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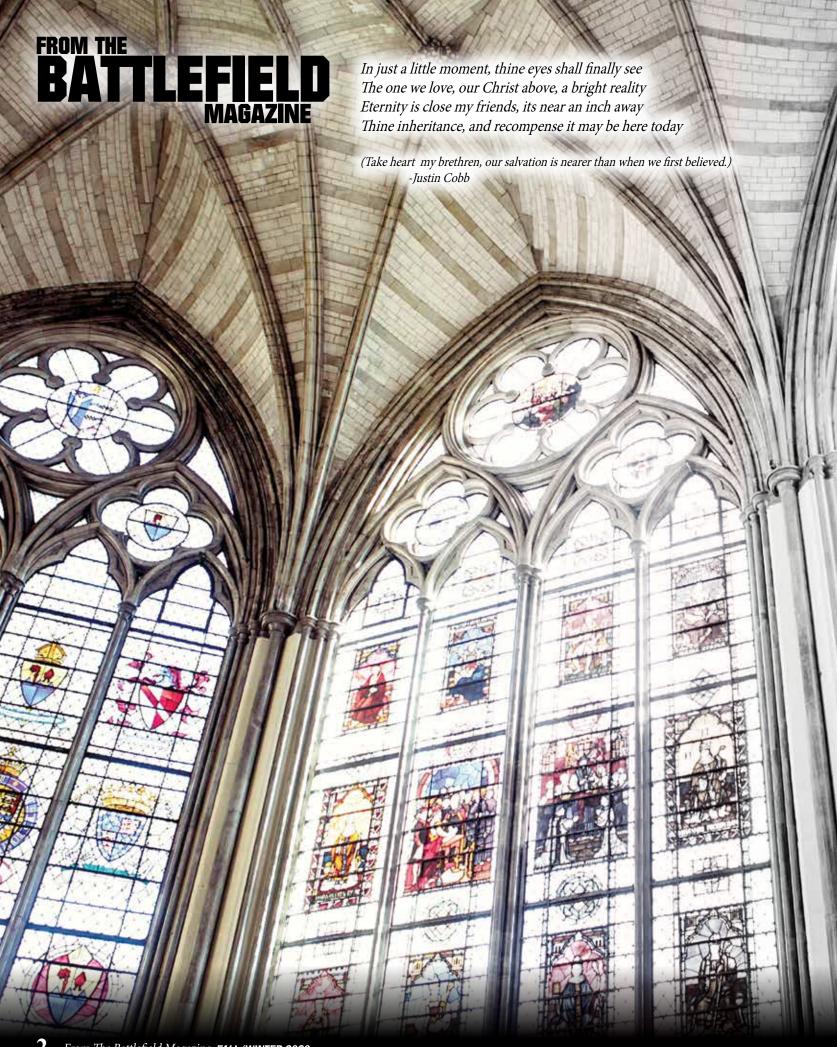
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### **FALL-WINTER 2020**

Satan doesn't quit, soldier! You can't afford to either! Strengthening reinforcements have arrived just in time! This magazine is designed to build you up in your most Holy faith, to the end that you might finish your course.

The theme of this issue is Our Eternal Inheritance It's stabilizing to consider what awaits the faithful Beyond the grave! It's an unimaginable reward that you Were made to inherit, and by Faith, are guaranteed to inherit

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### **Our Purpose**

The purpose of this publication is to strengthen the faith of those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and to provide an outlet of expression to all those who have a love of the truth, and a desire to comfort the brethren.

The reality is, that we are in the middle of a fierce spiritual war, with our eternal souls at stake. Much like Israel had to engage in warfare to move into the land promised them, we also must fight the good fight of faith, and press forward that we may obtain the prize which has been promised only to those who overcome!

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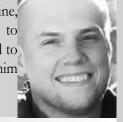


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**Brother Matthew Cobb** 

Original editor of the Battlefield magazine, Matthew still makes regular contributions to the ministry, strenghtening the Saints of God to continue in the Faith! We are thankful for him and the influential work he began!



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commentary from which he teaches every week. His thorough commentaries now include over 23 books of the bible. He has an extensive online ministry as well, which includes wotruth.com, daily email devotions, as well as a facebook minsitry. This magazine is a fruit of his ministry. His published books are available in both print, online .pdf and ebook. (see resources section).

### **Brother Robert Cobb**

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of the work that the Lord has given him! Brother Robert also handles the printing and distribution of this publication, as well as the bookkeeping for all charitable donations to this cause.

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until his retirement in 2015. He has done extensive work for the Lord in translating the writings of the saints. He also has authored several books, the most recent being the "Prophecies of Christ in Isaiah". His contributions are always thought-provoking and deeply motivating to those who are living by Faith in the Son of God!

## THINKING ON OUR INHERITANCE

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." (Col 1:12)

"This joyfulness, that comes with patience and longsuffering, causes the eruption of thanksgiving to God for through our trials, we are being made "meet," or "qualified" (NKJV), to be "partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." Other versions read, "to share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (NASB), "given us a part in the heritage" (BBE) "made it so you could take part in the inheritance" (CEB), "made us fit for sharing the portion" (DARBY), and "made you fit to share in the inheritance" (NAB). The inheritance — that is the whole point! As it is written, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, TO AN INHERITANCE incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you," (1 Pet 1:3-4). Other versions read, "to obtain an inheritance" (NASB), "into an inheritance" (NIV). That is WHY we were born again to qualify us for "the inheritance." Remove that inheritance, and there is no point to being born again! You see the marvelous advantages that result from possessing "wisdom and spiritual understanding." It is no wonder the apostle prayed we would be "filled" with them. There are gracious doors of entrance into a greater familiarity with God Almighty that prepare us for "the inheritance" - our new home, or, as Solomon said, our "long home" (Eccl 12:5). This is why we "love not the world" (1 John 2:15-17). This is why we set our affection on "things above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God" (Col 3:1-20). This is why Jesus "delivered us from this present evil world" (Gal 1:4). The world tells us that "a bird in the hand is better than two birds in the bush!" Don't you believe it! An inheritance in heaven, and hearing the Savior say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," is worth more than having your hands filled with the very best of this world (Matt 25:23). To be "praised by God" is so far greater than the accolades of men, that only a fool will compare it to the best the world has to offer (1 Cor 4:5)." Brother Given O. Blakely

"The Lord Jesus Christ has purchased an eternal inheritance at His side that is worth whatever it cost to obtain, He alone paid the price for our sin, now, as He asked us to fellowship in 'His sufferings' we are more than honored to lay down our life for Him."

— Brother Robert Cobb

"The deal of our lifetime! You give Jesus all your sins and He gives you all His righteousness and an incorruptible inheritance! Take the deal!!!!!!" —Brother Brad Cloutier

"It is vital for every man to ponder the eternal inheritance."

—Brother Mike Zaucha

"He promised those who overcome will inherit all things! (Rev 21:7) There is nothing that a child of God will lack in heaven. You will not lack any strength, power, resources, sustenance or wisdom. Your joy will be full and your satisfaction will be complete (Psa 17:15), your thirst will be quenched (Rev 22:1), your inheritance will be perfect and everlasting! (1 Pet 1:4) You will be given authority to reign with Christ! (Rev 3:21) And of course, the greatest inheritance is Christ Himself, and we will finally have what we truly desire. Now how's that for an incentive to live righteously till He come?"

