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"THE BELIEVER'S INHERITANCE"

Introduction

1. In this Psalm David' is showing that the converted man's soul is set on God: v.4, v.8, v.11.
2. This is proof that he loves God above all else. Op. the hypocrite.
3. To express his delight in God he uses this expression: "inheritance". **DOCTRINE**: We need to remind ourselves that God is our inheritance.

1. AN INHERITANCE IS A PRECIOUS TREASURE

1) The underlying ideas:
   (i) the heir
   (ii) the inheritance
   (iii) the last will and testament
   (iv) the testator
   ILLUSTRATION: a young nephew of rich uncle.

2) Wise children value their inheritance – and foolish ones do not:
   ILLUSTRATION: Jacob and Esau.
   See David's wisdom: v. 7-9.

3) What the inheritance is NOT – the daily bread and rations now needed. So
   (i) v.6: David values these – so should we
   (ii) God gives us rations for this life
   (iii) So Psalm 37:25: the good man's rations
   (iv) For this we pray: "Give us…daily bread"

4) But the inheritance itself is God:
   (i) We want "heaven for God's sake"
   (ii) To see God and to enjoy him forever
   (iii) Nothing less will do: Shorter Catechism 1
   APPLICATION: Is God your treasure?

2. AN INHERITANCE COMES AFTER A DEATH

1) Take 2 examples:
   (i) royalty: King Charles I dies ⟶ Charles II, etc.
   (ii) wealthy: the next generation move into the mansion, etc.

2) The same principle is at work:
   (i) in this case, we must die: v.9 ("hope")
   (ii) also, our Saviour must die: v.10.
   See Hebrews 9:15 (testator/testament = will/ they which are called = heirs/"eternal inheritance".

3) What inheritance does God give us?
   Answer: Himself and all that he has.
   APPLICATION: This, believer, is your portion!

3. AN INHERITANCE IS WORTH WAITING FOR

1) It is the believer's hope: v.9
   APPLICATION: It is our hope in life – and in death.

2) So, we set our hearts on this great treasure soon to come to us: v.8

3) Other things are only small matters to us (houses – money – fame, etc).
   APPLICATION: See Christ: "Who for the joy…"

4) This is why we can be happy at all times and in all circumstances.
   APPLICATION: O drink from this "cup": v.11

CONCLUSION

1. O unhappy world!
2. O happy Christians!

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