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A WELL FAVOURED LOT WITHOUT  
SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS.

A SERMON

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*"Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water."*—Joshua 15 : 19.

*"And Isaac digged again the wells of water which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them."*—Genesis 26 : 18.

IN dealing with these portions of the Word of God we propose tracing the analogies between the natural and the spiritual; not that we expect to find the spiritual in the sphere of the natural or *vice versa*, as though we should expect to discover *within* or *underlying* the natural some latent spiritual interpretation requiring a mysterious and spiritual insight to bring it to the surface. We simply propose to take the narratives as they stand and trace some analogies between the facts recorded and the facts of God's dealings with men in dispensing spiritual blessings. Our Lord's parables are of this character, and it will be greatly to our advantage to learn from Him.

The blessings of God's grace are often set forth both in the Old and New Testament under the emblems of springs of water, fountains and rivers. "With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." "Ho every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters." "Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely."

We shall take for granted that our hearers are quite familiar with the