-Brother Justin Cobb

"Our eternal inheritance actually centers in a Man, the Man Christ Jesus. In Christ we have been made 'heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ' (Rom. 8:17). The 'things' we are inheriting are secondary to inheriting Christ. What we really want is the Father and the Son. All other things associated with this inheritance are indeed marvelous, but are of secondary importance." — Brother Aaron Hutchcraft

"When we believe & receive Christ in our hearts and put our faith in Him we now stand in a position to receive a glorious inheritance. God gives us a right to become His children. (John 1:12) It is when we are His children that we can look forward to this inheritance promised to us long ago (Gal 3:18). We now have access to "better things" that come with salvation (Heb 6:9) and every spiritual blessing from above (Eph 1:3). What makes this possible? It is the adoption that takes place that makes all of this possible and allows us to become children Of God. (Eph 1:5) We now belong to God and because we are His we have the power of the life-giving Spirit (Romans 8:2) that joins with our Spirit to affirm that we are God's children. We can call him, "Abba, Father." — Sister Danay Vela

"In Christ we have been begotten again unto a living hope, a possession of the eternal inheritance and dominion in the world to come. We have not yet fully entered into that for which we are being prepared, nor that which is being prepared for us, but we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." — Brother Al Stoner

"We aren't giving our lives for mere fables, or tales written and crafted by men, but in Hope of real substance of this inheritance, of which we have received an earnest. So, allow yourself in having been given this tasting, to culture an appetite for these things. Develop your spiritual palette. Don't get used to the dry and drab taste of life in this present evil world. Let your soul delight itself in the abundance of GOD." — Brother Matthew Cobb

# What Saith Scripture??

"And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine **inheritance**." (Exodus 34:9)

"And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no **inheritance** in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine **inheritance** among the children of Israel." (Numbers 18:20)

"But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of **inheritance**, as ye are this day." (Deuteronomy 4:20)

"For they be thy people, and thine **inheritance**, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:" (1 Kings 8:51)

"I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, 'O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine **inheritance**, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand... Yet they are thy people and thine **inheritance**, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm." (*Deut 9:26,29*)

"And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them **inheritance** among their brethren." (Job 42:15)

"The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot." (Psalms 16:5)
"Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them

up for ever." (Psalms 28:9)

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own **inheritance**." (*Psalms 33:12*)

"The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their **inheritance** shall be for ever." (*Psalms 37:18*)

"He shall choose our **inheritance** for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah." (*Psalms 47:4*)

"Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine **inheritance**, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt." (Psalms 74:2)

"For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his **inheritance**" (*Psalms 94:14*)

"Remember me, O LORD, with the favour [that thou bearest unto] thy people: O visit me with thy salvation. That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine **inheritance**." (Psalms 106:4-5)

"A good man leaveth an **inheritance** to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just." (*Proverbs 13:22*)

"And thou shalt take thine **inheritance** in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 22:16)

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an **inheritance** among all them which are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and **inheritance** among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." (Acts 26:18)

"For if the **inheritance** be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise." (Galatians 3:18)

"In whom also we have obtained an **inheritance**, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:" (Ephesians 1:11)

"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his **inheritance** in the saints" (Ephesians 1:18)

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath **any inheritance** in the kingdom of Christ and of God." (Ephesians 5:5)

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the **inheritance** of the saints in light:" (Colossians 1:12)

"Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the **inheritance**: for ye serve the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:24)

"And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal **inheritance**." (Hebrews 9:15)

"Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an **inheritance** incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you," (1 Peter 1:3-4)



# Bro. Given O. Blakely

Perhaps you have heard someone say, "We know so very little about heaven." Do not believe such statements, for they are the expression of ignorance and folly. Actually, by revelation we have been given to know quite a bit about heaven!

### WHAT IS IN HEAVEN

God (Psa 115:3), Christ (Heb 10:12), angels (Matt 22:30), the Spirit, the spirits of just men made perfect (Heb 12:23), the blood of Christ (Heb 9:12), our life (Php 3:20), our hope (Col 1:5), our inheritance (1 Pet 1:4), our Intercessor, our future house, our citizenship (Php 3:20), our treasure (Matt 6:20), our affection (Col 3:2), and our names are written there (Lk 10:20).

### WHAT CAME FROM HEAVEN

Jesus (In 3:13, 6:38), the Holy Spirit (1 Pet 1:12, Acts 2:2), Angels, the Law (Neh 9:13), our baptism (Matt 21:25), and our calling (Heb 3:1).

### WHAT COMES FROM HEAVEN

Blessings, riches (*Php 4:19*), good and perfect gifts (*Jas 1:17*), sustenance (*Jn 6:33*), guidance

(Psa 37:23), discipline (Deut 4:36), instruction (Deut 4:36) answered prayer (1 Kings 8:30,45) grace, peace, and mercy.

### WHO WILL COME FROM HEAVEN

The Lord Jesus Himself (1 Thess 4:16), with his holy angels, and 10,000 of his saints (Jude 14).

### THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT HEAVEN: WHO WILL BE THERE

Overcomers, those who came out of tribulation, those who washed their robes (Rev 7:14). Those whose names are written there (Rev 13:8). Those who suffered with Him (2 Tim 2:12). Those who have done good (In 5:29). Those who served Christ and did His commandments (Rev 22:14). Those who made their calling election sure (2 Pet 1:10). Those who did not defile garments (Rev 3:4). Those who confessed Christ before men (Matt 10:32). Those who were faithful (Rev 2:10). Those who quenched not, or grieved not the Spirit (Eph 4:30). Those who loved not thier lives, and followed the Lamb wherever He went (Rev 14:4).

### WHO WILL NOT BE THERE

Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, extortioners, (1 Cor 6:9) fearful, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, whore-mongers, sorcerers, all liars, false prophets, and those practicing witchcraft. (Rev 21:8-10). Those who do not know God, and all who do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess 1:8).

### **WHAT WILL PASS**

Former things (Rev 21:4), the devil, false prophets (Rev 20:10), partial knowledge (1 Cor 13:12), our earthly tabernacle (2 Cor 5:5), marriage (Mk 12:25), death, sorrow, pain, crying, trouble (Rev 21:4), anything that defiles or is unclean (Rev 21:27), the first heaven and first earth (Rev 21:1), the curse (Rev 22:3), night (Rev 22:5), and earthen vessels (1 Cor 15:43).

### **EXPERIENCES**

First-hand knowledge (1 Cor 13:12), stability (Rev 4:6), we will be like Him (1 Jn 3:2), God Himself (Rev 21:3), a new name (Rev 21:7), a new work, a new song, authority (Rev 3:21), we will be confessed before God (Matt 10:32), confessed before angels, praised by God (Matt 25:23), served by Jesus (Rev 2:17), purity, uninterrupted communion and fellowship (Matt 8:11, Rev 3:12), see His face (Rev 22:4), know as we are known (1 Cor 13:12), sense of thorough acceptance (Jude 1:24).

### **OUR ACTIVITY**

We will reign with Christ (Rev 3:21), serve God continually (Rev 7:15), inquire in His temple (Psa 27:4), judge the world and angels (Rev 2:26, 1 Cor 6:3), inherit all things (Rev 21:7)

### IF YOU WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GOD, TELL THEM:

- 1. Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning (Psa 30:5).
- 2. He that goeth forth bearing precious seed will doubtless come rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him (Psa 126:6).
- 3. The former things will not remembered nor come into mind (Isa 65:17; Rev 21:4).
- 4. There will be no more death, sorrow, pain, trouble, or disappointment (Rev 21:4).
- 5. God will bruise Satan under our feet shortly (Rom 16:20).
- 6. The righteous will shine as the sun (Matt 13:43).
- 7. We will be caught up to meet the Lord (1 Thess 4:17).
- 8. There will be a new heavens and earth wherein dwells righteousness (2 Pet 3:13).
- 9. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psa 23:6)
- 10. Death will be swallowed up by life, and the grave will be conquered (Isa 25:8; Hos 13:14; 1 Cor 15:54).

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup>According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: <sup>4</sup>Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."—2nd Peter 1:2-4

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### **BROTHER ROBERT COBB**

You can't really love someone you don't know. It may be fashionable, popular, or

his whole chapter is flowing from one thought in the Apostle's mind which pertains to the truth that God has made a way for man to truly know Him. This knowing is not merely a head knowledge!

politically correct for people to say, "I love everyone the same"—but, I would ask them, "do you know everyone the same?"

