

the Lord our God shall call." They are the true Church's property—property from which she can never be disendowed. Hence the *New-Testament* saints never hesitated to claim and apply *Old-Testament* promises. See, for example, the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews. When encouraging the Christians to bear up under the trials to which they were exposed, he says, "For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee;" and though this promise was made to Joshua nearly two thousand years before, yet he unhesitatingly applies it to them, and urges them to claim it, for he goes on to say, "So that *we* may boldly say, The Lord is *my* helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

It is therefore clear that all the promises in the Bible are "Yea and Amen in Christ Jesus;" and that if we take hold of Christ with one hand, we may take hold of any promise in the Bible with the other. No rebel has a right to these precious treasures. He is a child of wrath, and the threatenings alone are his portion, and will be as long as he remains in rebellion; but, believer, thou art a "child of God by faith in Christ Jesus," and as such thou art come to an estate the value of which is boundless. Thou art "heir of the promises." Live up to thy dignity. Claim thy right. Forget for a moment that God has another child on earth. Hear Him speaking, and as He says, "I will bless thee," gather into thy heart the fulness of the meaning, and say with Paul, "He loved *me*, and gave Himself for *me*."

"JAH, JEHOVAH, is *my* Lord,
Ever merciful and just;
I will lean upon His Word,
I will on His promise trust.

Strong I am, for He is strong,
Just in righteousness Divine:
He is my triumphal song;
All He has, and is, is *mine*."