believe it himself, or else he would not live as he does." Shall the taught excel the teacher? You lose your leverage of power if you fail in holiness.

What is more, saints cannot pray for a blessing on a work which is not holy. If you work for God in an unholiness way, or work for God rightly, yet, nevertheless, are inconsistent in your ordinary life, the people of God will be grieved, and will find it impossible to pray for you.

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 holiness of spirit and life, they cannot feel union of heart which produces intercession.

Lastly, God Himself will not own a ministry which is not accompanied by holy character. How can God set His seal to an unholiness life? Ah, brethren! if we can go into the world and sin as others do all the days of the week, it will be vain to pull over us the garb of sanctity on the Sunday, and say, "I am witness for Christ."

Oh you that are not yet believers in Jesus, how much I wish that you were so! May you be led to believe at once in Him whose death must be your life, who must Himself be your salvation. Look to Him and live! And you that are Christ's I beg you to remember the remarkable expression of the text, and may you "possess your possessions!" Amen.

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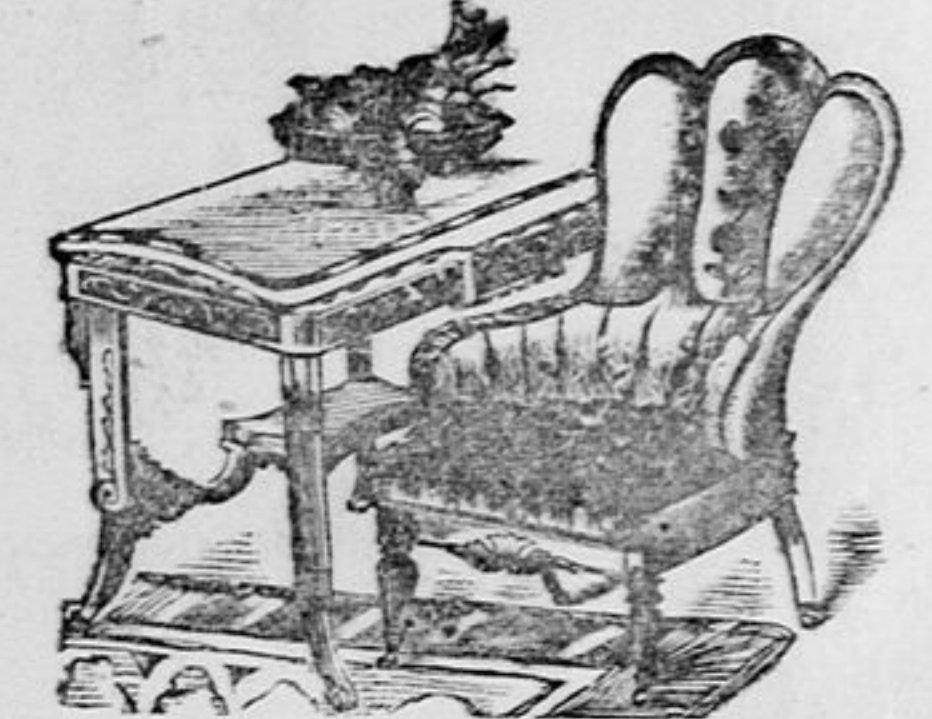
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LATE COLINDERIES.

When such a surprising step is taken it may be unquestionably assumed that the articles so treated possess merits far above the ordinary. From a copy of the journal mentioned we find that a portion of the exhibit of

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of Montreal, has been so favored, a

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