The Pharisees had a head knowledge, but not a knowledge of God that ever produced spiritual fruit. It was not an intimate knowledge of God, like when Adam knew Eve and she brought forth a son! Peter is communicating a "compound thought", one which requires faith to receive. Something that is compound is composed of two or more separate elements; mixed together. Ultimately all profitable thoughts are such because the Holy Spirit has been at work in the creation of them. We are blessed as we till in the profitable fields of faith and truth. A compound spiritual thought is one that combines edifying thoughts about God together in the minds and hearts of those who believe.

The point is, that after our creator has "made Himself known" in His Son Christ Jesus, why would anyone to reject that knowledge and willingly live in ignorance of Him? To do so is really the ultimate example of idolizing yourself!

A single thought all by itself won't produce the desired result in the believer, although it is where every valid blessing begins. When Godly thoughts are mused upon, and considered, the Holy Spirit will enter into the meditation and promote the mixture of other thoughts and considerations from the scriptures. Then, when it is baked in the "furnace of faith" – now you have something that will nourish your soul!

Peter continues with his formulation of this "compound thought", and we must retain all of these ingredients in our minds if we are to obtain the benefits of this very large and abundant truth.

Compound thoughts require a compound Faith. The words that the Apostle has given in these first four verses, assist us in joining our thoughts together, with the intention of producing a fuller understanding of God! Knowing God is not a simple thing! "... His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him..." Unless God is "known" on an intimate level, no progress is even possible!

"...Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ..." Why are grace and peace multiplied? It's because God's divine power "...hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness..." How does that happen? "Through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue!" "...Whereby..." or we could say, "For this reason" "...are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises..." What do these promises produce? "That by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature."

How could a believer endure persecution, suffering, or martyrdom for being a follower of Jesus? God gave them "exceeding great and precious promises" They believed them – and those who were killed for their faith obtained a better resurrection! When faith takes hold on to one of these "exceeding great and precious promises" there is **nothing** that can stand in their way of obtaining it!

In Hebrews chapter eleven we are introduced to what faith does! Faith transcends covenants! Many of those mentioned in this account, "died in faith" —looking forward to receiving the complete fulfillment of the promises that they had received from God—even though they realized that they would not receive it

here on this earth! "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." (Heb 11:13) What would these men have given in exchange for "the Holy Spirit" living in them?! But we, Brethren, we have been given to "partake of the divine nature"?

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precious promises: that by these...(or we would say, 'through the belief of these')...ye might be partakers of the divine nature" God is a promise maker!

"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." (2 Cor 1:20,22) We have already received the "down payment" the "first fruits" of the Holy Spirit – but the best is still yet to come! God has not baptized us into the death of Christ so we would stay in the grave, but in order that we might be raised with Him, "in newness of life".

Brethren, these are "Exceeding great and precious promises". They transcend the natural order and by faith, bring the believer into the very throne room of heaven, making them a "partaker" of the divine nature. They "taste of the powers of the world to come"! Jesus asked this request of His Father -"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (John 17:20-23) "The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand." (John 3:35). Jesus prayed for these things to be done for "all those whom God had given Him"

Jesus prayed, "That they all may be one, "...be one in us" and, "be made perfect in one"—"That the world may know that thou hast loved them as thou hast loved me" None of these things He asked for can be totally fulfilled until He returns, and can only be obtained in measure. However, we must have Faith that God will answer His Son's prayer, and we know He will by having the first-fruits of the promise now! Those who are walking in the Spirit are tasting of the unity that is only found in Christ.

All those in Christ who are "being made perfect" can fully anticipate that day they will awake "in His likeness". Soon, at the Judgment,

the world will know that God loved you in the same manner as He loves Jesus! I have listed some of these are exceeding great and precious promises. As you read through them, if your faith

has persuaded you that these promises are for you then shout Amen with me! "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches...

•"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

•"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer, be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."(Rev 2:10) • "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." (Rev 2:11) • "To him that overcometh will

..."We have already received the "down payment" the "first fruits" of the Holy Spirit – but the best is still yet to come!"...

I give to eat of the hidden manna." •"To him that overcometh will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." (Rev 2:17) • "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations, he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father...and I will give him the morning star." (Rev 2:26-28) • To him that overcometh... "they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." (Rev 3:4) • He that overcometh, "the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life" • To him that overcometh "I will confess his name

the book of life"• To him that overcometh "I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." (Rev 3:4-5) • To him that overcometh, "I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." (Rev 3:9) • To him that overcometh, "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them.' (Rev 3:10) • "To him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out": (Rev 3:12)

• "To him that overcometh I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God" (Rev 3:12)

•To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." (Rev 3:20-21) • "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." (Rev 2:7) Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. God has given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature.

These promises are just as real today as when Christ spoke them to the Apostle John.

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- ·There is no such thing as a saved believer who doesn't follow Jesus. If you aren't trying to walk in the light of Christ, your in the dark. You do not know him.
- · We must come to walk in the light of Christ, separated from darkness. For in the light we find fellowship with God, by Jesus Christ who cleansed us. Read your Bible!
- ·The First Teaching of Christ? Repent: For the Kingdom of God is at hand. (Matthew: 4:17) No man will ever enter the Kingdom of God without Repentance
- ·There are many voices saying many things, but in the end you either are walking in the light of Jesus and know him or your walking in the dark and do not know him.



Danay Vela Harker Heights, TX

- ·The one who holds the words of the Lord is truly RICH. Don't measure wealth by what the world considers wealth .. MY FRIENDS IF YOU HAVE JESUS YOU ARE RICH Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ·I love how JESUS not only pointed out the issues within the churches (revelations) He also gave us the solution. REPENT & be saved according to the TRUE gospel!
- · Brethren our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith! Wake up from your sleep! The enemy will no longer hide! Evil is right in front of our eyes. Press forward courageously in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!



Jesse Abel Poughkeepsie, NY

- · Christ the incarnation of love, grace & truth, God made flesh. True light of true light, true God of true God. For us men & for our salvation, He came down from heaven and was made man. Amen
- · Don't worry about your past, everyone has a past! Focus on today and your future in Christ! He makes all things new. Every day is an opportunity, a calling, a mission. Every day is only given so that we may bring glory to Christ & point others to our great God & Savior!!!! All else is vanity and devoid of eternal consequence.
- · Every day, we have need to be reminded of the gospel of grace, it's doctrines and our glorious Savior's work, both for us & in us



Tyler-James Boyd Hurlock, MD

- ·I take comfort in knowing that there will not be any presidential races, and all that comes with them, in heaven. Something else to look forward to.
- ·What a glorious sight it will be, when, in the great darkness of mans evil deeds, and in the night of their ignorance, The Day of the Lord breaks through. Let us watch and "be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."
- ...For those who do not have this hope, repent and seek God today for the day of the Lord 's appearing will be too late. "Seek the Lord while may be found, call upon Him while He is near"



**Brad Cloutier** Decatur, MI

- ·When you know the Prince of Peace, you don't have to succumb to civil unrest.
- ·There are many things that can't be explained to or understood by someone without eyes to see. The memorization of Bible information is not spirituality.
- ·There is such an awesome promise for you if you hunger and thirst for righteousness! Jesus said you'd be filled!
- ·There has been no change of government in the kingdom God. His throne is everlasting! The government is on His shoulders! He reigns in righteousness!



Benjamin Blakely Joplin, MO

- · God wants Himself to be known.
- · God's Word can keep your focus off of the world.
- •The glory of the Lord speaks of the supreme perfection of His nature.
- · A comprehension of glory will put you in the right direction and on the right course.
- Thoughts of glory can bring edification to the believer in Christ.
- Exposure by faith to the glory of the Lord will prepare you for the glory that is to come.



Paul Wells Hays, NC

- •There are some that think that Jesus should come back to the earth to straighten out all the wrong that is in the world today. Jesus did everything that needed to be done while he was here. He didn't come the first time to make this world a garden of Eden for us to live in, he came to save souls out of this corrupt fallen world. This unrighteous world and all who refuse Christ as Saviour will face God's judgment on all unrighteousness
- · He died on the cross to pay our sin debt in full, he made the atonement for our sin, he rose from death, conquering death's hold on mankind. He told us to believe on him and receive him as Lord and Saviour if we wanted life.
- ·He has finished the work the Father sent him here to do, it is up to us now to receive the gift of Life.



