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is the hand that rules the world."

GATHERED FRAGMENTS



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A new contributor to *Bread of Life* is Anne Eberhardt, missionary to India, where she has been teaching in the Bible school at Hardoi, who in her article, "The Opening of a Closed Door," tells of God's working in Nepal.

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The pictures accompanying Miss Eberhardt's article are furnished by the courtesy of the *Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations*.

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A missionary from India writes, "I want to express my appreciation for a Bible study in the Bread of Life. Already I have received help and blessing from it [I am the Lord that Healeth Thee], as I've tried to do a little studying for my own soul's good. Often I've wished for such. It's one thing preparing something to teach to others. But just to study for one's

own edification is good! No time limit on a lesson, etc. Trust other Bible studies will follow."

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"Ever since the study on healing came out, I have been studying it diligently and prayerfully," writes a subscriber from this country. "I could tell you at this point that I have derived more than healing for my body as a result of this study. Just prior to the first lesson, the Lord touched my body in an infirmity that, although God had delivered me from it some time ago, tried to bother me again. I claimed the victory again and felt the touch of God as I prayed alone about complete victory. However, the Lord led me to feel that I should have my minister pray by the laying on of hands, and so I did. The strange thing about it was that I had already felt an answer to prayer, but God wanted me to do this one thing more. So, desirous to obey Him, I did as He had bidden. The following two nights I had much pain and discomfort, and it seemed to come from the part of my body where I knew (for I was under treatment for four years) there was a cyst. The following day I had a post-delivery check-up from my obstetrician as a matter of custom after having a child. At that time I enquired of the doctor to check the cyst area because of the discomfort and pain the previous two nights. At this point, God's plan unfolded to me very plainly. The doctor informed me that the cyst that we both knew had been there was there *no longer*. Being joyous and grateful, I did not stop to question

God why then the pain, but praised His wonderful name. I learned something about obedience!

"During the same time my youngest daughter was getting sick too often, and her body had broken immunity against fever to the point where she would convulse at times. She came very close to losing her life after one convulsion, and we had to hospitalize her. Having lost a child just a few months before, I started feeling depressed and fearful, when I encountered the study of healing in BREAD OF LIFE. Although the study was on healing, I was not looking for any particular healing but just wanted God to make Himself more real to me through the study. . . to teach me His ways. Praise God! He is truly answering my prayer, and as an added bonus, he has healed my daughter, not only from the weakness previously stated, but also from an acute rash which was due to allergies. Surely, good and upright is the Lord . . .

"I am learning to love Him through pain or comfort, in good times or bad. I am grateful for every experience He permits. And I know that the Author and Finisher of my faith will continue to weave the pattern of my life."

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On April 3 Pastor Hans Waldvogel and his niece, Miss Wally Roth, left for a period of ministry in Germany. After a few days in Hamburg and vicinity, Pastor Waldvogel began a Bible conference in Kirchheim on April 12.

God willing on June 27 *Pilgrim Camp* at Brant Lake, New York, will open its nineteenth season. Full information concerning the camp may be obtained by writing

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“Here Comes the Bride!”

by HANS R. WALDVOGEL

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church . . . Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; . . . So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery—but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband—Ephesians 5:22-25,28-33.

IT'S A WONDERFUL SIGHT to see a bridal party coming down the aisle. I wonder how many, many times since the beginning of the world that chorus, “Here comes the Bride,” maybe in different tones, has been played.

What a wonderful wedding the first wedding in the garden of Eden must have been! What a marvelous provision God made for that first couple. When He invited Adam and Eve to that first wedding, He made a wonderful preparation for them: A beautiful world full of gardens; trees bearing good fruit and nice to behold; lanterns in the sky to rule the day and to rule the night; the air was flooded with all kinds of fowl, winging back and forth, and the sea was filled with fish.

Everything was wonderful, but God needed a king, a son, and not only a son, but a daughter. And in order to have a son and a daughter that would shine forth His glory upon this earth and carry forth the authority

of heaven, He made man and a wife for the man. He said, “It isn’t good for man to be alone, so I’ll make a helpmeet for him.” Spurgeon said that a man without a wife is like half of a pair of scissors. You can’t cut with it.

What a marvelous wedding that must have been! How the heart of God must have rejoiced over that masterpiece of creation—a man and a woman created in His image, and so united to God that God was able to pour His life and His wisdom and His grace and His authority into them and through them. They were indeed united to God; they were indeed one with the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. God had created them for His own glory, and God had united them to himself as His own eternal possession. He had a marvelous plan. And then the serpent came in and deceived the woman. No reflection on women at all, but God said when He drove the man from the gar-

den, “Why did you listen to your wife?” There he cut Himself off from the control of the Holy Ghost.

Since that time there have been many weddings. We read about the days of Noah, how they married and were given in marriage, and then how the flood came and took them all away. Now the Lord Jesus Christ says, “That’s the way it will be in the last days, in the days of the Son of Man: They will eat and drink and marry and be given in marriage.” Millions of times they will march down to the altar looking lies and telling lies, making vows only to break them, until “the flood” comes and takes them all away.

Why was it that the flood came and took away that generation in the days of Noah? Because right in marriage they sinned against God, they drew away from the control of the Holy Ghost. They followed the dictates of their own wicked

hearts. "The imagination of men's hearts," He says, "was only evil from their youth. Therefore I will destroy man from the face of the earth." It hurt Him at His heart that He had made man. And why was it? Because the sons of God became lustful and looked upon the pretty girls and married whomsoever they chose.

Is that wrong? Why, that's what everybody does today, everybody, except sons of God, except those who are really redeemed; they marry whom they choose. And then after a while when they are tired, they get a divorce. If they knew they were headed for the fire prepared for the devil and his angels, they would be a little bit careful. And if young people realized what it means to be married outside of God's will, they would be a little bit careful about it. Thousands of years later, when Jesus Christ had died on the cross, He went to the spirits in prison, and spoke to these spirits which in the days of Noah did as they pleased. I wonder what will happen to this generation in which we live. Today, men are doing exactly as they did in the days of Noah—disregarding the law of God, disregarding the will of God. The flood is going to come, but this time, it's going to be fire. The heavens shall melt with fervent heat, and the works of man shall be burned, and Jesus Christ will come in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Why was it that that generation was destroyed? Because they didn't invite Jesus to their wedding. They did not like to retain God in their imaginations. They knew there was a God as

everybody today knows, but they honored Him not as God, they did not submit to God.

