

CERTAINTY OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

First, let us note the certainty of the kingdom. The second Psalm brings out this idea very clearly. The kings of the earth are pictured as declaring their determination to break asunder the bands of the Lord, and to refuse to obey him. In answer he declares the decree: "The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." The second Psalm portrays clearly to us the certainty of the fact that our Lord will some day reign in undisputed sovereignty over the nations of this earth.

In the 110th Psalm we find words which the New Testament writers apply definitely to Christ: "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." The declaration is here given that God will make all the nations of the earth subject to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The promises in Isaiah 11 and in Micah 4 are not given as mere hopes that something may occur, but as definite promises of Almighty God. Micah emphasizes this fact. To show the absolute certainty of fulfillment of his prediction he adds at the end of verse four: "for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." Here is no mere hope of the writer, but a declaration of that which God hath promised. Nor is any word of defeat to be found in the words of our Lord when he was here on earth. He was convinced that some day all that opposed his will would be subject to him. Just before his ascension, as recorded in the first chapter of the Book of Acts, the disciples, anxious to know when he would bring to pass the things he had promised, asked him, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel." His answer was "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power." In his words was not the slightest hint of any question as to whether God was actually going to perform that which he had promised.

In Revelation the note of triumph is found constantly. God has promised and God will bring it to pass. Our faith can safely rest in the many promises of God's Word, of a time of universal righteousness and peace upon this earth. It may be hard for some of us to believe, but God has promised, and what God has promised he is fully able to perform.