Richard Vargas The Colony, TX

· A mistake that makes you humble, is better than an "achievement" that makes you arrogant. There is no such thing as a good form of pride. All pride is foolish and sin in God's eyes. All forms of pride is sin. "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before fall" (prov 16:18). Pride is very sneaky and can disguise itself at times. Those who operate in pride don't see it. Remember true humility is never full of self and worldly arrogant pride. Humility repents, yet pride always justifies itself.

Silence is always wiser than pride. Arrogance is often more entertaining and accepted over humility by society. The humble heart becomes disciplined and knows when to speak and what to say. I'm learning more and more silence is your greatest teacher because It's humble. "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few." (Ecc 5:2) "A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards." (Prov 29:11)



Aaron Jackson Atlanta, GA

Jesus RECONCILED us BACK into the family of God that we may be the sons of God. He did this through His blood that was shed for us on the cross. Now that we have been reconciled back to God and are at peace with Him, He has covered our sins, purged the conscience from dead works, purged us from the guilt of sin, He has written His law in our heart and mind and has given us a new Spirit, the Holy Spirit (The Spirit of Jesus Christ). The law of God is written on our hearts that we may affectionately/ passionately live according to the standard He has given every man to live by. The law of God is written on our minds that we may constantly be reminded of the standard God has given us to live by. The Spirit has been poured into our hearts to testify of Jesus, lead us into all Truth and show us things to come.



**Ashley Hull** Miami, FL

- ·I have this urgency, please sit with the Lord on this, spiritual attacks are happening in the church, satan is busy trying to keep God's people unstable and confused. This is the best way he can control them. Do not be deceived. He will make you question and even doubt your belief. Stand your ground. Stand firm on your faith. Jesus is the author of your salvation. In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Nothing scares the enemy more than Jesus Christ, the One who defeated him. Everything the enemy is doing is a lie. He is the father of lies and is even convinced of his lies. Stand your ground.
- ·Stop counting what you don't have. You have Jesus!
- ·Those who tell you, that you are going to far with Jesus. Know not the cost to follow Him!

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herefore he (Christ) is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant" (Heb. 9:15, RSV).

### The Promised Eternal Inheritance

(RSV) contrasted with the Promise of Eternal Inheritance (KJV). Here is an example where two different renderings of the same expression serve to further elucidate the significance of what is being communicated by the Spirit. Both are expressing the same thought, but from slightly different perspectives. The eternal inheritance in Christ Jesus is of such vital significance to the believer, that whatever serves to enhance our grasp upon it by faith is certainly in order.

"The promise of eternal inheritance", likewise other similar expressions—"the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 1:1), "the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Gal. 3:14), "the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33)—all serve to draw our attention to (not the promise itself, but rather to) that which is promised of God. With God, what is true of the promise itself, is also true of that which is promised. "The promise" is made "sure to all the seed" (see Rom. 4:16), but so also is the eternal inheritance, which God has promised.

### The Nature of the Promised Eternal Inheritance.

The inheritance of which we speak is an

everlasting possession and dominion, to be occupied by those for whom it is both reserved and prepared. It is heavenly real estate with very real dimensions, divinely allocated allotments, new and purposeful occupations, new and exceedingly delightsome everlasting enjoyments and pleasures, and a title deed belonging to the heirs who are presently being groomed to take possession of it. The title deed of the inheritance is made sure to each of the heirs of salvation by divine promise. It only remains for men to continue steadfastly in the faith, not being moved away from the hope of the gospel. The trial of one's faith is integral to the readying of the heirs of the promise to assume possession of their eternal possessions. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1:7).

The faith of which we speak is "the substance of things hoped for" and "the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). It enables its possessors to overcome the world in its three essential elements—"the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (I Jn. 2:16). "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (I Jn. 5:4-5). And again, through John the Revelator we have this sure word: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son" (Rev. 21:7). Faith enlivens the heart's affection to fasten upon the vastly superior unseen substantive realities of which the Scripture testifies. The tawdry passing

things of this temporal world are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.

Faith enables its possessors and keepers, among other things, to substantively taste of the better eternal things, namely, of "the good word of God", of "the heavenly gift", and of "the powers of the world to come" (Heb. 6:4-5). It empowers them to greatly prefer these heavenly things—to set their affection on things above (see Col. 3:1-3). It likewise constrains them to hate sin—to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ (see Tit. 2:11-13).

Incorruptible. Things that possessed in this present world are, without exception, corruptible, and subject to fading away. If men are seeking to take possession of the promised eternal inheritance, they must hold onto their earthly things lightly, carefully, and with discretion, in the lively knowledge that they "have in Heaven a better and an enduring substance" (Heb. 10:34). So long as we remain in "the body of this death" (Rom. 7:24), these earthly and lesser things yet have the power to captivate and ensnare the soul, particularly when undue attention is placed upon them.

**Undefiled.** Not only are the earthly things corruptible, but they are also defiled and potentially defiling, if they are held onto inordinately. "The promised eternal inheritance" (Heb. 9:15, RSV) is absent of all earthly and temporal defilements. Not a single vestige of the curse, or death, or

corruption or sin can be found in it. It is an integral part of the new and eternal order, which shall never pass away.

Fadeth not Away. The inheritance of which we speak is of an abiding nature, and it is not fading away. The eternal inheritance is unshakable and non-combustible. It cannot be corrupted by moth or rust. It is not subject to deterioration or putrefaction. It knows nothing of decline or demise. Though now by faith in the present time "we see through a glass darkly" (I Cor. 13:12), our

inheritance eternal is of a substantively enduring nature. Though tribulations and testings may

momentarily obscure the luster of the inheritance to us, the intended design of those tribulations, as we continue steadfastly in the faith, is to greatly enhance the luster and to enable a firmer grasp upon it by faith—after that we have suffered awhile (I Pet. 5:10).

### Reserved in Heaven for you.

As we have said, the title deed to the heavenly inheritance is obtained through obedience to the gospel, and it is held in possession by continuing in the faith, grounded and settled, and not being moved away from the hope of the gospel (Col. 1:23). It is reserved for those who are "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Pet. 1:5) as Peter declared.

### The First Fruits of Salvation.

By our faith and obedience to the gospel we now have the first fruits of the "salvation

ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Pet. 1:5). What we presently have in the Lord Jesus Christ is a first-fruit taste of the coming salvation. What we presently have is substantive, but we have it by faith. What we now possess is maintained and nurtured by our faith. Through our obedience to the gospel and by God's grace, we have been "enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come" (Heb. 6:4-5). And as Peter writes, we have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

"...The eternal inheritance in Christ Jesus is of such vital significance to the believer, that whatever serves to enhance our grasp upon it by faith is certainly in order."

> But we are presently in the waiting stance for the fullness of salvation, which is ready to be revealed in the last time. "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith" (Gal. 5:5).

> The salvation that we presently have consists in the following: 1) the mutual interrelatedness between God and His enChristed sons and daughters. "I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people." In the forgiveness of sins: "I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."2) In the filial knowledge of the Father and the Son: "They shall all know Me from the least of them to the greatest of them." 3) In the law of God being written upon the heart and upon the mind: "I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts."4) In new creatureship in Christ: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."

The salvation is evidenced by a mutual fundamental affinity between all those who have made the transition "from death unto life" (Jn. 5:24; I Jn. 3:14). This affinity springs from the love for God Himself, and from the substantive knowledge by faith of His love for us. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (I Jn. "WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: AND EVERYONE THAT LOVETH HIM THAT BEGAT LOVETH HIM ALSO THAT IS BEGOTTEN OF HIM. By this

> we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments" (I In. 5:1-2).

