

"And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save The Poorest Sort Of The People of the land." 2 Kings 24:14 KJV



Nebuchadnezzar had no use for the poor or disabled. Their poverty was a shield against the Babylonians. Lack of material wealth is a blessing in disguise for the believer. We possess treasure men would sell their soul to possess; the treasure of immortal bliss; Eternal Life With God, Himself. *"But we have This Treasure in earthen vessels, that The Excellency of The Power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side,*

yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body The Dying of the Lord Jesus, that The Life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." The wealth that men desire is but temporal and "will melt with a fervent heat" when God Makes "All Things New" for our eternal pleasure. Men cannot take their wealth beyond the grave and the faithful cannot lose their wealth to the grave! Lack of material wealth keeps one safe from those that kill, covet, and steal to acquire it. They can't even take our Life; for it *"Is Hid In Christ With God. No man can pluck you out of His Hand!"* What believers possess no man can take, but all men may freely have. *"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My Sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for Great Is Your Reward In Heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."* So if you think you're poor, count your blessings! An old hymn, "A Child of the King," says it well.

My Father is rich in houses and lands; He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands!
Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full, He has riches untold.
My Father's own Son, the Savior of men, once wandered on earth as the poorest of them;
But now He is pleading our pardon on high, that we may be His, when He comes by and by.
I once was an outcast stranger on earth, a sinner by choice, an alien by birth,
But I've been adopted; my name's written down, an heir to a mansion, a robe, and a crown.
A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there;
Though exiled from home, yet still may I sing: All glory to God; I'm a child of the King!
I'm a child of the King, A child of the King: With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King!
— Harriet E. Buell, 1877

Instead of focusing on lack of the perishing temporal possessions, focus on your Infinite Eternal Possessions. *"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for That Meat which endureth unto Everlasting Life, Which The Son of man Shall Give unto you: for Him Hath God The Father Sealed."* Believers Are Immortal Through The Lord Jesus Christ! Father Is Creator/Owner of the entire Creation! He Can And Will Provide anything you truly need. Christ Is Heir of all and believers are *"Joint Heirs With Him."* If you were God when Adam sinned, would you have started over? You now only exist, because God didn't! Let's spread The Wealth *"to every creature!"*

"For ye know The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He Was Rich, yet for your sakes He Became Poor, that ye Through His Poverty might be rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9 KJV