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Does God Bless the Righteous

M OST Christians seem to hold the belief that if they walk according to God's will He will bless them in worldly matters as well as spiritually. What foundation is there for this belief? We are assured in Math. 7:11, that

God is willing to give good things to them that ask Him, but we are also told in Math. 6:19-21, not to lay up treasures on earth, but in heaven, for where our treasure is there our heart will be also. The people of Israel, before Christ came, while they were still under the law, were promised blessings on earth, nationally and as individuals, if they served God with their whole heart according to the law. In this manner they were to be the means of revealing to the nations around them the blessings that followed from serving the one true God. They sinned and later refused to accept Christ as their Messiah. Therefore, they have been east off temporarily, but are to be stored to favor again. (Acts 15:14-17.) When the Jews were cast off the age or dispensation of law ended, and the age or dispensation of grace was ushered in. We are living in this last age. The rewards promised to us are spiritual rather than earthly. They are better in every way than those given to the Jews. (Hebrews 8:6). "As believers born again, we have a new nature and belong no longer to the earth, but we belong to heaven." "If, therefore, ye have been raised with the Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God: have your mind on the things which are above, not on the things that are on the earth." (Col. 3:1). "In the world ye shall have tribula-tion." (John 16:33). "Let your conversation be without the love of money. satisfied with your present circum-stances." (Heb. 13:5). "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." (Heb. 13:14). God delights to bless His children on earth, but be cause He wants us to occupy our minds with Him and with thoughts of how with Him and with thoughts of how best we may serve Him on earth, the emphasis now is not on earthly, but on heavenly rewards. "The natural man lives for the earthly things, and strives for the things which are seen. His de-light is in treasures which are here below, and connected with this life is care, worry, anxiety and at last the loss of that which was cherished." Note Lake 12:15 to El.

Lessening Housecleaning Terrors By "Aunt Fanny," Peterboro Co., Ont.

NCE upon a time, housecleaning days were the maddest and the saddest days of the year. 'No, that straking sentence isn't one of my own invention but read it some place not long ago and it appealed to me as being very expressive. In the days of our mothers and grandmothers, the advent of the spring season was the signal to comspring season was the signal to com-mence turning everything topsy-turvy from garret to cellar, and there would be such a siege of white-washing, papering and painting, that the house would be in a state of confusion for probably weeks at a time.

We don't clean house that way now. adays though, for which we should be truly thankful. I for one, however, which we should have not yet worked out a plan to follow when house cleaning, so satison, and I imagine there are plenty of others the same. I am sc. ding along a few of my ideas on the subject, however, with the hope that other readers of this department will follow

My first raid this spring was made on the attic. It is one part of the house that I don't like particularly to clean, as there are always a numof articles which have accumulated during the year to dispose of in I plucked up courage one ome way. bright, sunny day last week though and set to work. Really it wasn't and set to work. Really it washt such a big job after all. The things which required airing were taken down and hung on the clothesline, while I swept up, washed windows, sorted the articles of clothing and put them in their proper places, or discarded those no longer useful. I also went through the summer clothing and arranged it so that I can lay my hands on the various articles whenever they are needed. The boxes and trunks in which I keep the win-ter clothing and bedding, were clean-ed and aired, ready to receive the

To-day I cleaned the ceiling. may seem rather ridiculous to do the attic, then the cellar, but I like to get the worst jobs done first, and the cellar can be cleaned, even if the weather is cool and wet. Some house wives might object to cleaning the cellar before the furnace fire is out I don't consider, however, that much dust and dirt will accumulate from now on as far as the furnace is con-Our furnace is in a small room in the cellar separated from everything else, so that dirt and dust is reduced to a minimum at all times. Any vegetables and apples still in the cellar were picked over all decayed matter removed, shelves were washed off and as a finishing touch I gave the floor, which is cement, a good drenching. The cellar floor slopes slightly to one end, so that the water runs off into the drain. My cellar smells sweet and clean again and I am exceedingly thankful that I have some of my house cleaning out of the way at least

articles when the weather is warm enough to discard them.

If nothing intervenes, I intend cleaning the pantry to-morrow. One has to put in so much time cleaning the partry and kitchen without get-ting showy results, that I don't like leaving them till the last. But there, I have talked long enough and must get a good rest to-night, so that I will be "feeling fit" for to-morrow's duties

Peanut Omelet: Soak a slice of bread in half a cup of freak mis. Best two eggs, whitea and yolks separately, and sura on the milk and bread, to gether with a half oup prepared pe-nuts and a little salt and pepper. Pour in buttered pan and cook ag usual.

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