How different is God's program for a Christian wedding. In the passage before us we read that Jesus Christ has created this union and made it to be an integral part of His redemptive purpose and plan. Even as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, so He loves young people who are united in wedlock. He offers Himself to take care of them, to take charge of them, to live in them, and to let His glorious virtue and His glorious righteousness shine forth in them.

Marriage is a sacred institution, a holy affair. The Bible says the only people who are permitted by God to be married are those who are married in the Lord.

We read here about submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. We all have a boss. We have a God. And if the world today disregards the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, it's because they bow down to the god of the abyss, the bottomless pit, the god who now has His work in the children of disobedience and has caused delusion to come into the whole nation and the whole world. When we consider that one out of every three marriages goes on the rocks and lands in the divorce court, then we realize that this generation is as wicked as the generation in the days of Noah, and their judgment will be like that.

When we read that Jesus Christ is the Head of every man, that every man is subject to the Lord Jesus Christ, that he has the privilege to be filled with the fullness of the grace that was in the Son of God and to be a high

priest in his home, then we understand why He says, "Wives, be in subjection unto your own husbands as is fit in the Lord." I was happy recently to hear the testimony of a young woman who went to her pastor and commanded him to ask her to obey in the ceremony. He said, "Do you like that? Do you really want to obey?" She said, "If I didn't know him to be a man of God that I could safely obey, I wouldn't marry him." That is being married in the Lord.

When two are married in the Lord, they have all heaven at their disposal. They become an integral part of the very body of Christ for whom Jesus Christ gave His life. This is a very great mystery. And what is that mystery? "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." How does that happen? God alone is able to make such a union, but God has promised to do it, to make them one flesh, and, praise God, to make them heirs together of the grace of life.

What an endowment! What a dowry from my heavenly Father—to have Christ in their union and in their home, to have Him look after them like God looked after Adam and Eve before they sinned. Jesus Christ will be their constant Companion and their constant supply for everything that pertains to life and godliness.

Live in the Bible. This is your constant guide, and learn from this blessed Book of God not only what God asks of you to do, how He asks of you to live, but what God provides for the seed of the righteous, for those who walk blamelessly in all the commands of God.

The Fighting Elder

Conflicts in the Narrow Way

As Experienced in the Lives of Elder and Mrs. Eugene Brooks

By GORDON P. GARDINER

P A R T XII



EUGENE BROOKS (1856-1954) and Sara Leggett (1866-1949) were married in Chicago, Illinois, on February 22, 1900. Mr. Brooks, who had been a successful minister in various parts of the United States for fifteen years, was at that time pastor of a church in Victoria, British Columbia. Before proceeding with the story of their life together, we are presenting the testimony of Mrs. Brooks prior to their marriage. Born of godly parents near Chesley, Ontario, Canada, Sara Leggett Brooks was converted at the age of sixteen and brought into a place of blessed fellowship with the Lord. That same year she sustained an injury which slowly undermined her health until in the spring of 1897 she became confined to her bed. No medical help relieved her condition. Then in December of that year her minister suggested that the Lord Himself could heal her which resulted in an intense searching of the Scriptures on the subject of divine healing and of her own heart that she might be in a position to receive such a blessing from the Lord. Mrs. Brooks' testimony continues with the account of events in the early part of 1898.



"On February 7th the doctor called at the request of my mother, who had previously told him there was some enlargement in the upper and left region of my abdomen. He stated that he had noticed it before but was awaiting developments before mentioning it. Now it was decidedly larger.

"On February 14th he called again, bringing with him a brother physician of Wiarton, Ontario. They examined me and held a consultation. They told my friends that I had a blood tumor of a malignant form, and they did not expect I would live through the spring. This news only made me rejoice, for I thought, 'It will be all the more glory to God when He heals me.'

"The examination injured me very much. It seemed as though it had aroused the disease until it seemed to sap my very life. One day I called my sister and told her to be in prayer, for I felt that at any time my heart might cease to beat. The prayer of my heart was, 'O Lord, keep my body until Thou hast healed me for Thy glory.' Until this time I kept taking medicine to aid digestion, but now I gave it up, trusting God to keep my stomach. I was very much encouraged when I found it was kept very much better than when taking medicine.

"In the previous September one of our neighbors, Mrs. A. Turner, called and left some of the *Leaves of Healing*, the weekly paper of John Alexander Dowie of Chicago, Illinois. Rev. Mr. Dobson's predecessor, a man in whom I had great confidence, had preached against John Alexander Dowie and his ministry of healing, thereby prejudicing us against him, so that we did not care to read the *Leaves*. Therefore they lay untouched for several months, until one day when my sister, after her healing, in removing them to dust, glanced at them to see what was in them. She read an article on faith and exclaimed, 'Listen to what is in the *Leaves of Healing*.' Then she read the article. It went into our soul, and I exclaimed, 'Why, that's just what the Lord has been teaching us! Perhaps there's something else that is good in them.'

"From that time, we very cautiously read the *Leaves*, asking God to keep us from any error which they might contain. As we read, we saw that Dr. Dowie was teaching the very same things which God had previously taught us by His Spirit without any human instrumentality, for God had fulfilled to us His promises that "if any man will do His will, He shall know of the doctrine," and that 'the Spirit of truth will teach you all things and lead you into all truth.'

"One morning in March I wakened with an attack of kidney stones. We prayed, but our prayers were mingled with fear. We resorted to remedies, but I only grew worse. At last I consented to have my brother go for the doctor. After he had gone, I suddenly realized what I had done in turning from God to the world for help. My agony of mind, for a time, was terrible. I sent for Mr. Dobson. When the doctor came, I told him of my convictions and that now, although he had come five miles to prescribe, I would not take medicine until Mr. Dobson came.

"When he came, he advised the use of medicine, saying it would be presumption not to use the 'means.' He added that my mind was just a little disturbed by my suffering, etc., and tried to convince me that I was going too far in discarding medicine.

"I took my medicine (which only did me harm), but afterward deeply repented and was more than ever convinced that it was wrong. Then the question of medicine was settled forever.

"My pastor and the doctor both had tried to reconcile me to the thought of dying, but I knew it was God's will for me to live. Many a time would I fain have given up the struggle and allowed my life to be cut off, but I dared not. God alone knows the struggle against the doubts of the 'world, the flesh, and the devil,' through which He led me so gloriously. The enemy, of course, used every means possible to discourage and destroy my faith.

