

David when in the hold and the garrison of the Philistines in Bethlehem, he may say: "O that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

3. To return to our duty and privilege as presented by the case of Achsa, who felt that the same kind father who had given her the south land could be approached with a view to asking him for springs of water; in like manner it is the duty and privilege of all such as find themselves in possession of a south land to approach God and ask him for a blessing also. Can we not with confidence ask Him who has given us our bibles and who has been prompting us by His Spirit, to give us "springs of water"? Can we not ask Him who has sent us a faithful ministry and who has been encircling us on every side with so many favourable influences, to give us "*a blessing*"? "He that spared not his own Son but delivered him up for us all; how shall he not with him also freely give us all things"? If Caleb dealt so generously with his daughter as to give her the upper springs and the nether springs; do we not hear the voice of God speaking aloud to us: "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask him"?

If Achsa was inspired with confidence in her father's good will, as he said "What wouldst thou?" much more should we be inspired with faith in God as he says: "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." If Caleb addressing his daughter personally said "What wouldst thou?" did not the Saviour say to the woman of Samaria, addressing her personally: "If *thou* knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee give me to drink, thou wouldst have asked of him and he would have given thee living water"? If Caleb gave his daughter, in answer to her request, both the upper and the nether springs, so will our God give to us also. He will give us the nether springs both by title and actually to drink of whilst we are down here; and he will give us the title to the upper springs to drink of them when he calls us higher. He teaches us as we are able to hear it, and he has many things to say unto us, but we cannot hear them now. Let us be content here to drink from these nether springs which we may be sure will supply all our wants; and soon we shall drink from those upper springs, from which we cannot yet drink, simply because we have not the capacity for enjoying them; but from which we shall drink richly when we shall see Him as He is. Let me simply urge all to pray God: "Give me a blessing. Give me also springs of water."

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