### The Fulness of the Coming Salvation.

The fulness of the salvation yet to come is described by the following expressions. We are awaiting "the glory that shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18). "We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (I Jn. 3:2). "We have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (II Cor. 5:1-2). "As we have borne the image of the earthy (Adam) [and that ought to be quite evident], we shall also bear the Image of the Heavenly (Christ)" [a blessed prospect which our faith is able to get hold of]. God "hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus" (I Pet. 5:10). As a related consideration, oftentimes things which are the source of great trouble and vexation (both within and without) are the very things that God is using to prepare righteous men and women for the glory that awaits them. "And if children, then

heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8:17). By its very nature, suffering is something that can never be gotten used to, but it can be patiently endured, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. And thus Paul exhorts Timothy: "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (II Tim. 4:5). The same Apostle also urges the Thessalonians to not be moved by afflictions, as they (the afflictions) are divine appointments (see I Thess. 3:3). Therefore, let us seek grace, not to count them as a strange thing, but rather to bear up under them and endure them, glorifying our Heavenly Father.

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Mt. 13:43), as the Lord Jesus declared in the parable of the tares of the field. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory" (Col. 3:4). Consider the expressions "the world to come" (Heb. 2:5; 6:5; also, Lk. 20:35) and "the ages to come" (Eph. 2:5). They are declaring the existence of a place, (a holy place), and a time, (even where time shall be no more). They speak of the domain of the eternal inheritance in Christ.

"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside Thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him" (Isa. 64:4). "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (I Cor. 2:9). Our eternal inheritance in the Lord Jesus Christ is of such a blessed nature that even the best of language serves only to give partial, nevertheless life-sustaining, glimpses of the glory that God has prepared for them that love Him, even for those who are waiting for Him.

"And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. HE THAT OVERCOMETH SHALL INHERIT ALL THINGS; AND I WILL BE HIS GOD, AND HE SHALL BE MY SON" (Rev. 21:5-7).

To sum up, the saints shall be inheriting God Himself. They shall be made to be joint heirs with Christ in His inheritance (Rom. 8:17). They shall be inheriting everlasting life (Mt. 19:29) in its full-orbed vibrancy. They shall inherit a throne of glory (I Sam. 2:8). They shall inherit a kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world (Mt. 25:34). Yea, they shall inherit all things (Rev. 21:7).

# Our Eternal

Bro. Justin Cobb

Men and brethren please lend me your ear The time is approaching, and the end has drawn near The Lord's is awaiting His time to appear! With our inheritance so precious and dear!

The Faithful Lord Jesus, the Christ, did declare it Brother John, He did thus write and did share it These "all things" prepared, that we're soon to inherit Because now as we fare, it's not readily apparent

For now the time of the fighting is at hand And now there are giants still high in the land But do not forget His great promise so grand A promise that's keeping us strong as we stand

That all things are given to those who overcome All things of the Father, and all things of the Son All things are in him, a blest recompense All things of your e-te-rnal in-her-it-ance.

All things everlasting, all things still to come All things joined together, and all things in one All things in heaven, at his holy right hand All things that bless Him, all things of the Lamb.

All the things lovely, and all the things new All things innumerable not little or few All the things perfect and holy and true All the things laid up in heaven for you

All things of knowledge to be understood All the things righteous and wonderfully good All things pertaining to Life as it should All things— if in His great promise you've stood!

All things of treasure, and full without measure And all the things at his right hand are a pleasure All things forever and ever and ever All things of kindness and kinship together

### "...the greatest treasure of the Saints is

# Inheritance.

All things all glorious all perfectly clean
And All things refreshing to drink from the stream
All things of blessing will fall upon thee
In All things a resting that's calm and serene

All the things flowing from God on the throne All things will be yours, to call them your own! All things prepared in your heavenly home All things in your hope will be finally known!

All things our God is making brand new
All things of treasure in heaven accrued
All this temporal life will then come to an end
All this troubled sea there gone, the reigning will begin!

All things currently aren't underneath our feet All the earnest given here will there be all complete All the hoped inheritance, will greet us in the sweet All that Jesus promised will be realized in his seat!

All that we could ever even hope to realize All the prepared mansions that await us in the skies All the things that Christ desires, He will have them too. All the inheritance for the Son, both Gentile and the Jew.

All this is the truth it must always be heard!
Oh please Don't forget this blest wonderful word!
Speak of it often and let us always be stirred!
Fighting's ineffective when the promise is obscured!

There's no investment we can really have upon this earth
That pays any return at all of this eternal worth
For things gained here are temporal, corrupted and accursed
For heaven's what we long for and for heaven we do thirst!

The men of earth, they judge the worth, on temporary wealth Of things they have been laying up, that sit upon the shelf Or that they have a family, or that they have their health But the greatest treasure of the Saints is JESUS Christ Himself.

### @preacheternal

FROM THE TWITTER MINISTRY OF BROTHER JUSTIN COBB

"Suffering is engineered."

"In the end, When every thing's been said and done, God will not be receiving a minority!"

"Keep enduring, faithful saint. You've got a lot of back-pay coming your way!"

"No man ever fainted by facing the suffering savior."

"The emphasis of living for Christ is getting ready for the **wedding!"** 

"Salvation brings us to a Cross, not a whipping post."

"Whatever you are hoping for is going to drive what you do."

"God has far more to give than man has ever received."

"What Jesus said can **never** be **Over-stressed.**"

"The commission of **new believers** is, **not** to win others, it's to **Grow up into Christ."** 

"Remember the things to come."

ur Gracious Father, As we awake, we awake to You: be our waking thought. When we lie down to rest, we entrust ourselves to You: surround us with Your angels. Let our lives evidence joyful awareness of Your presence and shine with the Hope of Christ's return. Preserve our souls, O Lord. In the Name of Christ, Amen.

ur Father in Heaven, Just as Mary and Joseph faithfully treasured Your Son, teach us to treasure Him in our hearts. Christ is our Savior because He is Your Son. Give us worshipful hearts and pure thoughts which humbly exalt Him above all. For He humbled Himself by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore You exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. May Christ be exalted by us, in us, and through us. In His name we pray, Amen. (Php 2:7-10)

ur Gracious God, Give us utmost reverence for You so we may joyfully anticipate the fruition of Your promises. As Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, may we rejoice to be Your vessels, trusting You will grant us grace to offer that which in our own strength would be utterly impossible. Be glorified in us. In the Name of Christ, Amen.

ur Gracious God, Time is so fleeting, and yet it remains a powerful stewardship and gift. May we seek Your will in how we use what time we are given. Give us generosity and wisdom also to share our time with others, making a difference for eternity. In the Name of Christ, Amen (Psa 90:12).

racious God, We have come this far by Your grace, and by Your grace we stand every moment of every day. By this grace we are saved, kept, and refreshed with Heaven's Bread, Christ Himself, until the day we see You face to face. Give us faith to hold to this Good News rather than trusting in ourselves; for salvation is Your gift, and not of works. Truly our souls find rest in You. In the Name of Christ, Amen. (Jer 31:25)

Terciful Father, my time is not my time. My life is not my life. As I give myself to You first and foremost, nothing can rob me of all that is most precious. My treasure is being stored up in Heaven. In the Name of Christ, Amen. (Matt 6:20-21)

### Sister Adah Hutchcraft

ur Gracious Father, You protect us from far more than we can see or imagine, and by faith we obtain blessings that reach beyond all we can understand in a lifetime. May we remember daily to walk by faith and not by sight, trusting in You rather than being swayed by how things appear. In the Name of Christ, Amen.

racious God, Your Word is Life to me. You speak, and I am set Jat peace through sweet communion with You. Amongst the competing clamor of fears within and threats without, may I hear Your voice. Continually expand the borders of my understanding. Let even Your faintest whispers move my soul like a mighty current. Make me sensitive to Your gentle promptings so that I am quickly turned and easily led by Your Spirit. Your ways are wise, and I perpetually rely upon Your direction. Give me ears to hear, for I would ever follow You and be nourished as we walk together in paths of righteousness. Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening. In the Name of Christ, Amen. (Jn 14:26)

ur Gracious God, Our minds and bodies cannot fully express what our hearts desire to do for You and for Your creation. We are frequently humbled by these bodies. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of You, and not of us. Strengthen us to walk in obedience of faith until we are at last in Your glorious presence, and in our Resurrection bodies-for then there will be no inner turmoil or outward vexation as we do Your blessed will. In the Name of Christ, Amen. (2 Cor 4:7)

Our Gracious God, our life is but a breath, a vapor which vanishes quickly away. Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. May Your beauty be upon us, and establish the work of our hands. May we labor for You in all that we do so that when all our days are passed, our souls will find eternal rest in You. For You are our dwelling place, both now and forever. You call us to build upon eternal foundations, and You give the soul cause to hope even in death. In the Name of Christ, amen.