"For instance, a very dear friend of mine, who was a holiness woman, came to see me. Before her coming, I said, 'Oh, when Elizabeth comes, she'll understand.' No one else had seemed to understand, and all outsiders were opposed to my convictions. But alas, this dear friend from whom I expected understanding and encouragement was more scornful than anybody and left me with a great cloud hanging over me which left only when I had prayed most of the night after her visit. Then again light was restored, and I rejoiced in God my Saviour. Similar instances happened many times.

"The enemy also tried to discourage me when in February I sent a request for prayer to Rev. A. B. Simpson of the Christian Missionary Alliance and when the appointed time for united prayer came I was not delivered. But I turned to the Lord and left my case in His hands.

"Another severe test of my faith came in March when one of my cousins died with tuberculosis. During my illness she had visited our home, had received the teaching of divine healing, and had given herself fully to the Lord, and was trusting Him for healing. We were believing with her and fully expected her to be raised up. Her death was a severe blow, but again I went to the Lord and prayed it through until He restored my confidence and peace.

"During these tests the promises of God were very precious to me. I especially found the 37th Psalm a very present help in time of trouble, especially the 5th and 6th verses: *'Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.'*

"Very precious to me also was Hebrews 10:35-39: *'Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.'*

"I staid upon these passages.

"In April, a friend of ours, a member of the Mennonites, who believed in divine healing, sent a message by my sister that she thought I ought to get up and trust God for strength, adding that I was not glorifying God by lying there. I reasoned that perhaps she was right.

"From past experience, I had every reason to believe that an attempt to rise would kill me, for I had so many times nearly died from having my shoulders raised. But we prayed in Jesus' name for strength, and risking my life in God's hands I arose with my sister's help and stood for a moment. Then I sank back again. I felt that no healing touch had come; but we prayed that God would not let it harm me. However, I had not waited patiently on the Lord and, being ignorant of His purposes, had run before Him to obey what someone else had said. Now I had to learn my lesson. God's time had not yet come. He had more to do for me spiritually before He could release me.

"That night I wakened almost in the clutches of death, with my heart just faintly fluttering;

but I trusted God to keep my life and still work out His will in me. For three days I was very weak and could scarcely move. Then I quickly got as strong as before.

"Soon after this my brother Will said to Lydia, 'Let us go and have a talk with the Turners.' They went one evening and had a long talk and came home very enthusiastic and brought with them a bound volume of the *Leaves*. The many wonderful testimonies of healing, together with the teaching, and especially the sermon, 'If It Be Thy Will,' were a royal feast to my hungry soul.

"Previously (about March) the Lord had presented the question to me: 'Would you be willing to write Dr. Dowie for prayer, if God wanted you to do so?' I tried to evade the question by assuring myself that it was not necessary; that God was the same in my home as in Chicago, and that He would hear and heal me when I was ready. But I was really not willing to send the request, for I still retained some prejudice against Dr. Dowie. But I prayed that God would make me willing to do anything or go anywhere, that He would reveal to me all that there was in Christ for me and heal me in the way that would bring most glory to His name.

"Then one day in April my sister asked me if I would send a request to Dr. Dowie to pray for me. I said, 'No, I am going to have Mr. Dobson anoint me.' (I had requested him to do so some time before, and he had promised that he would.) My sister urged that it would be wrong to have him anoint me, for he would not pray the prayer of faith. But I felt I should do it. She therefore went to see him, praying that he might be convinced. She told him every step of the way God had led us. She told him that, in answer to our prayers for guidance, God had convinced us that it was His will to heal me without means, and that we had so often proved that to doubt His leading in this was to forfeit our peace of soul. But this and the references made to the Word did not convince him that it was God's will to heal me.

"Although he had been used of God to awaken me to pray and search the Word about divine healing, he had become afraid of the consequences of assisting me in any way in this matter. Yet he came and anointed me after he had told me that the faith must be on my part. I felt he was doing it to please me, and therefore it was but an empty ordinance. Needless to add, I was 'noth-

ing bettered,' for it is the '*prayer of faith*' that '*shall save the sick*', and he had confessed his lack in this respect.

"The following week, about the first week in May, I finally became willing and sent a request to Dr. Dowie for prayer. He appointed a time when he would pray, and we were to unite with him then. The appointed time arrived. We prayed, but I was not healed. I sent another request appointing May 13 for united prayer, yet the prayer was not answered.

"I turned to my Bible, and my eyes and my heart rested upon the words, '*My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him.*' I was not so much disappointed when Dr. Dowie's prayers were not answered, for I realized that God was dealing with me. I had come to the place where I saw it was not so important about my healing at that time; it was more important that I would get into the perfect will of God.

"For some time I had been praying about my nature faults, such as impatience, fault-finding, selfishness, etc., etc., for after the Lord had revealed His truth to me and I had made a complete consecration, I began to be convicted of these things in my nature which were displeasing to the Lord and to pray for deliverance. One by one they were presented to me, and one by one I prayed over them until the Holy Spirit showed me that I was cleansed of the sin I was praying about. This continued for some time until the Spirit showed me that I was thoroughly cleansed and my soul cried, 'O God, come to me; O God, fill me.' My soul became so hungry that I felt I would faint for longing and hungering after God. I didn't care to eat or to talk to anyone, my soul was engaged in the one great cry, 'O God, come to me.'

(To be continued)

Notice!

A number of our readers have expressed a desire to have *THE FIGHTING ELDER*, when completed, in book form. It has become necessary, at this point, to make a decision on this matter. It is impossible to give any details now as to price or date of publication, but we are simply asking all those who would be interested in securing such a book, if available, to express their interest by writing

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“The Hand that Rocks the Cradle”

By HELEN WANNENMACHER



“THE HAND that rocks the cradle rules the world.” What a challenge, Mothers! Yet it is regarded by so many today as old-fashioned, out of date—too confining. Nevertheless, it still remains the highest, holiest calling that God could bestow upon motherhood, that of training and influencing their children for God. This is brought about by their consistent Christian living and teaching and by their faith in God.

Listen to Paul’s words to Timothy—“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice and I am persuaded that in thee also.” What a heritage to be the child of such examples of faith.

When God wanted a man to re-make the world, he put him in a pious home with a God-fearing mother, there to train him by precept and example “til he was what He wanted him to be.

