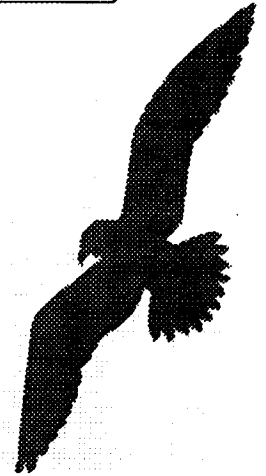


*'They shall  
mount up...*

# ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings  
as eagles."  
Isaiah 40:31*



## AERY NUGGETS

### He Knows! He Knows!

I know not what awaits me;  
God kindly veils mine eyes,  
And o'er each step of my onward way  
He makes new scenes to rise;  
And every joy He sends me comes  
A sweet and glad surprise.

One step I see before me:  
'Tis all I need to see:  
The light of heaven more brightly shines,  
When earth's illusions flee;  
And sweetly thro' the silence comes  
His loving, "Follow Me."

Oh, blissful lack of wisdom!  
'Tis blessed not to know;  
He holds me with His own right hand,  
And will not let me go;  
And lulls my troubled soul to rest  
In Him who loves me so.

So on I go - not knowing,  
I would not if I might;  
I'd rather walk in the dark with God  
Than go alone in the light;  
I'd rather walk by faith with Him  
Than go alone by sight.

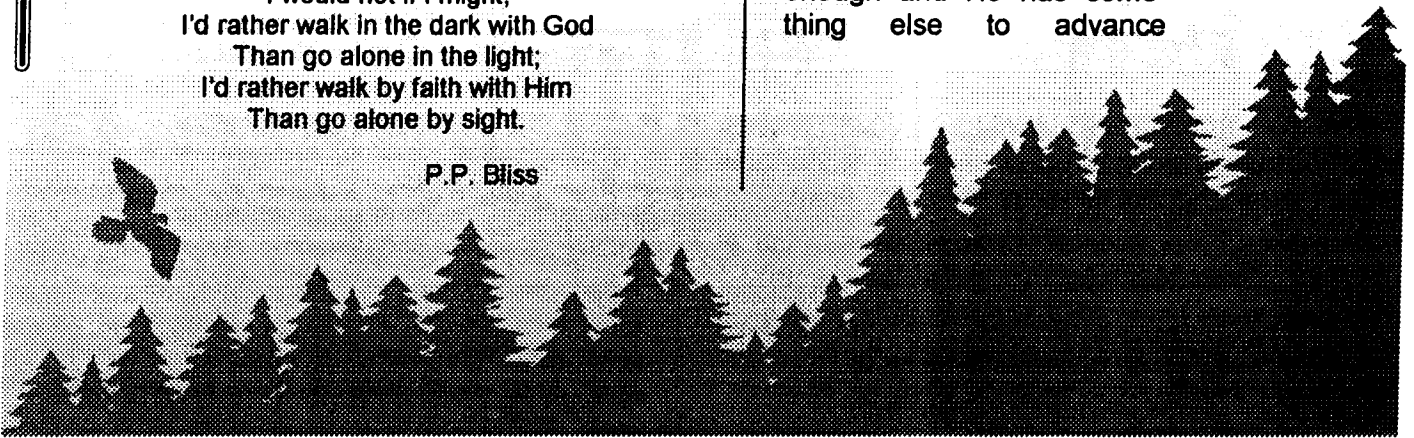
P.P. Bliss

Dear "to be" Pillars,

Have you had the experience after an extended tenure of devoted work service for an employer, of being unexpectedly told that your services were no longer required? With the fast paced development of new technology and the competitive need to down size personnel requirements, few can really feel secure at their desk, machine or work bench. No longer may we entertain visions of being an indispensable pillar in the work place.

A Pillar is defined either as "a strong upright support" or "a column or shaft standing alone, especially as a monument." While the word "pillar" usually conveys the thought of building supports or monuments, like the Washington Monument or the St. Louis Arch, living people, in their every day life, can fill either category too.

While it is hard to be uprooted from a situation we have held for quite some time, perhaps it amounts to the fact that the Lord sees our training has gone far enough and He has something else to advance



us to, like we have in John 10:4, "When he putteth forth his sheep, he goeth before them."

Our Heavenly Father knows where we can best serve Him, and how to bring us into His choice for us at just the *right time*. For those of us who have been put forth unexpectedly, or may be some time in the future, the Scriptures give us an example of one who has become a **pillar**, "Whose Faith follow" (Heb. 13:7) -- Abraham. We read of him that, "When he was called to go out, into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb.11:8). Today he is still looked up to as the *father of the faithful*.

Let us not look back with regret at some past situation we have been moved from, but ahead to what it may lead to. The Lord, in warning people not to hold their earthly "stuff" too tightly, used the words, "Remember Lot's wife," (Luke 17:31). You might like to read the account of how, through turning to look back at the wicked city she was being hustled out of before its impending doom, she was turned into a pillar of salt, Gen. 19:15-26.

Through the Old Testament, God raised up various prophets to speak for Him and they could be described as, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness" (Isaiah 40:3). Some of these like Gideon (Judges 6:11), was threshing grain, while Elisha (I Kings 19:19), was plowing. Amos speaking of his call, said, "I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit: and the Lord took me as I followed the flock". (Amos 7:14-15). Each one was faithfully at work when God called them into service for Himself. Service for the Lord does not necessarily mean changing from plowing to preaching or threshing to teaching, but using open doors to be a witness for Him, even by the life we live before those He brings us in contact with.

As Solomon set up two pillars, Jachin and Boaz, before his temple, so is God looking for **pillars** in His temple. The Lord said, "Him that overcometh will I make a **pillar** in the temple of my God" (Rev.3:12).

Children of God are not **pillars** by birth, but by their life, and I'd like to enumerate some of the traits which I think lead to **pillarship**.

1. "But *grow* in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" II Peter 3:18).

2. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to *stand* against the wiles of the devil" (Eph.6:11).

3 "Be ye *steadfast, unmoveable*." (I Cor. 15:58). The Lord in bearing witness of John the Baptist, asked the people, "What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken in the wind? (Luke 7:24) Neither are we to be, "carried about by every wind of doctrine." (Eph.4:14).

4. "Always *abounding* in the work of the Lord," (I Cor. 15:58). Let us not limit the work of the Lord to preaching or tract distribution. We have a **pillar** set before us in Acts 9:36 – 39, who, "was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did", with needle and thread. How Tabitha was being missed now that she had died.

5. After voicing an exhortation to use diligence to add to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity, Peter says, "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," (II Peter 1: 5-8).

Gaining a place of prominence should not be our goal, as we pursue our life of faith, but rather, to serve others. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

There is another pillar I'd like to draw attention to, and one all living believers comprise – "The house of God, which is the church of the living God, the **pillar** and ground of the truth," (I Tim. 3:15). Paul wrote to Timothy so he might know how he should behave himself in the house of God. As the Epistle of Christ (II Cor 3:3) we are to exemplify the revealed truth of God by our lives. May we not be afraid to go forth with Him leading the way.

Sincerely, a fellow pilgrim,

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Chorus of: **He Knows! He Knows!**

Where He may lead I'll follow,  
My trust in Him repose;  
And every hour in perfect peace  
I'll sing, "He knows! He knows!"  
And every hour in perfect peace  
I'll sing, "He knows! He knows!"

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