Tather in Heaven, We pray for Your leaders everywhere, that they ▲ will heed the call to pay careful attention to themselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers to care for Your church, which Christ obtained with His own blood. May we continually remember to pray for one another, and not forget those who watch out for our souls as those who must give account. In the Name of Christ, the Chief Shepherd, Amen.

ur Gracious Father, Thank You for always hearing Your children. You do not put us on hold. You do not ignore us or become distracted from our cries. Every child at every moment has Your full attention, even as we sleep. You do not leave us for a second, and Your Spirit intercedes for our every need. Time and space restrict us, but not Christ. His sovereignty is our consolation, for we are never alone or hopeless so long as we are in Him. In the name of Christ, amen.

Tather in Heaven, The stuff of this world decays and fades, and so must always need replacing and replenishing. Wealth and possessions promise ease, relief, enjoyment and status, yet cannot free the soul. We remember Jesus taught us that the cares of this life, the deceitfulness of riches, and lusts for other things, choke out Your Word sown in the heart. But there is grace to keep our lives free from the love of money, and to be content with what we have. You are our Provider, and promise to never leave us nor forsake us. We know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor, so that we by His poverty might become rich. Indeed, Your blessing makes rich, and You add no sorrow with it. In the Name of Christ, amen. (Matt 6:24; Heb 13:5; Prove 10:22; Ecc 5:19; 2 Cor 8:9; Psa 9:9).

ur Gracious Father, you have kept Your remnant throughout every generation, and You will do so until Christ returns. Jesus promised that until He comes, we would hear of wars and rumors of wars. Yet He tells us not to be troubled, for all these things must come to pass. We remember that He told us nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. You let us know that there would be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in many places. Our brothers and sisters are afflicted and martyred. Betrayal and hate increase, and false prophets arise to deceive many. Our hearts grieve because iniquity abounds and the love of many grows cold. Yet Christ tells us these things will happen, and that He has overcome the world. May we daily be comforted by Your keeping power, and the promise that all who endure unto the end will be saved. In the Name of Christ, Amen. (Matt 24)

ur Father in Heaven, may we let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in one body. May we be found thankful in all things and in every circumstance. In the Name of Christ, Amen. (Col 3:15)

Pather in Heaven, Help me remember that delayed justice for myself is mercy for I someone else. How You have lavished mercy upon me! Give me faith to wait upon You, and trust that in time You will make all things right. Increase within me the patience of trust, O Keeper of my soul. In the Name of Christ, Amen.

Tather in Heaven, Place us where You want us to be. Reveal to us what You want us to see. Give us what You want us to have. Lead us where You want us to go. Teach us what You want us to understand. Strengthen us for what You want us to do. Release us from all that does not bind us to You. Knit our hearts to all that is of the Lord Jesus. In our waiting and in the fulfillment of Your promises, let Christ be glorified in Your vessels. Amen

racious God, Give all who bear Your Name the sober awareness that we Tare Your representatives. We are vexed when any of us misrepresent You. Make Yourself known to us and through us that we might glorify Your Name by magnifying Your Gospel and trans-formative power. May Your people learn righteous indignation for all that displeases You, turning from our own sins first. May we not sin in our anger by communicating harshly or unwisely, as we desire to respond blamelessly. Give us strength and desire to always hold You up in our words and our conduct, blessing those who curse us, speaking through the discernment of Your Spirit, and exposing the darkness by shining the light of Christ. May the beauty and power of Christ saturate every facet of our lives so that no matter when, where, or how we communicate, our deeds affirm that we are indeed Your children. May You be glorified in Heaven and earth because of our testimony. In the Name of Christ we pray, Amen.

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### BROTHER MATTHEW COBB

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." - 1 Peter 1:3-5

What is this lively hope? What benefit comes as a result of being added to the family of GOD in Christ Jesus? In this text, Peter describes to us the nature of the inheritance which we have been promised by virtue of our new found connection as a joint heir with the one who has been made heir of all things. What in the earth can you compare this inheritance to? Is there anything here that does not deteriorate? Is there anything that cannot be ruined, or broken, that cannot be stolen and plundered? Is there anything under the sun that does not erode with time and by exposure to the elements? Is there anything in this world that endures forever, that remains unchanged and immovable? One should not have to live very long in this earth to tell that there is no such thing here. Even something as seemingly immovable as a mountain is subject to erosion. Castles and great buildings fall into disrepair and ruin. Even earthly treasures which are housed and kept away from the most obvious consequences of wear from the elements still eventually succumb to some type of corruption due to moisture, changes in temperature and pressure, etc. The earth itself, the continents and islands of the sea are undergoing constant change, and movement. Something as seemingly stable as the ground beneath your feet can in an instant become a gaping chasm in the time of an earthquake. Standing in contrast to the fluidity and instability of the earth, is this inheritance described by the Apostle in vs 4. All of these qualities listed are ones which are unearthly.

### **INCORRUPTIBLE**

This inheritance is by nature immune to corruption, something that is not subject to the erosion of this present world. As heaven and earth passes away, this substance endures. Unlike any other pursuit in life, seeking after the obtainment of this prize is an investment with absolute guaranteed return.

Jesus admonished those who sought after him when they had eaten of the miraculous fish and bread, to seek after substance such as this when He said, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son

of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." (John 6:27). This is the nature of our inheritance in Christ - it is enduring and everlasting, because it is found in fellowship with GOD through Christ himself, who is from everlasting to everlasting.

### **UNDEFILED**

Secondly, this inheritance is unsoiled. It is something that in it's very essence cannot become spoiled or rotten. It is like unto the treasure Jesus spoke of when He said, "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth" (Luke 12:33) This is true of this inheritance, because it is in it's nature superior to the agents which would seek to spoil it. This treasure is from a place where no one who would seek to defile it can reach it. Things spoil in this world because they come forth from a cursed world in the presence of spoilers. The chief one being Satan himself. However, The undefiled nature of our inheritance is sure because it is found in Christ himself, who is superior to any inimical force seeking to destroy and devour.

### FADETH NOT AWAY, RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU

Our text also describes our inheritance in terms of longevity. It is in it's nature eternal. Not simply lasting for all time, but transcendent to time. Not of this world. It does not fade because Jesus does not fade. Heaven and earth will pass away, but the promise of our savior will never pass away.

Lastly, in the 5th verse Peter speaks of the means by which this inheritance is obtained. "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pet 1:5) Our assurance in this matter can be strong because the means of obtaining said inheritance has been provided for in Christ. Our obtaining this inheritance does not rely on our own power, will, and resolve. It rests on believing in the power of the one who does have power, whose will is unchangeable and whose resolve is unyielding. Not only have we been given a means to obtain it by faith, but we also have the assurance of knowing that the power of the one who authored our faith has the power and willingness to finish it.

This being said, having lived in this environment of change and uncertainty for the entirety of your existence of the earth, how good does this inheritance sound to you? What hope, confidence, and assurance does this grant you to know that what GOD has promised to those who follow Christ have a sure reward? The guarantee of this inheritance is as sure as the immovable nature of GOD himself!

No one can steal this from you. No one can spoil, corrupt, soil, defile, desecrate, or diminish the worth of this inheritance. This is something which you can rest the weight of your soul upon. I encourage you to stand on this promise!