Moses was that man, and Jochebed was such a mother, who valued the task of caring for her own baby Moses, even at the risk of her own life. And though Moses was not long with his mother, yet her influence over him must have been dynamic, for when he was faced with the greatest decision of his life, he chose to serve God, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

America’s greatest need today

is for praying mothers who can plead and wrestle with God and who won’t give up ‘til the answer comes. Susannah Wesley, that godly mother of nineteen children, in wrestling with God for her children prayed: “God, I refuse to stand in Thy presence without my children.” No wonder they were all saved and used in such a remarkable manner.

The backslidden mothers of today quit praying yesterday. Is it any wonder there are so many delinquent children, even among our so-called Christian homes? Christian parents, you may provide food, clothing, education, and the material needs of life for your children, but if you are neglecting to influence them daily for God and meet their spiritual needs, you are depriving them of their greatest heritage possible, — and you are failing.

What will it be at the close

Mother’s Love

*Her love is like an island
In life’s ocean, vast and wide,
A peaceful, quiet shelter,
From the wind, the rain, the tide.*

*‘Tis bound on the North by Hope,
By patience on the West,
By tender counsel on the South
And on the East by Rest.*

*Above it like a beacon light,
Shine Faith and Truth and Prayer,
And through the changing scenes of
life
I find a Haven there.*

—Selected

of day—will it be a testimony from your child like that which Abe Lincoln gave his mother? “All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” Or will it be sorrow and regret, that you have failed to give him that which he wanted and needed most—you, your love, your faith and your prayers?



The Threshing Floor

QUESTION: Please give a simple answer to the doctrine of predestination.

ANSWER: Erudite authors have written volumes on these subjects, and there is danger of over-simplification in trying to condense them into a few sentences. But, perhaps the general principles can be stated briefly.

Predestination is a scriptural word. However, much harm has been done by the doctrine that some have been predestinated to heaven, and others to hell, and there is nothing that can be done about it. God has willed it in His sovereign power, and that is that! The trouble with the above theory is that it ignores entirely man’s free will. God has given man the power of choice, and the invitation is, “Whosoever will may come” (Rev. 22:17).

Romans 8:29 reconciles these two seemingly contradictory Bible doctrines. “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son.” As far as we are concerned, we have the privilege of choosing the right and refusing the wrong. As far as God is concerned, He predestinates according to His foreknowledge.

The Opening of a Closed Door

By ANNE E. EBERHARDT

NEPAL is a small country joining India on the north, having an area of 54,352 square miles with a population of about 10 million. The main religions are Hinduism and Buddhism. There are some Christians but not many, because in Nepal they are forbidden to preach out in the open. If someone is a Christian, he may have meetings in his own home but not a *regular* meeting. In other words, he cannot make a church out of his home, but people can come and you can speak about your experience if you are a Christian. But when it comes to baptizing people who accept Christ who have been Buddhists or Hindus, that is another matter because if they become Christians and publicly profess their faith in this way, then both the person who won them to the Lord and the professing Christian will be put in jail for a period of six years.

It has been my privilege and joy to teach many Nepalese students who come to the Hardoi Bible School for training. At present, twenty-six have graduated from the school, some of whom are working on the eastern and the western borders of Nepal, while three graduates are

working right in the capital city, Katmandu, and seven are in another area.

We have a very fine Nepalese brother, a very old man, who hasn't had much education, but he loves the Lord, has worked hard for His Master, and has won many souls to the Lord. He has sent at least twelve that he has won to the Lord to the Bible school. Two of these were a young couple.

The wife was the one who was first saved. Not very many of the Nepalese women know how to read and write, but Kosheela knew how to read and had some education. She kept witnessing to her husband, and he was convinced in his mind that the Christian way is the right way, but he didn't have the courage to step out as his little wife did. She kept saying to him, "I want to go to Bible school. I want to know more about the Bible. They won't accept me in Bible school unless you come." (We have a practice, when people are married, of accepting them only when husband and wife both come.) So she kept after him, but he wasn't ready to give up his cigarettes yet, and he knew that he couldn't come to school as long as he was smoking.

Finally the day came when she said, "Now listen, we're going to go to Bible school. If you don't stop your smoking, and if you don't come out for the Lord, I'm going to stop cooking for you." It makes one smile when we quote that remark—but they came and took their three years of Bible training. He was so backward when he came, but during the second year, when he started taking chapel services, it was wonderful to see how he had grown in the Lord and how the Word had opened up to him and the liberty the Lord was giving him in speaking. And it was a glorious day when they both received their diplomas.

After they graduated, they went right back up into the hill country of Nepal, the area that they themselves had come from, and witnessed to their relatives and friends, people who knew them. They had some wonderful healings. The husband prayed for the sick and many were healed so that they knew that this was the way. They say about thirty people are ready to accept Christ. They did not take baptism but are continuing to get Christian teaching.

Twelve of the graduates are



Singha Darbar (Lion Palace)
Nepal Government Offices



Above: An Old Nepal Palace
Center: Five-storied Temple near Katmandu

in the Darjeeling area, where there are many Tibetans. (We have three Tibetan young people working among Tibetans.) One of these who is pastoring a church near Darjeeling wrote such a thrilling report telling how happy he is in winning souls for the Lord. In just the previous two months he had led several Hindus to the Lord Jesus Christ, and they had taken water baptism.

Darjeeling is in India, and so they were able to take baptism there. Some of the Nepalese people, when they want to become Christians, often come down to this city or other areas in India where they take baptism. This is easy for them to do. When they go back to their country, they say, "I took baptism in India," and no one can say anything about that. But still, we're not satisfied with this kind of a witness. We feel that God wants to do more, but since the church is still so weak, we feel that we need to ask people in America and others to keep praying.

A young Nepalese man came to us rather unexpectedly during the summer vacation. (His name was Daniel — not when he came to us, but he took the name of Daniel when he became a Christian.) He had been in the army, and after the war was over he got a job as a carpenter. He met someone that he knew was working for us and found out that he was working for Christians and came to one of our afternoon meetings. He liked the atmosphere of the Christian church.

The following week, when he had an afternoon off, which was bazaar day, he came to the meeting again. This time he said, "I want to become a Christian. I want to have what these

other young people have." We didn't have too many students there at the time, only a few who could not go back to their homes because their people were Hindus, but the few that he saw, he was so pleased and delighted with the change in their lives and their witness, that it made him hungry to have what they had. That evening a group gathered and prayed with him until they prayed him through to a real born-again experience.

