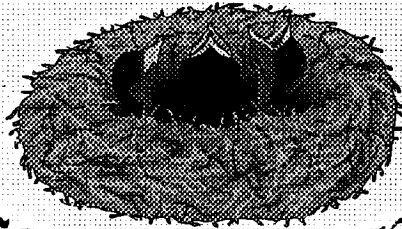
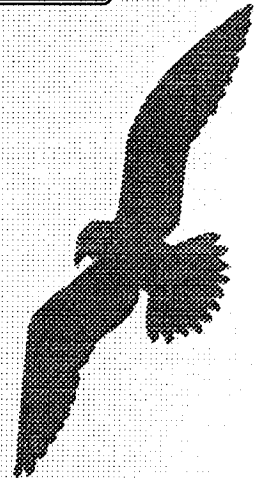


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

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



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"Casting all your care upon Him; For He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

I Left It All With Jesus

I left it all with Jesus long ago;
All my sins I bro't Him, and my woe.
When by faith I saw Him on the tree,
Heard His small, still whisper, "'Tis for thee,"
From my heart the burden rolled away—
Happy day!

I leave it all with Jesus for He knows
How to steal the bitter from life's woes;
How to gild the tear-drop with His smile,
Make the desert garden bloom a-while
When my weakness leaneth on His might,
All seems light.

**I leave it all with Jesus day by day;
Faith can firmly trust Him come what may.**
Hope has dropped her anchor, Found her rest
In the calm, sure haven of His breast:
Love esteems it heaven to abide
At His side.

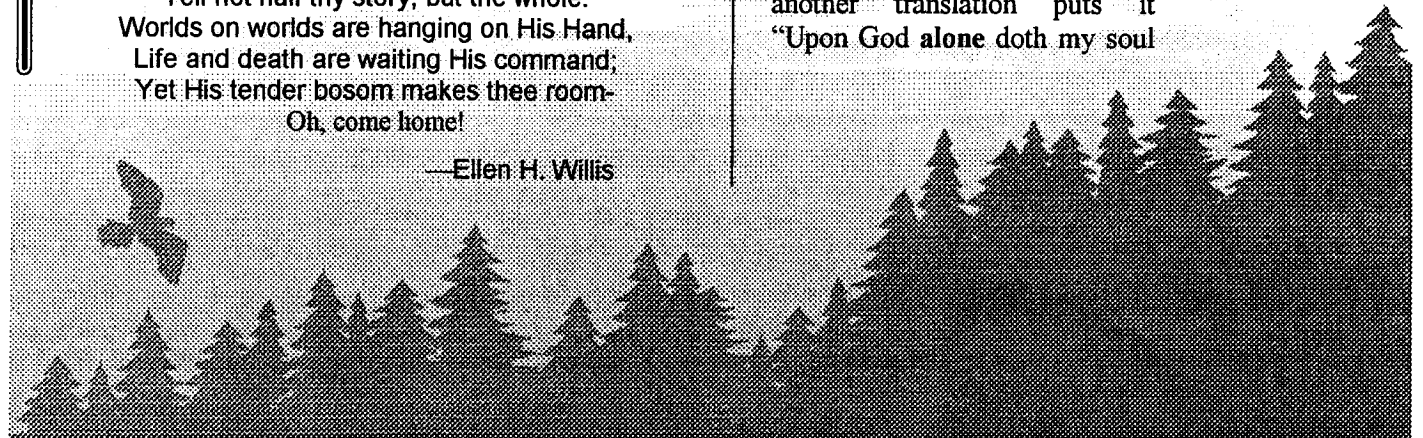
Oh, leave it all with Jesus, drooping soul!
Tell not half thy story, but the whole.
Worlds on worlds are hanging on His Hand,
Life and death are waiting His command;
Yet His tender bosom makes thee room—
Oh, come home!

—Ellen H. Willis

Dear Friends,

I was really impressed by the words in the hymn "I leave it all with Jesus day by day." I think that we all have to confess that it is often easy to take our burdens to the Lord but very hard sometimes to leave them there. I have often had to remind myself that I have cast my care, my burden on the Lord. It is all in His hands and I need to trust Him to take care of it in His time. One of the secrets of being able to leave it all with Jesus is to know what it means to abide in Him. In the gospel of John we read these precious words: "Abide in Me, and I in you." John 15:4. This is the secret of bearing fruit for the Lord. It is also the secret of being able to "leave it all with Jesus day by day." What does it mean to abide in Jesus?

Abiding in Jesus means total dependence upon the Lord. The branch (you and I) must draw all our strength from the vine. (the Lord Jesus). David expresses that dependence in these wonderful words: "Truly my soul waits upon God" or as another translation puts it "Upon God alone doth my soul



rest peacefully: from Him is my salvation. He **only** is my Rock and my salvation; my high fortress: I shall not be greatly moved." Psalm 62:1,2.

If I am totally dependent upon the Lord I will **trust** in the Lord with **all my heart**; and I will not lean unto my own understanding. In **all my ways** I will acknowledge Him, and He shall direct my paths. See Proverbs 3:5,6.

Total dependence means I will place all my **confidence in Him**. He will never disappoint those who confide in Him. We read in Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day trouble; and **He knows them that trust in Him.**"

Sometimes we may get discouraged and lose that wonderful sense of nearness to Him. It is then that we need to draw near to Him, confessing our great need of Him. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. We have to say with David, "**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation.**" Psalm 51:12.

When that joy in Him is restored we will want to cleave to the Lord with "**purpose of heart**". Acts 11:23. The purpose of heart speaks of having made a decision – a decision to remain faithful to the Lord no matter the cost. Cleaving suggests we will not allow anything to come between us and our Lord. Total dependence will be restored. Then we can say with Paul: "**Lord, what will you have me to do?**" Acts 9:6.

Total dependence will cause us to begin each day with **prayer**. This is no doubt more important than everything else. In Psalm 5 verse 3 King David said: "**My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.**" How good to start each day by looking up to our Lord. I am reminded of Daniel who knew that if he prayed to his God he would be thrown into a den of lions. So what did he do? He went into his house "and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, **he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and gave thanks to God as he always had done before.** See Daniel 6:6-24. The result was that he was thrown into the den of lions but God had sent his angel who shut the lion's mouth.

If I am to be totally dependent on the Lord and to have success in my life as a Christian I **must take time to meditate** upon God's Word. Joshua was told by God, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good **success.**" Joshua 1:8. I believe that

this is the only time in the Bible that success is mentioned.

We read in Psalm 1 that the person who meditates day and night upon God's Word will "be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and **whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**" So meditation on God's Word will bring success and prosperity. What then does it mean to meditate?

It means to focus our mind and thoughts upon God's Word. It does help to memorize the verse or scripture but we also need to roll it around in our mind. We can ask our selves "What is God saying to me in this verse? How does it apply to me?" One has said, "Meditation is holding that Word in my mind to be illumined and explained by the Spirit who dwells within me. It is rolling that Word around, allowing it to invade all my logic and reasoning, destroying the old way of thinking, producing a new view of life under God."

"Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay..
Mould me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see..
Christ only, always, living in me!"

—Adelaid Pollard

In His wonderful love,
John D. McNeil

"But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation" (1 Thes. 5:8).

How good it is to have the emotions of our breasts protected from any unbalance by these precious and solid characteristics of unfeigned faith in the Lord Jesus and of genuine love toward Him and toward all. Then also to have our minds protected from the pursuit of merely earthly things by the living hope of salvation out of this present evil world, to be beautifully accomplished at the coming of the Lord.
—*L.M.G.*

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