PROSPERITY IS DESIRABLE.

We May Reasonably Ask God to Bless Us—Art and Music.

When entreating God's blessing we do well to let him choose his gifts, lest in unwise deliverance to his will may act "whatsoever we desire." When Agur prayed, "Give me neither poverty nor riches," he spoke his free discretion, and many have commended his wisdom. But when Jabez prayed, "and enlarge my border," he also was within his rights as a creditant, and if fewer have been found to reliably suppose that request has prevailed for more widely extended hospitable hearts. Jabez clearly felt that an increase of property and influence would be a blessing and he frankly asked for it. Christ may mind than there was nothing philanthropic in who, and hold that it is their as rich a border which deserves no praise. With such discussion be merely diction, but let those be careful lest in judging labels they condemn themselves. If a man is ashamed to be well, and to improve the talents he may be entrusted to take any steps to further such an end himself. To a Christian it should become an axiom that there is nothing worth working for which is not worth praying for. Among many we propose for remained, however, to refer to the wave of mention. The cry, "Enlarge our borders," is a home prize than "Thy kingdom come." But it is a sin Maker fitting for citizens our earthly desires to find then to produce what is similar by proportion thought and action, as the manner of some persons in divine course to be.

So men will rise to the loftier heights of spirituality and spiritual love who is afraid to present his lower wishes to the Lord. It would be perverted as a being apart from the sphere of religion, the order will flowing be withdrawn in from and mind from Christ during a large proportion of his time. But if prosperity be sought from God and offered to Him who will, all business may be made holy work, and be discharged to also dispensations on his blessing. If to live be Christ, would, moreover, Christian will also become a recognized source of divine discipline, and either can be secure without higher beliefs and consecration. If contented as long above, they will usually be content as a blind prisoner in the Grace and should they be denied, or harder still, be lost, for a season and withdrawn, there will never fail to come forward a richer gift, a nearer blessing, even a rich and lasting of that loss which is better than all gold and silver, and more to be desired than the heritage of many worlds. "I was never rich until God impoverished me," said a fallen millionaire. The blessing of Levi was to have "no part nor inheritance with his brethren: the Lord is his inheritance," and those who, without adhering indifference to prosperity, are content to do their work and leave results to God will be raised to a higher place than that of resignation when their prayer is fulfilled. They will be enabled to rejoice as David did in an hour of outward desolation:

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.
The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yes, I have a goodly heritage.

—Sunday Magazine.

Return to Palestine.

Believe it rapidly becoming a living temple again in Palestine. The first Jewish installments of the modern Holy Land were mainly Sephardim—Spanish Jews, sometimes called Portuguese—who in Palestine, as in European Turkey, Asia Minor, the coasts of North Africa, Gibraltar, etc., retained old Castilian as their domestic language, and they still speak it to this very day. In recent years, however, large numbers of Jews of other lands—Poland, Russia, Rumania, etc.—have been driven by persecution and oppression to seek refuge in the land of Israel under the more tolerant rule of the Turk. Misery and distress to be found in other lands is not less than it should be not. But on it is, and we believe in the literal fulfillment of prophecy can for a moment doubt that God has ordained it to be so—that in it, the commencement of the restoration of the Jews to their own land. Their patriarchs, the land given by covenant to the fathers. Dr. Kellogg's Jewish intoning with "The Jews, or, Position and Fulfillment." Nevertheless receive the actual fulfillment of prophecy unless our eyes in the land of promise. For instance, Jer. xxxi. 38-40, is daily being fulfilled around Jerusalem.—Hebrew Journal.

The Power of Truth.

The way to reach a man, even is to preach up truth. Never tackle Satan unless you are sure you can lay him. A great many men by opposing error have magnified it, have glorified it, have given figure to a hideous reality and unmeritedly influence for. The work that church going people have learned of some forms of error they have learned from Christian pulpits. Now, the Christian pulpit is not erected to preach evil, but to preach the glory of God. Infidelity is easy, but it is shallow. It is a failure, on tremendous failure. A little time ago in the history of New York Tribune Prince said, "In five years there will not be a Bible in America." How we smile today when we read his words.—Dr. S. Morris.

As Yourself Some.

Christians are sometimes reproached with loving no souls Jesus and redeemed without thinking of a personal relation to Christ. This is an urgent need. The one thing required of the Christian is the reception of the truth of God's Son, to be the image of God, without which no one can know anything about salvation. It is not enough in the study of science and philosophy to be in the study of religion. The pride of intellect which refuses to believe anything that it has comprehended disqualifies the mind for the reception of truth. The mind which fails of contrition to the truth which we have to offer rests not on honest foundations, but on experience. Men love error for food and because they have discovered that it satisfies those elements which the soul needs for its support, but because experience has taught them that it is a wholesome and nourishing diet. Men use chemistry and because they understand its nature, but because actual experiments have proved that this science is good in a useful sense. Nature is full of mysteries, but we use its elements largely by faith and receive its lessons by faith. All the Bible requires is that we come to the study of spiritual things with that spirit and teachable spirit which we feel absolutely necessary in order to receive good from nature's elements.

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