The following week he came. His face was shining. What a change there was in his life, and he said, "Oh, I thank God for what He has done for me. The burden of sin is gone from my life. Now I want to learn about the Word of God. Once a week isn't enough. I want to know more about Jesus."

To make a long story short, we accepted him even before the school term started because there was so much for him to learn. He didn't know anything about the Bible. He had to learn the books of the Bible. He didn't know what Genesis or Revelation meant. All he knew was that he had accepted Christ by faith and that Jesus had forgiven him. So we had special classes for him, and when the school opened a month later, he had had sufficient groundwork so that he could really enter into the school work and enjoy it with the other students.

About a month after school started, we had a precious moving of the Holy Spirit, and one of the first ones to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit was Daniel. He had never seen anyone get the baptism and was acting in a way that is perfectly natural when one receives the baptism. He was on his feet with eyes closed, his hands up

in the air, speaking away—just preaching. I said to the principal, "I have a feeling God is calling him to preach to his own people." (So often that happens when one receives the baptism in the Holy Spirit, God gives a ministry immediately in the spirit of preaching.)

So, the next morning, when I had that first-year class, I called on Daniel to pray. I had not called on Daniel to pray in class before this. The class was large, and there were many who had been Christians longer than he, and I didn't want to embarrass him by asking him to pray out loud in class. But now that he had received the baptism, I was a little curious to see what he would do. He didn't think to ask the Lord for blessing on the class. His heart and mind were all taken up with his people. Compassion had come into his heart. He said, "O God, have mercy on my people and us all. You know that they don't know anything. They don't know anything, Lord."

You can imagine the joy that came to my heart. That was a true baptism of the Holy Spirit, for Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses to Me." He had already received the desire to witness and had a burden for his own people. After Daniel's graduation, the Lord led him to go back to his own village in Nepal, and to witness to them about what the Lord had done for him. He got a job as an ordinary day-labourer, supporting himself and witnessing as he had opportunity. There was a little Christian community there because there was a Christian hospital. There are a

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Momentous Events from The History of Christianity

The Martyrdom of Polycarp

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IT WILL be remembered that when Ignatius, pastor of the church at Antioch, had been condemned to death and was enroute to Rome to suffer martyrdom, he stopped at Smyrna. There he hastened to see Polycarp, the pastor of the church in that city, with whom in former years he had studied under the Apostle John. Very probably this Polycarp was none other than "the angel" or messenger of the church at Smyrna to whom the aged Apostle had been commanded to write one of the seven letters found in Revelation (Rev. 2:8-17). If this be true, there is great significance, in view of the events about to be related, to the exhortation found in the letter "to the angel of the church in Smyrna": "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Polycarp was probably over forty years of age at the time of Ignatius' last visit and farewell to him. Unquestionably the exhortations and the noble example of his dear friend did much to inspire Polycarp also to be faithful even unto death about forty-five years later. At that time a very terrible persecution of the Christians sprang up in Smyrna and its environs. They were scourged to death, burnt at the stake, or thrown to wild beasts. It is recorded that these martyrs were so wonderfully sustained by supernatural power, that, in their hours of most dreadful anguish, not a groan escaped their lips.

Through the urgency of his friends Polycarp was induced to leave the city, to seek a retreat in the country. The mob clamored for his blood: they pursued him. Two boys were found, who, as they

supposed, knew of the place of his concealment. These merciless men placed the boys upon the rack. In their unendurable agony, one of them told where Polycarp was to be found. A band of soldiers, thoroughly armed, hastened to seize him. It was late on Friday night, and the bishop was calmly sleeping in his chamber. Aroused by the noise of their entrance, he descended to meet them, greeted them kindly, and ordered refreshments to be set before them. He then asked of them the favor to grant him one hour for prayer. The soldiers, impressed by his venerable appearance and kindly spirit, could not refuse his request. At the close of this season of devotion they placed him upon an ass and conducted him to the city.

The sun of Saturday morning had risen as they entered the street of Smyrna. There they were met by an officer of the law who took the venerable Polycarp into his chariot. As they rode along, the officer entreated him, "What harm is there in saying, 'Caesar is Lord,' and in sacrificing, with the other ceremonies observed on such occasions, and so make sure of safety?"

Meekly Polycarp replied, "I cannot follow your advice." The officer was so exasperated by what he considered his irrational stubbornness that he not only overwhelmed him with reproaches but also threw him out of the chariot with such violence that the aged pastor sprained his ankle by the fall. "But without being disturbed, and as if suffering nothing," relates the eyewitness who recorded the events of that memorable day, "he went eagerly forward with all haste, and was conducted to the stadium, where

the tumult was so great that there was no possibility of being heard.

"Now, as Polycarp was entering into the stadium, there came to him a voice from heaven, saying, 'Be strong, and show thyself a man, O Polycarp!' No one saw who it was that spoke to him; but those of our brethren who were present heard the voice. And as he was brought forward, the tumult became great when they heard that Polycarp was taken."

Then he was brought before the tribunal of the proconsul who seemed to wish to save the venerable old man. He said to Polycarp, "If you will only swear by Caesar, and reproach Christ, I will immediately release you."

Polycarp replied, "Eighty and six years have I served Christ, and He hath never wronged me. How can I now blaspheme my King and my Saviour?"

"Swear by the fortune of Caesar," the proconsul pressed him yet again.

"Since thou art vainly urgent that, as thou sayest, I should swear by the fortune of Caesar, and pretendest not to know who and what I am, hear me declare with boldness, I am a Christian. And if you wish to learn what the doctrines of Christianity are, appoint me a day, and thou shalt hear them."

"I have wild beasts at hand; to these I will cast you, except you yield."

"Let them come. I cannot change from good to bad; but it is well to pass from these sufferings to the realms of justice."

"I will cause you to be consumed by fire," continued the proconsul, "unless you yield."

"You threaten me," said Polycarp, "with fire, which burns but for a time, and is soon extinguished; but you are ignorant of the future judgment, and of the fire eternal which is reserved for the ungodly."

