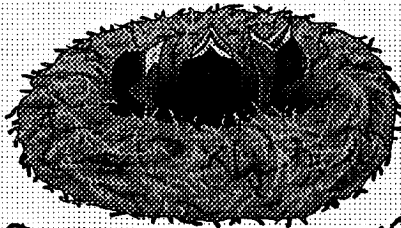
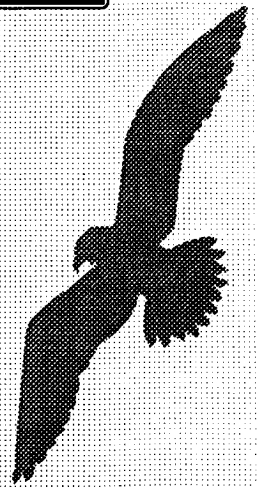


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."*

Isaiah 40:31



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"Now it came to pass, as they went, that He, (Jesus), entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His Word." Luke 10:38 & 39.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
Oh, what words I hear Him say!
Happy place! so near, so precious!
May it find me there each day.
Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
I would look upon the past,
For His love has been so gracious,
It has won my heart at last.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
Where can mortal be more blest?
There I lay my sins and sorrows
And, when weary, find sweet rest.
Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
There I love to weep and pray,
While I from His fullness gather
Grace and comfort every day.

Bless me, O my Savior, bless me,
As I sit low at Thy feet.
Oh, look down in love upon me,
Let me see Thy face so sweet.

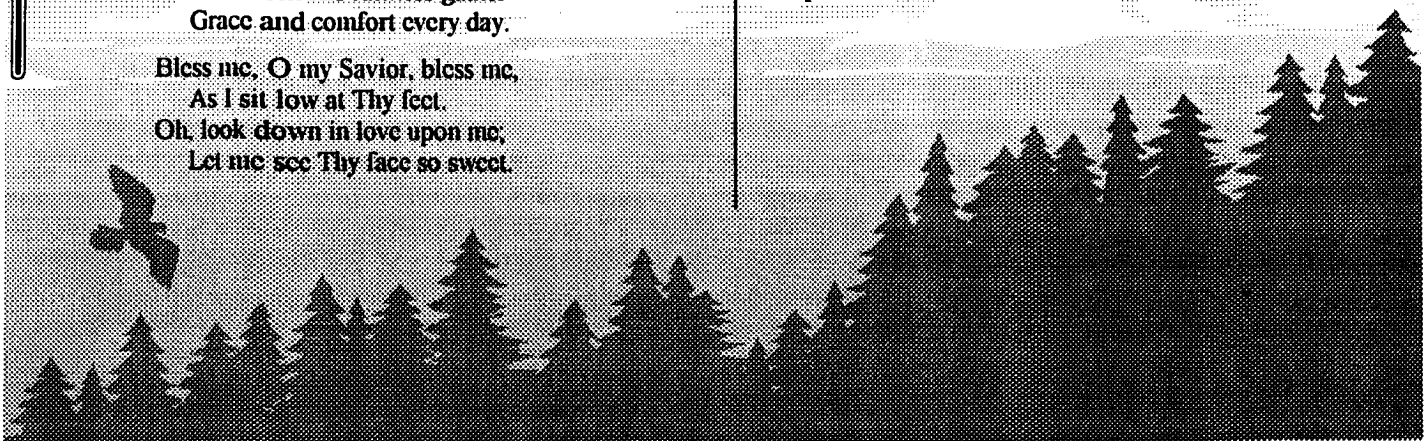
Give me, Lord, the mind of Jesus;
Make me holy as He is.
May I prove I've been with Jesus,
Who is all my righteousness."

Author unknown

Dear Friends,

When Martha invited the Lord Jesus into her home what a blessing that guest was to every one in that home! I'm sure that their home was never the same afterward. Can we invite the Lord Jesus into our homes today? Yes, I believe that we can. We may not be able to experience His physical presence but if we have received Him as Lord and Savior then His spiritual presence may be felt and enjoyed in our lives and in our homes. Has He not said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee?" Hebrews 13:5.

