The Better Inheritance

An inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. 1 Peter 1:4.

Our petitions to God should not proceed from hearts that are filled with selfish aspirations. God exhorts us to choose those gifts that will redound to His glory. He would have us choose the heavenly instead of the earthly. He throws open before us the possibilities and advantages of a heavenly commerce. He gives encouragement to our loftiest aims, security to our choicest treasure. When the worldly possession is swept away, the believer will rejoice in his heavenly treasure, the riches that cannot be lost in any earthly disaster.
How sad it is that men turn from the immortal inheritance, and live for
the gratification of pride, for selfishness and display, and through
submission to the rule of Satan, lose the blessing which they might
have both in this life and in the life to come. They might enter into the
palaces of heaven, and associate on terms of freedom and equality
with Christ and heavenly angels, and with the princes of God, and yet,
incredible as it may seem, they turn from heavenly attractions....

Satan is contending for the souls of men.... He would not have them
catch a glimpse of the future honor, the eternal glories, laid up for
those who shall be inhabitants of heaven, or have a taste of the
experience that gives a foretaste of the happiness of heaven....

Those who accept Christ as their Saviour have the promise of the life
that now is, and that which is to come.... The lowliest disciple of Christ
may become an inhabitant of heaven, an heir of God to an inheritance
incurruptible, that fadeth not away. O that every one might make
choice of the heavenly gift, become an heir of God to that inheritance
whose title is secure from any destroyer, world without end! O, choose
not the world!

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