

Chapitre 120

Yes, we are rich!

"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:12,13).

Instead of the power of earth that we cannot depend upon, and which is decidedly set against us, God gives us the power of God. Instead of reputation, God gives us character. Instead of earthly riches, houses, lands, property, business considerations, or anything of the kind, God gives us Jesus Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and "you are complete in Him" (Col. 2:10).

God has appointed Him to be heir of all things,

and we are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together" (Rom. 8:17). He is heir of all things, and we are joint heirs. Then how much belongs to us? All things. Then what have we? All things that God has. Then are we not rich?

Instead of this life which the powers of earth would take away, God gives us His life. When He asks us to take a position in allegiance to Him and His cause, the Lord simply says, "Here is eternal life to start with."

Then, has not the Lord fully armed us? O, then let us have on the armor of God now. Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. That is where the Lord wants us to stand, and that is what He wants us to do. And He says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Heb. 13:5). Now, what are you going to do? "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15), and which course you will take." [1]

Note:

1. General Conference Bulletin, pp. 128, 129.