The first thing that we might think of doing for Him when we realize who He is and what He has done for us is to serve Him. Martha thinks so and we read that she was encumbered or distracted with her service for the Lord. Sometimes we become so involved with our service for Him that we forget that there is something more important for us than service.



Martha complains to the Lord Jesus that her sister, Mary, has left all the serving to her. Will not the Lord, then, ask Mary to help her in this service? Jesus' answer is one that, I believe needs to be impressed upon our hearts today. Jesus says to Martha, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her". Luke 10:41,42.

What is more important than service? It is to sit at Jesus' feet and hear His Word! Some might consider that a waste of time when there are so many needs around us that seem to demand our service. But one thing is needful. We sometimes forget that all service to be fully effective must flow out of fellowship and communion with the Lord Jesus. We need to make time each day to hear the Lord Jesus to speak to us from His Word, the Bible.

In our daily quiet time with the Lord Jesus it is good to prayerfully ask Him to speak to us from His Word. A few scriptures like the following verses are good to make a part of our prayers. "*Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day.*" Psalm 25:4,5. We can also say with Samuel, "*Speak, for Thy servant heareth.*" 1 Samuel 3:10.

As we hear Him speaking to us through His Word we will find that all our service for the Lord will flow out unconsciously in our lives. The "joy of the Lord" will fill our hearts and it will enable us to serve Him joyfully and never from a sense of something we have to do. "*The joy of the Lord is your strength.*" Nehemiah 8:10.

We find Mary once again at the feet of the Lord Jesus in her deep sorrow at the loss of her brother Lazarus. She fell down at His feet and said to Him, "*Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.*" John 11:32. She knew that death could not take place if the Savior were there. This called forth the sympathy of the Lord Jesus in her deep sorrow. The shortest verse in the Bible tells us of the Savior's sympathy. "*Jesus wept.*" John 11:35.

Mary's heart was comforted in a way she never thought possible. Her dear brother was restored to her. I believe that we can learn from this that when we have been at His feet to hear His Word we will be comforted in ways that we never thought possible. We will more easily experience the "*comfort of the scriptures*" and be sustained through all our trials and sorrows by "*the God of all comfort.*" Romans 15:4; 2 Corinthians 1:3,4. We are assured from God's Word that "*we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find*

grace to help in the time of need." Hebrews 4:15,16.(NASV)

We find Mary one last time at the feet of the Lord Jesus. In John chapter 12 we find that a supper was prepared for the Lord Jesus by His loved ones. Mary took a pound of costly ointment and anointed the feet of the Lord Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. It was an act of worship and adoration. In 1 Corinthians 11:15 we read that the long hair of a woman is her glory. She laid her glory at the feet of her Savior. True worship will also lead us to lay all that we have and are at His blessed feet.

I will quote the following words that a servant of the Lord has written about this last recorded act of Mary. "**No word was spoken by her, but her silent act of faith, adoration and worship, the savor of it, filled the whole house. It was done unto Him; it magnified Him, His blessed person and His equally blessed work. She is the standing pattern of true affection for the Lord Jesus Christ and devotedness unto Him.**" It is good to notice that she is the only one who seemed to realize that her Lord was going to die. Verse 7. Wherever Mary went the rest of that day she carried with her the savor of that ointment. I believe when we truly worship the Lord individually or collectively we also will unconsciously radiate His love and grace in our lives. This worship was the result of sitting at His feet and learning more of Him. May each of us take more time to sit at His feet and hear Him speaking to us through His Word!

"O Jesus Lord, most fair, most sweet,
In love revealed to me,
Forever keep me at Thy feet,
To sing love's song to Thee."

Mechtild of Helffd, 1277

In His wonderful love,
John D. McNeil

One may hear Christ's words and never hearken. There may be even an occupation with them which is little better than mere idleness. But to hear as Mary did, implies service also, and the right kind of service,—wisdom and power for service; and a service which shall be in the sanctuary also,—worship in the heart of it.

—F. W. G.

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