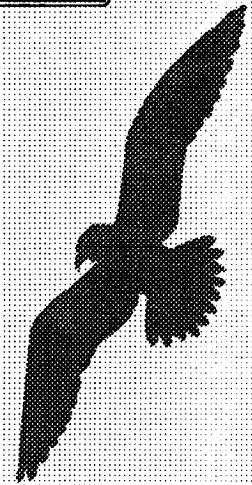


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

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



AERY NUGGETS

"Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; That where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

"Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20.

We Sing Of The Realms Of The Blest.

"We sing of the realms of the blest,
That country so bright and so fair,
The glorious mansions of rest—
But what must it be to be there?"

We tell of its service of love;
The robes which the glorified wear,
The church of the Firstborn above —
But what must it be to be there?"

We tell of its freedom from sin,
From sorrow, temptation, and care,
From trials without and within —
But what must it be to be there?"

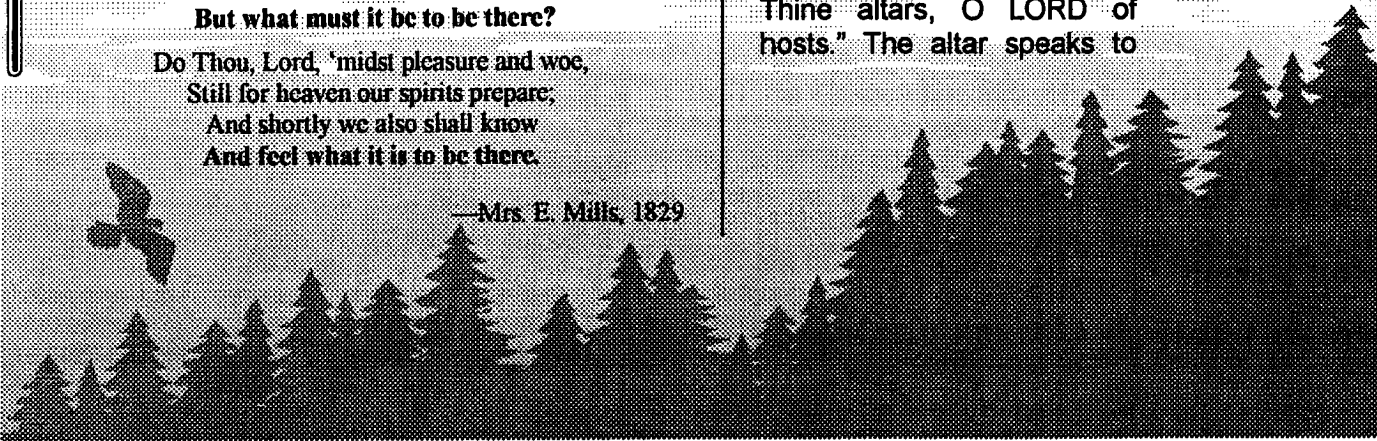
Do Thou, Lord, 'midst pleasure and woe,
Still for heaven our spirits prepare;
And shortly we also shall know
And feel what it is to be there.

—Mrs. E. Mills, 1829

Dear Friends,

My attention was recently directed to Psalm 84. It is a psalm that was written by the sons of Korah and it expresses so beautifully the yearning of the children of Israel in a future day when their hearts will turn toward God's house. "How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts" or perhaps more familiar "How lovely are Thy dwelling places." There will be a deep yearning and longing for the courts of the Lord. It also beautifully expresses the heart of the believer today who can enjoy being quietly in His presence and hearing Him speak to us through His Word. I was especially impressed by the words "My heart and my flesh cries out for the living God." I had to ask myself the question: "Is that the cry of my heart?" As you and I know, it is so easy to let other things come into our lives that take away our quiet time of meditation and prayer with the living God.

We are told in this psalm that "the sparrow has found an house and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O LORD of hosts." The altar speaks to



us of that perfectly finished work of Christ. The sparrow reminds us of littleness. We read that two of them were sold for a farthing. But as the hymn reminds us, God's eye is on the sparrow "and I know He watches me." We may and should feel our littleness, or a sense of our nothingness before Him. But like the sparrow we can draw near to our Saviour. The swallow is a bird that makes us think of freedom as it flies around. But it finds safety, satisfaction and rest on the altar. So we also find satisfaction and rest because the Lord Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for our sins. We remember that finished work and praise Him who died for us. We now have perfect liberty to serve Him.

We also read in this psalm that **"Blessed or happy is the man whose strength is in Thee."** How great that is! We also can say with the apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

In verse 6 we read these words: **"Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well."** "Baca" can be translated "weeping." This would remind us that we are passing through a scene that has sometimes been described as a vale of tears. As the Lord reminded us: **"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."** John 16: 33. We may go through some deep trials or temptations, but **"God is faithful."** He will never give us more than we can bear and He will always make a way of escape so that we will be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:13.

In verse 7 of this psalm we read "they go from strength to strength." It reminds me of the verse that tells us that "as thy days so shall thy strength be." Deut. 33:25. We may have many physical problems and not be able to do what we would like to do but the Lord will give us the grace and strength each day to serve Him. **"The eternal God is thy Refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms."** Deut. 33:27.

Verse 11 of this beautiful psalm tells that our God is a Sun and a Shield. The Sun reminds us of the warmth of God's love for us! "He has loved us with an everlasting love." Jeremiah 31:3.

He also is our Shield protecting us from the darts of the enemy. As He told Abraham: "I am Thy shield, and Thy exceeding great reward." Genesis 15:1. Finally we are reminded that the LORD will give us **"grace and glory."** We have been saved by God's matchless grace and no matter how great the need His grace is sufficient for us. We are also reminded that His strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9. When the trials are great "He gives more grace." James 4:6.

But we also read that He will give us glory. When will that be? First we will hear that shout from

the skies and then "be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air—and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:16,17. We will behold His glory and share that glory with Him. See John 17:22; Rev. 21:9-11. We wait now for His coming to take us home to be with Him. He says three times in the last chapter of the Bible: "Behold I come quickly." When that takes place **"we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."** 1 John 3:2. We truly can add our "Amen" to the last verse of this Psalm. "O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in Thee.

"And shall we see Thy face,
And hear Thy heavenly voice,
Well known to us in present grace?
Well may our hearts rejoice.

Fruit of Thy boundless love,
That gave Thyself for us;
Forever we shall with Thee prove
That Thou still lov'st us thus.

And we love Thee, blest Lord,
E'en now, though feeble here,
Thy sorrow and Thy cross record
What makes us know Thee near.

We wait to see Thee, Lord,
Yet now within our hearts
Thou dwell'st in love that doth afford
The joy that love imparts.

Yet still we wait for Thee,
To see Thee as Thou art;
Be with Thee, like Thee, Lord, and free
To love with all our heart.

—John Nelson Darby 1881

In His Wonderful love,

John D. McNeil

What a difference when things are looked at on the heavenly side! How different Paul saying, "Take away the thorn," and the Lord kept saying, "No, I shall not, you shall keep it, because I want you to have an excuse for leaning on me." What a poor thing was Paul's "take it, take it, take it away" —the poverty of the vessel comes out.

One has had a bitter cup, and has been able to say, "Father, I will drink it:" ah, but to put the cup down to be filled again and again, as fast as one could drink it—the Father giving it as the greatest expression of His love. And when one has passed through it, seeing it to have been so.

—G. V. W.

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