

THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING.

(EPHES. i. 15—ii. 10.)

"That ye may know what is the hope of His calling." God has called you; what is the hope of His calling? What future is there in this call? We get it in chap. i. 5: "Having been predestinated unto the adoption of children." I know "Abba's" heart now; I am to know "Abba's" house then. If God says, "How beautiful My house will be with My Son in it, surrounded by those associated with him," is it nothing to my heart that God already has joy in the thought? It will have a separating effect on the soul from evil to God. "And what the riches of the glory," etc? Glory is not the same as the Father's house. There is rest in the thought of the house, whereas in the glory we get the public expression of it. What a contrast to this beggarly world down here! Here it is all toil; but what is it all leading to? To a bright, brilliant, glorious future, now made little of by people here; then made much of by God up there. So far there is no question of life; He takes them as it were and shows them the corpse they were, the pit they were in. God loves to be Centre, to have round Him a circumference of blessing. What was the pit you came from? What good was there in it? God could find none; so you cannot. Everything in it is bad, though it need not come out. As the pit was