The proconsul was astonished at his firmness. Still he sent his herald into the amphitheatre to proclaim to the eager throng awaiting the cruel spectacle of the martyrdom that Polycarp had confessed himself a Christian. With loud and angry shouts, the populace declared that he was the father of the Christians; that it was he who had induced so many to abandon the temples of the gods. With one voice they demanded that he should be thrown to the lions.

The proconsul refused, saying that the spectacles of the wild beasts were finished. They then raised the deafening cry, that he should be burned at the stake. Immediately they ran to the workshops around to gather fuel. It was observed that the Jews were as eager as the pagans at this work.

When the funeral pile was ready, Polycarp, laying aside all his garments, and loosing his girdle, took off his sandals. Immediately the officers surrounded him and prepared to nail him to the stake. At this Polycarp calmly said to them, "Leave me as I am. He who gives me fortitude to endure the fire will enable me to remain in the midst of the flames."

These savage men, perhaps interested in witnessing the result of such an experiment, consented.

Polycarp then, "placing his hands behind him, and being bound like a distinguished ram taken out of a great flock for sacrifice," raising his eyes to heaven, breathed aloud the following prayer:—

"Lord God all-powerful, Father of Jesus Christ, thy blessed and well-beloved Son, through whom we have received grace to know thee. I thank thee that thou hast led me to this day and to this hour, in which I am to take part in the number of thy martyrs. May I this day be admitted into thy presence with them as an acceptable sacrifice, in accordance with that thou hast prepared, predicted, and fulfilled!

"Therefore I praise thee for these things. I bless thee, I glorify thee, through the eternal and celestial High Priest, Jesus Christ, thy dear Son; to whom he rendered glory, with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and through all future ages. Amen."

The church in Smyrna wrote an account of the martyrdom of Polycarp, which is still extant, and which they sent to their brethren throughout the world. In it the church testifies to the following miraculous event which was witnessed at his death:—

"When Polycarp had finished his prayer, and pronounced 'Amen' aloud, the officer lighted the fire: and, a great flame bursting out, we, to whom it was given to see, saw a great miracle, and have been preserved to relate to others that which had happened. For the flame, forming the appearance of an arch as the sail of a vessel filled with wind, was a wall round about the body of the martyr. And he appeared within, not as burning flesh, but as bread that is baked, or as gold and silver refined in a furnace. Moreover, we perceived also in our nostrils such a fragrance, as of frankincense or some other precious perfume.

"At length, the impious judges, observing that his body could not be consumed by the fire, ordered the executioner to approach, and plunge his sword into his body. Upon this a quantity of blood gushed out, so that the fire was extinguished, and all the multitude were astonished."

The dead body was then placed upon the funeral-pile, and burned. The friends of the martyr were then permitted to collect the charred bones and give them Christian burial.

Thus the "illustrious, apostolic, and prophetic teacher," as the members of his flock at Smyrna described him, "having through patience overcome the unjust governor,.... acquired the crown of immortality, he now, with the apostles and all the righteous in heaven, rejoicingly glorifies God."

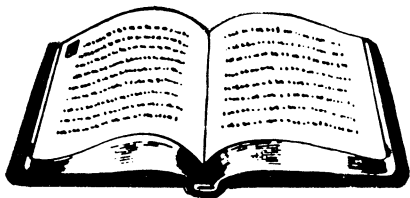
Abbott's account has been supplemented by the original account of "The Martyrdom of Polycarp" as found in *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*. The date of Polycarp's death is believed to be about 155 A.D.

The Opening of a Closed Door

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few Christian hospitals in Nepal, and witnessing is permitted on the hospital grounds. A missionary connected with this hospital wrote me a letter just before I came home on furlough, "I want to tell you that we were so delighted the other day when Daniel took the communion service." (The pastor had been put in jail because of baptizing some people who had accepted Christ.) Daniel felt so unworthy to stand before the people and take communion, that, out of true oriental custom, he took his shoes off as he stood before the people. Tears coursed down his cheeks as he said, "I feel so unworthy to serve the communion to you, but I'm so thankful that the Lord saved me," and all of them were broken before the Lord as He ministered to them. When we consider that this Nepalese young man just a little over three years before that was himself a Hindu and now he was ministering to others, it gives us real joy and delight.

There are many like Daniel, here and there, who are seeking for the light. We can't help but feel that God brought Daniel to our door probably through someone's prayers, and so we covet your prayers for the land of Nepal. Pray that God will keep working through these twenty-six graduates and others who are witnessing for the Lord and that He will keep the doors of Nepal open. In fact, they need to be open more that they may have liberty, real liberty in preaching the Word, and also in having people accept the Lord and that those who do may be able to take baptism.



“I AM the Lord that Healeth Thee”

By CHARLES N. ANDREWS

1. Read Psalm 34 and I Samuel 21:10-22:2.
 - a. Give the circumstances under which this Psalm was written.
 - (1) Describe the people around David.
 - (2) What did David propose to do under these circumstances?
 - b. What is the way to be delivered from fears?
 - c. How may we be saved out of our troubles?
 - d. What promises are given here to those who “fear the Lord”?
2. What in Psalm 34 is the “fear of the Lord”? And in Psalm 19:9; Proverbs 8:13; 1:7; 9:10-11; and any other passages you may find.
 - a. List the things mentioned in Psalm 34 that contribute to a long and good life.
 - (1) Turn the list around, and list things that would contribute to sickness, a bad life, and death.
 - b. List promises given to the “righteous” in Psalm 34 and in any other place you wish to look up in the Bible.
 - (1) Read Romans 4, and any other passages you can find on how to become righteous.
 - (2) List as many things as you can find on how to become righteous.
 - c. Note Verse 18 of Psalm 34; Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 57:15, and 66:1-2.
 - (1) List the promises given in these verses.
 - (2) List to whom they are given.

Some After-thoughts on Job

Last month our healing lesson was in Job.

The book of Job shows us that sickness and disease come from Satan, and may only be put on a true child of God by God's permission.

Job had no Bible, no religious services to at-

tend, where he could be taught from God and about Him; consequently, his expressed ideas about God and the troubles he had, most of which were answers to the likewise wrong ideas of his “friends,” show a lack of true understanding of God. However, the expressed attitude of his heart toward God when he had lost everything, including seven children, in one day was: “The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord” (Job 1:21).

Could you, having the Bible and the opportunities for teaching you have, take a position like this under similar circumstances?

Then Job, when afflicted in his body with an awful disease, declared, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust Him” (Job 13:15). Could you under similar circumstances, having the Bible and teaching that Job didn't have, take the same position of trust?

