

Wurtemberg," and he was made a baron.

The king seems to grow more and more fond of him. He keeps him by his side. He dines at the king's table. The horses of the royal stables are at his command and his travelling expenses are paid out of the royal treasury. Gifts, such as rare and beautiful books and paintings, and diamonds, flow in upon him.

Is not all this like a fairy tale. Yet, we give it to our readers to illustrate the far more wonderful choice and love of a far higher and more glorious King for us. Mr. Jackson's royal friend is only a mortal man. These earthly honours can last but a little while at the longest. This mortal king may die or lose his crown any day. The brightest and most dazzling pleasures will not always satisfy. It is all earthly, human, fleeting, dying.

But the friendship and love of the King of kings is not so. It shall never change. It is limitless and eternal. The King of Wurtemberg and Jackson will grow old and feeble, even if they live long, but he that accepts the love and companionship of Jesus Christ has eternal youth and increasing capacity to enjoy all the honour and glory that infinite love bestows.

What message comes to us from the King of Heaven? Hear it. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." "As the Father hath loved me so have I loved you." "Henceforth I call you not servants \* \* \* but I have called you *friends*, for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you." "These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy may be full." "I appoint unto you a *kingdom* as my Father hath appointed unto me, that ye may eat and drink *with me at my table* in my kingdom."

What are the conditions of all this?

To renounce our earthly citizenship for the heavenly; to disown the god of this world and swear allegiance to the God of Life and Glory; to part with old

companions of sin and sinful habits and to side with Christ and his people; to give up the old name of "sinner" and to bear the "new name" which Jesus will write upon us; "to put off the old man with his deeds, and to put on the new man in Christ Jesus"; to cast off our own good works as filthy rags, and to accept and wear the white robes of Jesus' righteousness; to take it all in loving truth and confidence, believing that what He hath promised He is able also to perform.

Now this story of the king and Jackson is a picture of *grace*. It was all free—unearned, undeserved, without compensation, and to be had for the taking. So of the offered love, honour, righteousness and glory of the Son of God to be had for the taking, it is all of grace. Oh, what a gift it is! Who will not accept it, and be the friend and companion of the King of glory, wearing His gift and mark of favour, a crown of glory which fadeth not away.—*E. D. G., in Good Words.*

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