# HE KING OF GLORY

BROTHER MARTIN ELLISON

t is written Christ is "the King of glory" (Psa 24:8-10); and "the Father of glory" (Eph 1:17); and "the Lord of glory" (James 2:1); and the Lord is the "the God of glory" (Psa 29:3); He possesses all glory, He dispenses all glory. All He does, and all of the saint's life in Christ Jesus glorifies His Name. He commands to be glorified: "Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands" (Isa 42:12), and: "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake" (Psa 115:1), and again: "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name" (1 Chron 16:29). The angels are to ascribe to Him glory: "Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength" (Psa 29:1-11). Jesus exhorts the saints: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt 5:16), and whatsoever we do, we purpose to "do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31).

In the garden on the night of His betrayal, Jesus affirmed in His prayer the authority His Father had given Him to "give eternal life to as many as [God] hast given him" (John 17:2). And He tells us: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). It is through this knowledge of Him, that God "hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness", and it is further declared that God "hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Pet 1:3). It can be seen the saint's fulfillment of the divine call in the second is contingent on the saint's obtainment by grace of the first. By these things, and in many others of the Spirit's words that have been given to us, it is affirmed that we might know that the saint's eternal life, which he has in part on earth, is, in its fullness in heaven designed to eternally bring glory to God.

God and our Lord Jesus Christ has called us to ultimate glory and virtue there, not here. The Apostle exhorted: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God"(1 Cor 10:31), and this is to be the saint's purpose while here in the earth, and later as we live in the presence of the Lord as "the Lamb's wife" (Rev 21:9), for it is written: "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph 3:21), and: "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Rev 4:11), and John in his vision heard "every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them", saying "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be

unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev 5:13).

The Lord will forever exalt Himself in His creation and make manifest His glory, and it may be seen in all His doings. He has said: "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him" (Isa 43:7), and again: "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another" (Isa 48:10-11). Of His intention in the same matter, the Lord told Jeremiah: "For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory" (Jer 13:11). It may be seen God purposes in all He does to receive praise to the glory of His holy Name, for He is jealous for it (Ezek 39:25); all He is doing in His saints in Jesus Christ, He is doing to bring Him glory, and to glorify His Name.

The Father made a promise to the Son: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psa 2:8). Brethren, on this side of the cross, the Lord's inheritance is the people who He has redeemed in Christ, who He loves, "the apple of his eye" (Deut 4:20), and He delights in them. The saints are His glory, and just as Naboth the Jezreelite refused to give his vineyard at any price to the wicked Ahab, saying: "the LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee" (1 Kings 21:3), God has said He will not give His people - His glory - to another (Isa 48:11). Praise God! According with His purpose to be glorified, He will not countenance any attempts of another to take from Him the glory that is rightfully and eternally His; He will not allow any other to lay claim to His people.

These things comfort the hearts of those who have remained true to the God of peace and Christ through faith in Him - those who "call on the Lord from a pure heart" (1 Tim 2:22), who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt 5:6), "who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life" (Rom 2:7). "Therefore, brethren, stand fast" (2 Thess 2:15), "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called" (1 Tim 6:12), having confidence "that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:6).

# SISTER DANAY VELA

ur inheritance is an offering of the Father's love towards us, through the Son of God. It is God who loved and chose us first (1 Jn 4:19), and did so while we were yet dead in our sins, not seeking his face (Isa 65:1), and enemies with Him.

God called us, and brought us back to Him through His Son. God demonstrated His Great love towards us while we were still yet sinners (Rom 5:8) by sending His LOVE offering into the world, making a way for reconciliation with the Father at the cost of the precious blood of His Son (1 Pet 1:19). This sacrifice allows us to freely express endless adoration to Him who sits upon the throne as we have now become His prized possession. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pet 2:9 NIV).

Our inheritance in Christ encompasses a broad range of eternal blessings that come from above NOW as well as eternal blessings still to come. We know, "...every good and perfect gift comes from above" (Jas 1:17) God has given us a great gift where He deposited the Spirit of the Lord in us. [It is truly "good" and "perfect"]! (Eph 1:14) The beauty of Gods Spirit within us is the seal which guarantees the inheritance we have in Christ! We are joined to God's Spirit to affirm we are His children (2 Cor 1:22). It is the Spirit which will sanctify us and guide into all truth (Jn 16:13). As children of God and followers of Christ we will also suffer greatly on this earth, as this qualifies us for our inheritance. We must be willing to share in the sufferings of Christ in order to share in His glory (2 Tim 2:12).

Saints I pray we continue to persevere despite the sufferings we face and let us not give up our birthright inheritance like Esau (Heb 12:16). We may have confident assurance that our eternal inheritance will be waiting for us in Heaven for it is not an earthly inheritance that will rot, decay, or spoil. Our inheritance in Christ is imperishable, it is unspoiled, it is unfading, and it is reserved-IN Heaven (1 Pet 1:4). We may enjoy earthly benefits in addition to many trials as children of God here on earth, but our true inheritance — our true home— is reserved for us in heaven, not here in this world (Jn 14:3). Therefore let us go all the way with

Christ for he who endures to the end will have the right to sit with Christ on His Fathers throne (Rev 3:21). It is by faith that we see it, and we understand and value the glory that awaits us. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Then I saw "a new heaven and a new

> earth, "for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice

from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children." -Revelation 21:7

Dear Heavenly Father , Help me only speak your truth. Help me choose my words carefully. Help me speak only what builds up. Help me be quick to repent of anything that comes out of my mouth that does not bring glory to you Lord. Help me make no

provision for the flesh. Help me put no confidence in the flesh. Help me so that I may not operate in the flesh but walk in the Spirit today and everyday so that all I say in thought or deed be pleasing to you. Remind my heart that your laws are written therein and that my mind is the mind of Christ. Remind me that I'm seated in Heavenly places with your Son. Remind me that my mind is being

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renewed daily and transformed. Remind me of the good work you started in me, and that you will complete it. Remind me Lord. Keep these truths at the forefront of my mind.

Remind me that the more I see your Son, the more I am conformed into your image and likeness. Remind me the more I eat of this bread and drink from this fountain, the more I will become like you. The more I draw near to you the more I realize my need to depend on you. The more I realize my great need of you, the more I want to stay with you, IN you, and in close proximity to your person and your presence. I want to behold your Glory. I contemplate your goodness and say to my soul, "bless the Lord O, my soul!", and, "do not forget his benefits towards you." Oh Jesus remind me at every minute, in every hour, every day that I cannot do life without you. I love you Lord. Remind me of these wonderful truths and the great inheritance I have IN you. In Jesus name. Amen!

### The Close End of the Year 2020

Brother David A. Mulele

Tow precious saints as we approach the very close end of this year, let us focus on He (God) Who holds the entire universe under His authority.

We have had many waves and storms of various sickness and the present COVID-19 sweeping many souls off this world. No man can help it! All is in the hands of our Maker, because "The LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all" (Psa 103:19; 47:2; Dan 4:25).

How it behooves the saints to take away their spiritual sight from the symptoms, waves and storms of this life that bring dreadful fears! Why have others gone and you and me still survive? Are we better than those good men and women who have gone? No, we are not! For we are all mortal men and women.

What a question to be contemplated on in the hearts that are powerfully set afire such as those that "...the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side... 'and set a mark upon [their] foreheads--- men that [sighed] and [cried] for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof (cf. Ezek 9:4-5)! The present situation should cause the entire body of believers not to rejoice in the sufferings of others, but to go into state of desperation now; about our souls, our welfare, what we are supposed to do here on earth and to where we are heading after this life.

What a serious time it is for sighing and crying for all the abominations that are done around us! Does anyone know what will happen in the next few years, beginning from 2021 on? Is not there something wrong with a Christian "that call[s] evil good, and good evil; that put[s] darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put[s] bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20)? Has not any one that is comfortable with sin and all the abominations that are done around them, extremely lowered down their spiritual bars to the earthly things that decay---(1 John 2:15-17)? Has not he left his "first love" (Rev. 2:4) that God is against to? Is not this the time of the abounding of iniquity when "the love of many shall wax cold" (Mat. 24:12)?

