

*'They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles.'*

Isaiah 40:31



AERY NUGGETS

EXPERIENCE

I should not grieve o'er yesterday,
Because 'tis in God's past:
I may not bring it back again
With all its clouds o'er-cast.

Nor should I o'er tomorrow fret,
Because it is not here:
And if tomorrow come at all
I may be far from fear.

Why should I worry o'er to-day?
'Tis mine, the while I roam,
To serve my Lord and grow like Him
Until He calls me home

—H. McD.

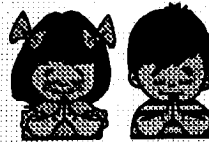
Peace may flow as a river- but the moment we are washed in the blood, God takes us up to train us for Himself. It does not interfere with our blamelessness before Him as washed ones; there is not a thought in His mind of blame, but because I am so connected with Christ, He sees all the little ways in me that are unlike Christ.

— G.V.W.

Dear Children, Young Men, Fathers,

Though we might be of either gender these stages are passed through or arrived at as we mature in this life. Recently a new born infant was ushered into our family and as I gazed at him, it was almost overwhelming to think of all he will have to learn to say, do and be, not to mention the changes he will have to face as these various stages will be passed through.

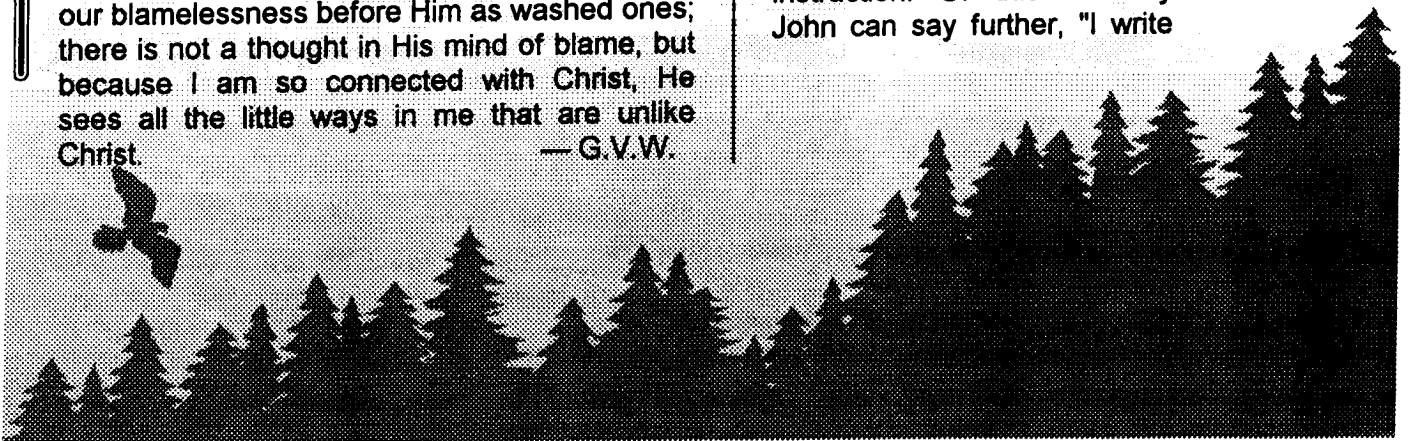
The Apostle John, who particularly addresses these three stages, begins with the words, "I write unto you little



children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake" (1 John 2:12). Being born into God's family

is accompanied with the forgiveness of all sins—past, present and future.

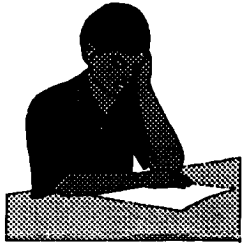
Earthly parents have the responsibility to teach and train these little infants as they progress, and even so, God as Father to spiritual children sees to their needs of spiritual instruction. Of this intimacy John can say further, "I write



unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father" (I John 2:13).

Speaking of his childhood Paul said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child" (II Cor 13:11), but eventually these characteristics had to be put away or they would have hindered his maturity.

Young men were written to, "Because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (I John 2:14). The



Preacher's message of, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Eccl. 12:1), having been followed, these young men, formerly children, having grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour (I Peter 3:18),

through the teaching of the Father, are now fitted to contend with the enemy, but this fitness is only true when the Word of God abideth in them. Fleshly strength will be to no avail, in fact the apostle Paul had to hear God say to him, "My strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12:9).

Danger lurks for the young believer, who inwardly disregards the admonition, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph 6:11), for he has no strength of his own.

While we pass through these stages in both physical and spiritual life, entering into the succeeding one almost imperceptibly, soon we have embarked upon the final and probably the most sobering one— due to the responsibilities attached to it.

The words, "I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning" (I



John 2:13), give us the thought that those who have progressed to the fatherhood stage have enjoyed communion with the One Who is the Father's delight, and are not just abiding under Parental authority in the learning

mode.

To fathers has been committed the responsibility of passing on to their children, things which God has unfolded to them. "For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children" (Ps. 78:5). In the discharge of this duty, much grace needs to be displayed, for though a faithful father is, "one who ruleth well his own house, having his children in

subjection with all gravity" (1 Tim. 3:4), yet he is cautioned, "provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

Eventually, as we continue in this role, our age is going to bring about a change in our capabilities. Let us not look upon such a possible limitation with resistance, but let us entrust the whole matter to our loving Father's hands. Being of an independent nature, I have sought, up till now to help myself as much as possible, in spite of waning strength and mobility. Nevertheless, on a recent trip, besides the loving care of my wife, two grand daughters in the bloom of the days of their youth, who accompanied us, were allowed to lavish their love upon me by holding doors open, carrying plates through the food line, and holding my coat. May we learn to graciously accept such service of love with thanksgiving and not with a fearful apprehension of what its necessity might forecast.



Are we tempted to cry out to our Heavenly Father, "Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth" (Ps. 71:9). The answer comes, "Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you" (Isa. 46:4).

Though enfeebled by advancing years or impairing afflictions we need not fear uselessness, "For they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him" (Ps. 92:14-15).

Sincerely in Him,

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Not a glance of my eye, nor a thing that occupies me, but Christ notes. Why? Because *He loves me*, and He wants all and everything in connection with me to be according to His mind.

Two very simple things are telling the state of any soul: are they saying, "To me to live is Christ, and to die gain?"

When Stephen was being stoned, what was the Lord thinking? That Saul, the bitterest of all persecutors, would step in and fill up the ranks.

—G. V. W.

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