

My Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 149:2 - Let Israel be glad in his Maker; / let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Hattie Buell was attending an early Methodist camp meeting in Thousand Island Park in upper New York State in 1876. While there, the first speaker on a Sunday morning was preaching on the topic of our relationship with Jesus Christ and the Father. At one point, the speaker was so overcome, he practically shouted, "Christian friends, we are the children of a King! Our Heavenly Father's a King! Poor ones, take heart, you'll have a palace someday built for you but Jesus, Himself!" On her walk from that service to her cottage, the complete verses of "A Child of the King" came to her mind.

Stop and think about that, loved ones. God the Father is the King of the Universe. Is He your King? If He is your King, that means that you have a personal relationship with Him every day; you cannot be estranged in your relationship. Do you have that kind of relationship? If He is your Father, certainly He is your King, isn't He? That means you must know what "the orders of the day" are for your life? Do you get "orders from headquarters" from Him? Since He's a King, that means He has authority to rule. Do you serve Him? He deserves our service and demands our service. Hopefully your heart desires to serve Him.

The book of Psalms says that God owns the cattle on a thousand hills. Do you sense that your funds are getting low. Talk to your Father, the King. He can butcher a cow or two for His child. You can take it to the bank that God cares for His children.

The hymn says that our Father is rich and holds the wealth of the world in His hands to distribute to His children. But this doesn't mean that God keeps us rich with lots of possessions all the time. The song says that Jesus, our Brother and Savior, was the poorest of men. If Jesus' time on this earth had difficulty, don't you think that we are going to have difficulties, too?

Remember that once we were bankrupt spiritually and as good as dead, but Jesus saved us and made us spiritually rich. But physically, we have difficulties that this virus has brought on to us. It affects our health, our living conditions, and our finances.

Stop and think: if you have a \$10,000.00 debt right now that you cannot pay, and it is due by the end of the month, would you be worried? What if you had your Father, the King, say that He'll put into your account \$10,000,000.00 the day before the debt is due? Would you be worried? My loved ones, yes, we have bills and debts of difficulties. But God has placed into our spiritual bank account all the resources that we need. He's promised. So, be satisfied just a little bit longer with a tent (although I don't know how many of us are actually living in tents) or a cottage. Because He's building you a palace. Rely on God to provide today.

We love you and are praying for you today.