

leaning on man, as to neglect the leadings of his Holy Spirit, said, "Call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your father which is in heaven," Mat. xxiii. 9. where the wisdom from above is faithfully followed, and therein we are entrusted with substance, it is a treasure committed to our care in the nature of an inheritance, as an inheritance from him, who formed, and supports the world. Now in this condition the true enjoyment of the good things of this life is understood, and that blessing felt, in which is real safety; this is what I apprehend our blessed Lord had in view, when he pronounced, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

Selfish worldly minded men may hold lands in the selfish spirit, and depending on the strength of the outward power, be perplexed with secret uneasiness, lest the injured should sometime overpower them, and that measure meted to them, which they measure to others. — Thus selfish men may possess the earth; but it is the meek who inherit it, and enjoy it as an inheritance from the heavenly Father, free from all the defilements and perplexities of unrighteousness.

Where proceedings have been in that wisdom which is from beneath, and inequitable gain gathered by a man, and left as a gift to his children, who being entangled by the same worldly spirit, have not attained to that clearness of light in which the channels of righteousness are opened, and justice done to those