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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.—Isa. 35-8

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## EARTHLY AND HEAVENLY ASSETS.

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Talk about having bonds, stocks, houses, lands, cash and whatever else may constitute our material assets—we are miserable paupers if these are our chief possessions. We are but representatives of the consummate fool who thought because he had a great abundance of earthly things he could count on future contentment and safety. The fateful day came, however, when his vast "assets" eluded his greedy grasp, and he wished he was fortunate as a certain afflicted beggar he once knew.

But what are our spiritual assets? If we sustain really right relations to God they are simply beyond computation. That is, we must claim them. Ah, but many who call themselves Christians fail to do so. They do not properly search the Divine records which tell them of their marvelous inheritance. They certainly would not thus be indifferent to a human document informing them of certain great possessions to which they were actual heirs. How inconsistent and thankless some of us often are! Many seem to forget that they are "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ." Oh, how inconceivably rich that makes them! The very thought of our incomprehensibly ample assets ought to lead us to praising and thanking God day and night.

A Christian judge, about to die, asked his pastor if he knew the law about joint-tenancy. The pastor did not claim equal familiarity with the judge as to the matter. The judge then said, "If you and I were joint-tenants on a farm, I could not claim any particular product of the farm; but we could share and share alike in everything on the place. And I have just been lying here and thinking with unspeakable joy that Jesus Christ has nothing apart from me, but that everything He has is mine, and we will share and share alike through all eternity."

But now notice what is said elsewhere in God's Word concerning our spiritual assets. Especially do the epistles of the New Testament freely refer to them. What a thrilling declaration is this: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." But remember, they are ours only as we truly abide in Him and appropriate them. And how much that means! I know of a large, costly bank building that is said to have been built by the unclaimed deposits of persons who, for various reasons, never called on the bank for their money. Some died suddenly, on land or sea, with bank-books lost or de-

stroyed generations ago, and thus they never had the real benefit of what was rightly theirs. In like manner some professed Christians will lose their heavenly assets or inheritance because of having neglected to keep their "title clear to mansions in the skies."

Again, "God hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness," etc. How very munificent is our heavenly Father! Notice the present tense—"hath given unto us." And this: "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things."

But some of us are so constituted that we need to be told again and again of God's great bountifulness. And so He cheers our occasional somewhat drooping faith by declaring, "For all things are yours." Oh, wonderful words! Surely they imply that we have no "liabilities," because Jesus Christ has fully assumed them, and that leaves us a clear balance of "riches untold." It is just as the father said to the brother of the prodigal son, "All that I have is thine."

But once more: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." This doubtless pertains to the future life. In the present life, however, we may have "all things" necessary, and all we can hold. But how unspeakably greater will be our inheritance when more fully prepared to receive, enjoy and employ it!

I have intimated that we must appropriate or claim what is divinely declared to be ours. What good will one's earthly assets do him if they always remain on deposit, and he never applies for either interest or principal? Our heavenly assets are largely for our present needs. Then let us lay hold of such of them as are available now. We need them to sustain us in the conflict of life and to equip us for the greatest degree of usefulness. A hymn says:

"When you look at others, with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold."

I personally know an evangelist who nearly froze one night because the bed in which he slept did not contain sufficient covering. But it was because he did not notice the pile of bedding on a chair in one corner of the room. And thus some Christians often suffer greatly because they do not use the various means of grace. All about them are infinite supplies to which they have access. While the Bible says, "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus," don't starve or freeze; my brother.—Free Methodist.

FREE FROM UNREST.

Evangelist S. B. Shaw.

God's Word says, "The wicked are like the troubled sea that can not rest." This world is full of unrest because it is full of sin. There is no rest for the wicked in time or eternity. If we want rest we must seek the Lord while He is near.

The only cure for unrest and a fretful, impatient spirit is found in the Word of God. Christian people should not worry, nor complain of hardships or heavy crosses.

We read in Hebrews 4th chapter, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest." If we fully dedicate our lives to God, and give up everything that is doubtful, and make a complete consecration of time, talents and earthly possessions, we will find this wonderful peace, and God will keep us from all anxiety and impatience and enable us to live a victorious life under all circumstances. The carnal self must be crucified, the old nature must die.

No unholy tempers or unholy ambition should be found in the child of God, that claims to live the Spirit-filled life.

We read in Romans, Chapter 5, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

The Spirit-filled believer should pray without ceasing, rejoice evermore, and in everything give thanks, for he knows that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. He has found the peace of God which passeth all understanding, and knows the secret of prevailing prayer.

Someone has suggested that Satan's hate is primarily against God, and that he seeks the ruin of men because this offers an opportunity for him to strike at the heart of God who loves the children of men and would bring them into eternal glory.—Herald of Holiness.

Some people are always finding fault with Nature for putting thorns on roses: always thank God for putting roses on thorns.—Karr.

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