

said, "he that believeth, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John vii.)

Knowing Christ as Saviour, we have sap from the tree of life, and there can be no limit in the result. There is no stint, though little power indeed to use it. "His seed shall be in many waters," signifying the *extent* of the blessing.

Then, besides this, there is strength. "His king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted." Israel will have a king in Zion, but we are in a closer connection with the Bridegroom as His bride. We shall be displayed in the kingdom by and by. Mark the difference, how it is said, "How goodly *are* thy tents," etc., but thy "king *shall*," etc. The people had not a king yet. Visible blessing in power had not come yet. Their elevation was to be a future thing in the land.

With us it is not the kingdom we are looking for as our hope; indeed, in a certain sense, we are now in the kingdom. It is for us, "the kingdom and patience;" for Christ is rejected and gone. We are being called to share His rejection, and afterwards His glory. "We shall reign with Him." He is a King and we are kings. He is a Priest and we are priests. If we suffer with Him, we shall also be glorified together. He is our Head, and in all things He is to have the pre-eminence. There is to be power connected with those who have the kingdom. There is not only such a thing as blessing, but it is connected with the people of God.