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A poor boy may sometimes be heard to say, "I wish I were a king's son." It is thought a

grand thing to be a prince, to live in a beautiful palace, to have rich dresses, the finest food, servants, horses, carriages, and every thing almost that the heart can wish.

People often make mistakes about worldly riches and honours. Many a poor man in his cottage is happier than a king in his palace. The great have their cares and troubles as well as the poor. The walls and guards of a palace cannot keep out sickness and death. It may not be so pleasant as many think to be an earthly prince. But it is the most blessed thing in the world

to be able to say of the great King who reigns in heaven, "He is my Father; He loves me, and I love Him." This is happiness indeed. This is far better than a crown of gold, sparkling with jewels.

At first we were all sons of this great King. But Satan, the wicked one, persuaded us to leave our Father, and join His enemies. Like princes who have been stolen from a palace when young and brought up among low wicked people, we have forgotten our rightful Father.

Though we have wandered far from God, He still loves us. We

have all sinned, and the wages of sin is death. But God sent His Son Jesus Christ from heaven to seek and save us. Through Christ's dying on the cross, God can now pardon our sins and take us into His favour. His promise is that all who open the door of their hearts to Jesus, or who believe in Him, become sons of God. He also says, "I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith the Lord God Almighty." How astonishing is this ! Well may it be said, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed

upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

The sons of a wise king are not allowed to live in idleness and do as they please. They are placed under teachers whom they must obey, and are required to study to prepare them for their high position. So it is with the sons of God in this life. Their heavenly Father knows what is best for them, and trains them in different ways. Poverty and other trials are like the lessons given to young princes to learn; but at last they will be over, and the king will send for them to His palace above.

What a glorious thing it is to be a son of God ! Choose it as a priceless pearl of which no one can tell the value.

Though most kings have large stores of silver and gold, riches sometimes take to themselves wings and fly away. Great princes have become so poor that they could scarcely buy food. But all things belong to God, and they are His for ever. He will not withhold from His children anything that is for their good.

Sometimes princes never wear crowns. The kingdom may be given to another or they may die before their time. Even when

one has reached the throne, he sits on it only for a short season, and then it passes to another.

It is not so with God's sons. Their kingdom can never be lost. Their life in this world may be long or short, but that makes no difference. They are certain to receive in the end a glorious crown, and one which they will never require to give up.

Most people cannot get riches and greatness though they try hard for them all their lives. But every body may become a king's son. How can this high honour be obtained ?



As already said, we become the children of God by trusting in Jesus Christ as our Saviour. Say to God, "Heavenly Father, forgive my sins and make me Thine own child; give me Thy Holy Spirit to cleanse my heart, and fit me for dwelling with Thee for ever; for Jesus Christ's sake." If, from the heart, you ask this, God will hear you, and make you one of His sons.

You must also behave like a son.

A good child delights to be near his father, and often speaks to him. If you are God's son, you will be glad to think that

He is always beside you, and you will often speak to Him in prayer. Tell Him all your wants, but remember to ask only for what will be for your real good.

Children are often like their father in features. The sons of a wise and good king should try to be like him in conduct. It would be a great shame for them to join with boys who gamble, tell lies, or otherwise do wickedly. Act like a king's sons. Shun every thing that is wrong: never say bad words of any kind; always speak the truth. Be just; be gentle, and kind. Return good for evil. So shall you be like

your Father in heaven who makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good. Try to live like Jesus, and to walk in His footsteps.

A father sometimes writes letters to his children when they are away from home, giving them advice. Our heavenly Father has sent long letters to us. You will find them in His Holy Book the Bible. Read them every day, and seek to do what He tells you.

Little children walking over a rough road are apt to stumble. The best thing is for them to take hold of their father's hand.

In this life we are weak and ready to fall into sin. We need God's constant help. Every day say, "Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe."

And you must never give up. The promise is, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Your heavenly Father will watch over you so long as you are in this world, causing all things to work together for your good, and at the proper time He will send His messengers to take you to His palace above for ever.

A choice is offered to us. God invites us to become His children. If we refuse to hear Him, we remain the children of Satan, and instead of going to heaven, we must dwell for ever in the place of torment.

Be wise. Listen to God's gracious call, and, from this time cry, "My Father, Thou art the guide of my youth."



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