Obadiah - Commentaries by Henry Allan Ironside

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“Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions” — Obadiah. verse 17.

IT is a great thing to “possess our possessions.” Some day this will be true of restored Israel, when they shall be Once more in their own land and they will enjoy the inheritance God gave them so long ago, but which they have been bereft of throughout the years of their departure from God. What a lesson is there in this for those of us who through grace have been blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies in Christ? God cannot give us more than He has given. Yet how feebly do we apprehend the extent of our inheritance and how little of our possessions do we actually enjoy. Oh, for faith to plant our feet on God’s promises and possess all that is ours in Christ!

—Wade Robinson.

Daily Sacrifice, May 15

“The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?”— Obadiah 3.

THE Edomites were the descendants of Esau, Jacob’s elder brother; thus they were closely linked with the people of Israel, but in their pride and folly they turned away from the true God and worshiped idols, forgetting Him who had created and cared for them through the years. We are elsewhere told that, “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.” So Edom’s pride, which caused them to lift themselves up against God, was punished at last by their complete destruction as a people. What a lesson it should be to us of the folly of trusting in our own hearts and turning away from the only One who can deliver in the hour of trial.