

GLEANINGS — December 6, A.D. 2015
Glorious Inference

When your friend speaks in a loud voice over the phone, and you conclude that she is angry, you have made an INFERENCE...you have inferred that she is upset. When you later discover that she was speaking loudly because a train was passing by, and she wanted to be sure you could hear her, you are relieved to find that your inference was wrong and you both have a good laugh.

God's promises to His children in Scripture are staggering. Let's take one of them, and make some inferences, guided by the whole counsel of God in Scripture and trusting in the blessed Spirit Who inspired Scripture. It is found in Revelation 21:7 –

"He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."

Inheriting ALL THINGS...that's what God has promised to overcomers. Here's a place to ask ourselves, do we really believe the Bible to be the infallible, inerrant word of God, utterly truthful in all it says? Does all things really mean all things? YES! Now to those inferences.

Envy on the part of Christians regarding the temporal possessions and gifts of others is rendered absurd in at least two ways:

1. When all is said and done, whatever the wicked have now will be taken from them, and given to those who will inherit all things. Why fret? (Psalm 37, Proverbs 13:22B)
2. Whatever the righteous have is given to them not for self indulgence (*which vile passion in glory will have been thoroughly eradicated*) but for sharing. Why not concentrate on seeking first the kingdom of God, Who knows all your needs? Why not freely give? (Matthew 6:33, 10:8)

And the Christian's attitude about his own temporal possessions and gifts is effected in at least two ways:

1. He is not overwhelmed or crushed by temporal lackings or losses. Has he been bankrupted? He already has the earnest and later will have full possession of the true riches which never fly away (cf. Proverbs 23:5). Is he mostly alone in this world, without much family? If he is a faithful disciple, he already has the promise of Jesus (Mark 10:29,30) which assures him a place at the everlasting table with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the forever family of God.
2. He is free from that obsession to hoard and protect property which characterizes the world. Instead, he experiences great liberty in what he understands to be his stewardship of God's goods, knowing that his eternal inheritance will include incorruptible rewards (1 Peter 1:4)

The Executor of the estate is faithful and true. Set your sights on overcoming. Share with Jesus in the eternal inheritance of all things.