From the teaching we have, we can see how much easier it would have been for Job as he was patiently enduring, though complaining some, if he had been taught, as we have, to “in everything give thanks,” and to “rejoice in the Lord alway.” However, do you “rejoice in the Lord alway”?

This test of Job was to prove to the devil and others that Job would stay true to God and continue to trust Him under any circumstance. How about you? Can God point to you as an example of one who will trust in God and be true to Him under all circumstances?

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTIONS ON JOB

1. Job was perfect, upright, feared God, eschewed evil.
2. He did not sin with his lips.
3. a. Satan. b. Yes. c. “Only upon himself put not forth thine hand.” d. “Save his life.” e. What we are able to bear.
4. a. That Job served God only for the blessings he received. b. Job worshipped, submitted, blessed God, sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.”
5. a. That Job would curse God if he became afflicted in body. b. Job submitted and “did not sin with his lips.”
6. That there must be something wrong with Job or he would not be afflicted.
7. Very little, if any. He was puzzled.
8. Mainly, that God was the Author of his trouble and must be against him.
9. That God teaches people many needed lessons by their afflictions.
10. Complete submission to God, satisfaction with His program, and abhorrence of himself.
11. a. Patience, steadfastness (R.S.V.), and merciful. b. Pitiful, compassionate (R.S.V.), and merciful.
12. Deliverance.
13. The difference is that Job's case was a test between God and the devil, whereas most people's sufferings come to them, as a result of their sin and foolishness.
14. Give God the benefit of the doubt and commit our case to our Father, believing He will bring forth deliverance and glory to His name.
15. He must also claim that he is as Job—“perfect, upright, fears God, eschews evil,” steadfast, and does not sin with his lips.

“The Lord’s White Dove”

Hilda Nilsson

August 15, 1875 - March 28, 1964

MANY readers of *BREAD OF LIFE* have especially appreciated the selections from the writings of Martha Wing Robinson which have appeared in its pages from month to month. A number of these were made available through the kindness of Mrs. Robinson’s faithful co-worker of many years, Hilda Nilsson, whom the Lord has now taken Home. Therefore we take this opportunity to give our readers a brief testimony to the grace of God in her life.

“YOU ARE the Lord’s white dove, and He wouldn’t let anything hurt you.” These words of encouragement and faith were spoken by an elderly Christian woman to Hilda Nilsson when as a young woman of 24 she was suffering with tuberculosis. Both her parents and all of her mother’s family had died of this dreadful disease. Now she, too, was stricken and realized that, in the natural, hers would be a similar fate.

Four years before this, in 1895, Miss Nilsson had come from Sweden to Chicago. Two years later, when she was 21, she was saved. Shortly afterwards she attended a ministers’ convention held in the Swedish Free Church in Rockford, Illinois, where the Lord poured out His Spirit mightily. Many of the men shouted, and one brother was so filled with holy laughter that he could hardly contain himself. And one woman fell prostrate under the power of God.

As for Miss Nilsson, by nature a very reserved, quiet, sedate young lady, the Holy Spirit came on her in such power that not only did she dance in the Spirit but took hold of an elderly woman and together they danced

under the power of God. All this, be it remembered, took place nine years before the Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit in a convention of dignified denominational ministers.

More important to Miss Nilsson than the unusual physical manifestation she had experienced was the deep hunger she received for unbroken fellowship with Jesus. So great was this that she could not eat for two days but went into the woods to be alone with Jesus.

It was about two years after this that Miss Nilsson contracted tuberculosis and was sent to Colorado to regain her health. There she found employment with a wealthy family who were going to Bermuda for the winter and wanted her to accompany them. Enroute they stopped in Chicago. There in a prayer meeting she met the same elderly woman she had danced with in the ministers’ convention. She asked her to pray for her as she did not think that she would live through the winter. Then it was that “this dear old woman” took her in her arms and said, “You are the Lord’s white dove, and He would not let anything hurt you.”

“A day or two later I felt like a different person,” recalled



Miss Nilsson. “I had no chills or fever. Later in a vision, Jesus pointed His finger to the time when I was in the arms of this dear old saint and He said, ‘Don’t you know you are healed?’”

In 1903 Miss Nilsson returned to Sweden and trained to be a masseuse. After coming back to this country she went to the West Coast and pursued her profession among very wealthy people until 1912 when the Lord showed her she was to give up this work.

In 1914 she made her home in Wheaton, Illinois, where one day she attended a prayer meeting conducted by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Robinson of Zion, Illinois. There it was that Mrs. Robinson invited Miss Nilsson to the Faith Homes in Zion. Miss Nilsson accepted the invitation at once for the Lord had spoken the words, “Zion City,” in her soul that morning as she read Acts 10:20: “Go with them, doubting nothing, for I have sent them.” For some years Miss Nilsson had felt the call to Christian service, and this proved to be God’s open door.

After a period of training, Miss Nilsson was called of the Lord in 1920 to be Mrs. Robin-

son's co-worker. After Mrs. Robinson's death in 1936, she carried on her God-appointed ministry in the Faith Homes there and elsewhere as the Spirit of God led her.

On February 15 of this year Miss Nilsson suffered a fall, breaking her hip. To all appearances she seemed to be recovering nicely, but in the early

morning hours of March 28, she called her nurse and said, "I thought the Lord was going to take me Home." And in a few minutes He did!

The funeral, held March 31, was marked by great rejoicing, praise, and worship, culminating in a strong Holy-Ghost call for all present to consecrate themselves to God to live a life of

humility such as this vessel of God had done.

No one ever referred to Miss Nilsson as "the Lord's white dove," except on the occasion of her healing, but nothing could be more descriptive of the character of this gracious lady, for hers was a life of peace, of gentleness, and of being filled continually with the Holy Spirit.

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Daily Manna for May

Verses compiled by MARTHA WING ROBINSON
with Comments by HANS R. WALDVOGEL

1. A Godly Exercise. Lam. 3:25, 26.

Would you know how good the Lord is to him that seeketh Him? Find out for yourself by spending time every day this month waiting earnestly and in faith upon the Lord. Sooner or later you expect to do it. Why not sooner, why not now?

2. He Faileth Not! Zeph. 3:5.

These three little words constitute the winning team. Join up! Joining anyone else or everything else might lead to defeat. Here is safety, certainty, and enjoyment. How to join? John 14:21-23.

