

The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. Obadiah 17

As long as Edom invaded and annoyed the house of Jacob, the people were unable to possess their possessions in peace. No sooner did the harvest or vintage appear, than their hereditary foes swooped down to carry off the fruits of their toils. But Edom's dominion was to be ended; and then there would be no cloud in the sky, no barrier to their uninterrupted joy.

There are many instances of people not possessing their possessions. Such are those who put their plate and valuables into furniture depositories, and for years leave them to neglect; who have shelves of unread, uncut books; who do not realize that coal and iron mines lie under their estates; who never enjoy the wealth of love and tenderness in their friends' hearts; who refuse to avail themselves of resources which are well within their reach.

But too many of God's people are like this. The Father has caused all his fulness to reside in the nature of Jesus; He hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness in Him; He hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus; in our Saviour are treasures of wisdom, of purity, of prevailing power, of love and patience. The divine Merchantman has come to us to give us gold tried in the fire, white raiment, and eyesalve. But we go blundering on in our own selfish, sinful, faltering way. We do not possess our possessions. We do not call into practical use the boundless reinforcements awaiting us, at every hour, within the tiniest beckoning of our faith. We are like the manufacturer who refuses to use the steam-power, though it is laid on into the mill; or the householder who refuses to touch the button of the electric light.

## 雅各家必得原有的產業。 俄17

當以東侵略騷擾以色列家的時候，百姓就無法在平安中擁有他們的產業。農作或葡萄看起來剛可以收成時，他們的世仇就突襲奪走他們辛勞的果實。然而以東的國權必要結束；那時天空就沒有烏雲，他們的喜樂就不再受到攔阻。

在很多情況下，人並沒有得著他們的產業。譬如有人把他們的金銀餐具貴重物品放在櫥櫃裡，在那裡閒置多年；有人書架擺著好些未閱讀的書籍；有人不知道他們的地業底下蘊藏著煤礦鐵礦；有人從未享受在他們朋友心中豐富的關愛；有人不肯運用他們舉手可得的資源。

太多神的子民像這種情形。父神叫祂一切的豐盛在耶穌的本性裡面居住(西一19)；神將一切關乎生命和虔敬的事在耶穌裡面賜給我們(彼後一3)；祂在基督耶穌裡賜給我們各樣屬靈的福氣(弗一3)；在我們救主裡面有智慧、純潔、得勝的能力、愛心和忍耐的寶藏。這神聖的買賣人到我們這裡為要賜我們火煉的金子、潔白的衣裳、和眼藥(啟三18)。但是我們卻照著自己的自私、有罪、遲疑的方法瞎闖。我們並沒有真正得著我們的產業。我們並沒有呼喚那等待我們的無限援軍，來發揮實際的用處，這援軍隨時在我們信心最微小召喚的範圍之內。我們正像製造業者不肯使用蒸氣動力，雖然它已安置在工廠裡；又好像屋主不肯去碰電燈的開關。