

The Heritage of God
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"Save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their Shepherd and carry them forever." Psalm 28:9

Heritage is an interesting word. It's related to the word inherit - the heritage would be the thing that is inherited. A heritage is the family heirloom that is valued still, year after year after year. It's that thing that is understood as being vitally important to the family - so much so that it won't be sold off, so much so that even if no one else sees the value that it is kept precious to the family.

You, O Christian, are described here as the heritage of God. You are described as one who will be carried forever. That has some weight to it. This is a Psalm of David, and 3000 years ago the people of Israel still had much more of the wandering, the tent-life in their culture. The Tabernacle itself was a tent; the temple hadn't been built yet. The 40 years of wandering in the desert were still remembered. And even in all that moving over all that time - you still packed up the heirlooms and the heritages - you still carried them wherever you went because there was no way you would leave them behind.

As sinful human beings, we rarely value or esteem ourselves properly. Sometimes we are arrogant and puffed up and think we are all that and a bag of chips; sometimes we see our sin and feel lower than the dirt we were made out of. Neither of these really describe our value. You are utterly valuable to God, purchased and won by the blood of Christ Jesus, never to be abandoned or forsaken by Him. Not now, not ever. And this value doesn't rest upon your utility, or how shiny and new you look, or if you seem to be old and junky to the rest of the world. You are His heritage, His Keepsake - the one He would run back into a burning house to pull out, the one He would gladly go to the Cross to win and protect.

This week, amid all the various ups and downs you will inevitably experience, rather than focusing on what the world thinks of you, or even what you yourself think of you, remember what Christ Jesus has said of you. You are His eternal heritage, always to be with Him.