

## Our Benevolent Sovereign

*“The Lord upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You. And you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing”* (Psalm 145:14-16)

With good reason Jesus immediately lifts the major burden of every person who stands on the threshold of the kingdom of God. *“And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows you have need of these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you”*.(Luke 12:29-31)

The psalmist has just extolled the glorious majesty of God’s kingdom, (Psalm 145:12-13). The glory of a kingdom, a government, a “political entity” is, to be sure, focused the security, wisdom and efficiency of its government. If it be a monarchy, this would be its king and his ability and diligence to insure the welfare, peace, joy, health and security of his subjects. The kingdoms of this world, whatever form their governments take, all fail miserably in this respect. Indeed, it is the want of these necessities that bring many to seek the Lord. In their distress over the oppression they are experiencing, their hunger, both physical and spiritual, they are brought to them to cry out to One who is able to supply what neither they nor their governments can.

Have we fallen, been beaten down, oppressed? Have we been so wounded and weakened and disabled that we can no longer rise to defend ourselves or to provide our needs? Our King lifts up all the fallen. There is no failure of His grace (God’s divine welfare system). No one slips through the cracks. He lifts up *all* who have fallen, strengthens *all* the weak.

He who feeds the sparrows which neither sow, cultivate nor reap, will surely make our labors fruitful. Nor will this provision be skimpy and short. He opens His Hands widely and satisfies every hunger of His people.

If someone may wonder why are there yet so many fallen in the world, and why is there so much hunger both spiritual and physical, then we can readily answer: these are not of the Kingdom of God, but of the kingdoms of this world. They fall and rise not. They labor much only to eat the bread of sorrows. Naught satisfies their souls. To all such we bring the Savior’s entreaty: “Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28-30). Here is a King and Kingdom whose subjects have unending peace and joy. —C. M. .