Look up, men and women of God! We can wind up with the tears of joy together with the Psalmist, David: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah" (Ps 46:1-3; cf. 93:3-4).

God bless you all! AMEN.





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## QUOTES ABOUT Heave

"God is the same God in **heaven** as on earth, but I shall not be the same man." - Richard Baxter

"Why should my heart be fixed where my home is not? Heaven is my home; God in Christ is all my happiness: and where my treasure is, there my heart should be. "-Margaret Charlton Baxter

"All This, and Heaven Too." — Matthew Henry

"Through all Eternity to thee, A joyful song I'll raise, for Oh! Eternity's too short to utter all thy praise!" — Joseph Addison

"He whose head is in heaven **need not fear** to put his feet into the grave." — Matthew Henry

### "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

— Corrie Ten Boom

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."— Thomas Moore

"Heaven doesn't make this life less important; it makes it more important."— Billy Graham

"In heaven, we shall see that we had not one trial too many." — Charles Spurgeon

"Whosoever will reign with Christ in heaven, must have Christ reigning in him on earth."— John Wesley

"Christians rejoice even while they truly sorrow - because their rejoicing is in the **hope of heaven**... While joy overcomes sorrow, it does not put an end to it." — John Calvin

"I would **not give one moment of heaven** for all the joy and riches of the world, even if it lasted for thousands and thousands of years." — Martin Luther

"Old truths are always new to us, if they come with the smell of heaven upon them." - John Bunyan

"To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here." — Jonathan Edwards

"All our afflictions, all our temptations are to make heaven more desirable, and earth more loathsome."—George Whitefield

"The grand question of life is this: Is my name written in heaven?"— Dwight L. Moody

"There [in heaven], Good shall be so ordered in us, that we shall have no other desire than to remain there eternally" — St. Augustine

"My home is in **heaven**, I am just travelling through this world."—Billy Graham

"If love, even human love, gives so much consolation here, what will love not be in heaven?" — St. Josemaria Escriva

"Heaven is a city on a hill, hence we cannot cast into it; we have to climb."—Fulton Sheen

"Heaven is not here, it's There. If we were given all we wanted here, our hearts would settle for this world rather than the next. God is forever luring us up and away from this one, wooing us to Himself and His still invisible Kingdom, where we will certainly find what we so keenly long for."— Elisabeth Elliot

"It's going to be ok. The first person you are going to see is JESUS."—Author Unknown

"The fact that our heart yearns for something Earth cannot supply is proof that **Heaven** must be our home."— C.S. Lewis

"I am still in the land of the dying; I **shall be** in the land of the living soon."—John Newton (his last words).

"O what a blessed day that will be when I shall stand on the shore and look back on the raging seas I have safely passed; when I shall review my pains and sorrows, my fears and tears, and possess the glory which was the end of all!" - Richard Baxter

"When I die, I will be identified with Christ's exaltation. But right now, I'm identified with His affliction."—R.C Sproul

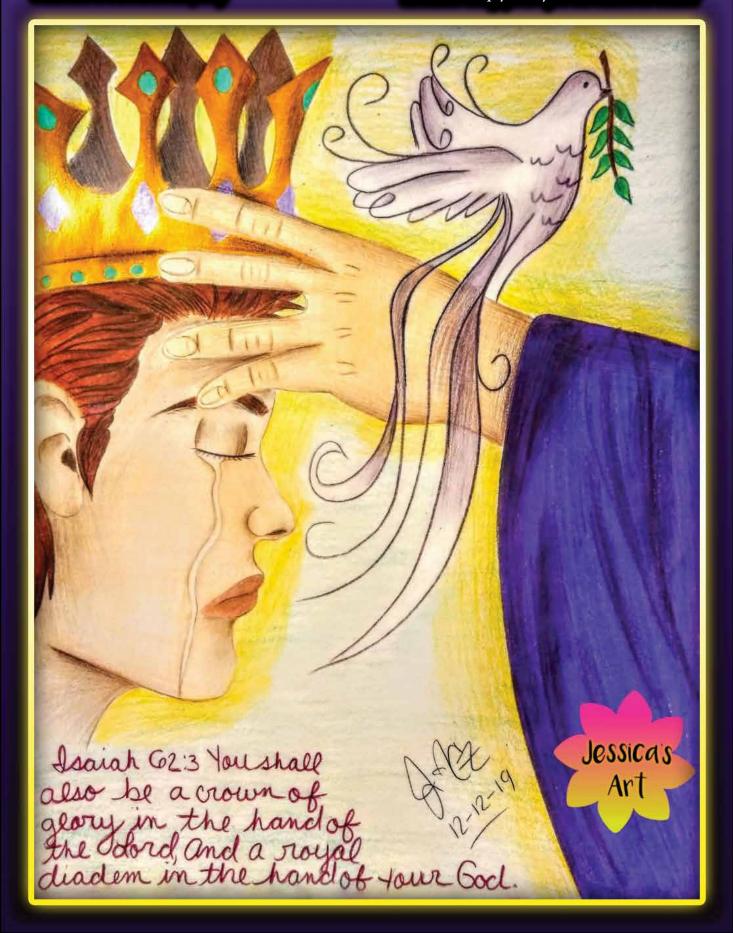
"To desire heaven is to delight in holiness."—Lailah G. Akita

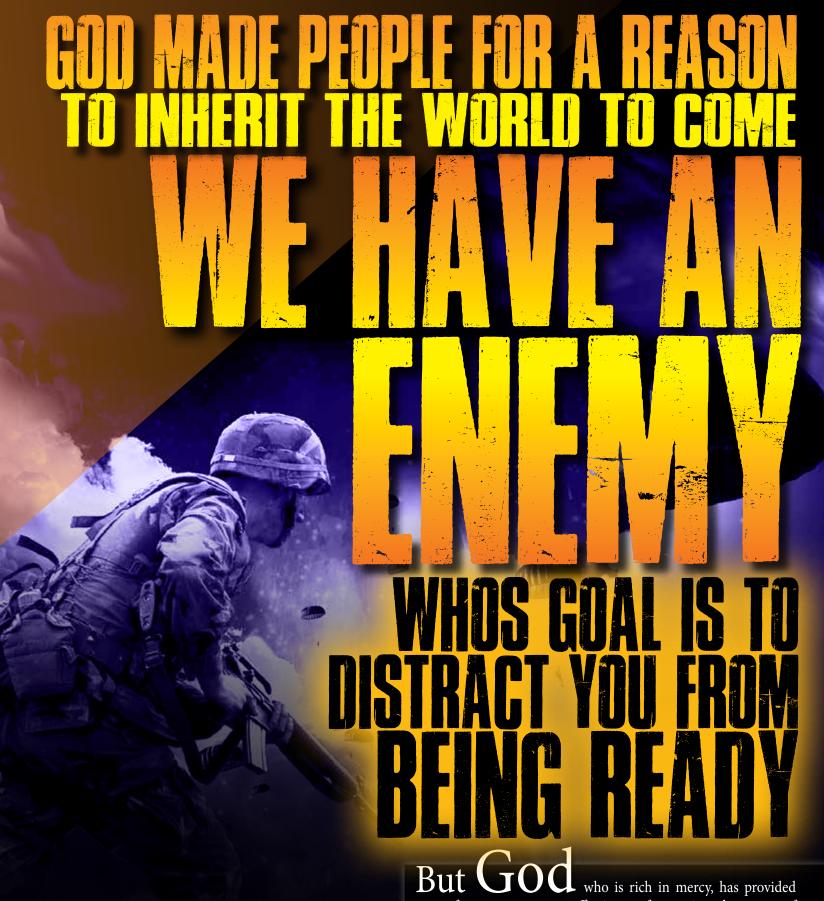
"He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity." — Randy Alcorn

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### "My Inheritance"

Focus on JESUS and the inheritance we have in HIM. Keep your eyes on what's to come."





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