

the meantime, our prospects are nothing less than spectacular.

C. The Practical Meaning:

1. We should not be boastful about our blessing but humble in that it is “given” to us.
2. We are treated, taught, and directed as “sons” Hebrews 12:5-8
3. We should be witnesses of His work and glorify Him. Matthew 5:13-16, 1 Corinthians 6:20

D. Conclusion: To know who and what you are is the first step in any phase of living. Growth and productivity are built on that. Alas, in all of church history a major problem has been in identification. Let it not be so with us. We are--

III. Item # 2: We, who believe, are in His Hand.

John 10:28-30

*(An inserted note about **speech figures**. These are literary devices often used to describe something in a pictorial way and manner may be literal or figurative depending on the intention. The following four talks all build on Biblical speech figures used to define the Lord in human terms and if you want the technical terms you may ask me for them and anything may result. But the chief figures used in Scripture for these discussions are “hand”, indicating the security given by God, “wing” the protective care of God, “eye” the omniscience and guidance of God, and*