3. A Morning Prayer. Psalm 143:10.

Fill me with the knowledge of Thy glorious will.
All Thine own good pleasure in Thy child fulfill.

4. A Power Supply. Isa. 40:31.

By continually waiting upon the Lord I confess my utter dependence on Him and also my implicit faith in Him. Ye shall receive power. "My strength is made perfect in weakness." "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might."

5. He Careth For You. Matt. 10:29.

My hairs are all numbered. My thoughts are observed afar off. He takes notice of every word of mine—so perfect is His care over me, and so perfectly may I commit my every care to Him. He careth for you.

6. A Special Privilege. Phil. 1:29.

All men suffer, but suffering for Him is the privilege of those who shall reign with Him. We are appointed thereunto. Therefore we glory in tribulations also. "I fear no evil, for thou art with me."

7. Intimacy—Identification. Psalm 18:2.

The great trials, testings, and temptations drove David to seek and find refuge in the Rock of Ages. When Paul's strength seemed to fail, he found new strength in the all-sufficient grace of Jesus. Anchored in Jesus, I fear no wind nor wave.

8. Meekness. Matt. 5:5.

The surrender of His will to the will of the Father made Jesus the meek and lowly in heart and caused God to deliver all into His hands. His invitation to become His yokefellow is an invitation to become His joint-heir. "Learn of me for I am meek."

9. The Path of Knowledge. John 7:17.

The Word of God is the will of God. He that loves God will love the Word of God and will find in it life and light. The excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus comes through keeping His commands.

10. His Possession. Psalm 119:176.

Not my own, for Jesus bought me,
Saw me wandering and sought me,
To His fold in mercy brought me.
Not my own but His.

11. A Safe Place. Psalm 2:12.

As an errand boy caught 'mid the snarling traffic of the big city, I found a place of safety behind the traffic cop. Psalm 2 pictures a universe ablaze with revolt against God and his people and points to the only place of safety: Jesus, who conquered the world, and says, "Let not your heart be troubled."

12. Satisfied. Psalm 73:25, 26.

What though I be but weakness?
My strength is not in me.
The poorest of Thy people has all things,
Having Thee.

13. *Grace Abundant. Psalm 51:17.*

When because of our failures we have every reason to be ashamed and to despise ourselves, our God opens wide His arms of love. He is not ashamed to call us brethren, Jesus a merciful and faithful high priest.

14. *The Road Map. Isa. 30:21.*

False Christs and false prophets, lying signs and wonders are on the increase. There is one sure guide: the New Testament. The voice behind you! Be mindful of the words spoken before by the apostles and of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15. *Rock of Ages. Psalm 46:1.*

*I may not know the reason why
Dark clouds so often veil the sky;
But though my sea be smooth or rough,
The Lord knows why—and that's enough.*

16. *Our Weapons. Eph. 6:17, 18.*

Bible study and prayer. Jesus used them successfully, answering the devil with: "It is written," and praying in the days of his flesh. The early church likewise continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and in prayer.

17. *A Sure Defense. I John 4:4.*

*And wouldest thou know the secret of constant victory?
Let in the Overcomer, and He will conquer thee.*

18. *The Sacrifice of Our Lips. Eph. 5:20.*

All things given us in Christ Jesus are so numerous: all the promises of God, whatsoever ye desire when ye pray, all things pertaining to life and godliness, etc. There is no time left for anything but giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

19. *Tender Care. Isa. 40:11.*

What a shepherd! Reserving His best care for the smallest and weakest; going before His sheep, feeding them in green pastures, but carrying the lambs in His arms. Only Jesus is like that.

20. *Self-Denial. Matt. 16:24.*

Self-denial becomes delightful to one who has seen the face of Jesus, exchanging my carnal living for a life in the Spirit, forsaking the dunghill of the beggar to be seated among princes. "Come out from among them, and I will receive you."

21. *A Holy Calling. I Tim. 6:19.*

What sin robbed us of, Jesus has purchased for us and now says: "Strive to enter in. The gate is strait, and the way is narrow that leadeth unto life." All are invited: "Come unto Me, and I will give you life."

22. *A More Excellent Sacrifice. Psalm 116:14-17.*

Sacrifice and offerings for sin Thou didst not desire, nor is there any room for them, since Jesus offered Himself without spot to God. Now it remains for the sinner to receive by faith the blessing and to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving to God who hath redeemed us.

23. *A Place to Hide. Psalm 61:2.*

"As a snare shall it come upon all that dwell upon the face of the whole earth."
No place to hide but the rock that was cleft for sinners!

*"My tower of strength, I fly to Thee
And safely there abide."*

24. *They Hear My Voice. John 10:4.*

*"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, 'Christian, follow Me'."*

25. *A Shining Path. Prov. 4:18.*

As its beginning: "God hath shined in our hearts," so is its progress: "following after holiness," walking in the light as He is in the light, and as sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked generation, shining as lights in the world.

26. *Great Mercy. Matt. 5:7.*

Plenty chance for being merciful, but much greater is my need to receive mercy. The very basis of our fellowship in Christ in view of the mercy of God that saved us is to let His mercy flow through us into other lives. Romans 12.

27. *Prayer and Praise. Col. 4:2.*

The two wings of faith by which we mount up as eagles. Clip one, and your flight is arrested. Prayer and supplication with thanksgiving bring results.

28. *Glorious Rest. Psalm 37:7.*

Often we hear folks say: "The king's business requires haste," or, "What thou doest, do quickly"—one spoken by a liar, the other spoken to the traitor. How different is God's way of victory: Stand still; the Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.

29. *Sufficient. II Cor. 12:9.*

Out of His fulness, grace for grace. Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was rich, but for our sakes became poor that by His poverty we might become rich. To Paul, the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant. Come, stop complaining and dig into His treasury.

30. *God's Ask. Matt. 7:7.*

*"God's ask meaneth all fullness and all grace,
Access in every time and place."*

Yet we, to whom this mercy is so free, this privilege of light to bask in the full sunshine of His face, regard prayer even as a task.

31. *Why, Indeed? Psalm 42:6.*

This question is just like the question Jesus asked of Peter after his sinking: "Wherefore didst thou doubt?" He had the choice between looking at the boisterous wind or looking unto the Lord. So has my soul constantly the privilege of looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith, and that is victory.