

all right; there is One above who is managing the whole thing. That is it; to have that relation to Him; not to have your expectation in yourself, but to have your eyes toward God, waiting for the signal by which He will indicate the way in which you are to go.

The next step is Trust. The 17th verse says, "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you." Stand still and trust. It is very easy to trust when things are going smooth and pleasant; but oh! there come critical times in our lives, when it is not so easy. As long as everyone is well and happy in your home it is all right; but when sickness seizes the wife of your bosom, or your husband is taken ill, and when a loved one is for hours hovering between life and death, it is not quite so easy to look up and trust. When the business that you have worked up by toil and patience comes to a point where you are in danger of having it all go to pieces and pass away, it is not so easy to stand still and see the salvation of God. Stand still! That is one of the hardest things for us to do in our Christian life—to stand still and do nothing. Jehoshaphat had to stand still and see—what? To see that great horde coming up against them—and not to set up a fort or level an instrument of war against them. Was not that hard? Yet, that is trust. The next thing you notice is just as hard. "Lay aside your spears and swords; you will not need to fight; but go out against them tomorrow." Think of it! A defenceless army going out into the face of death. These cruel and remorseless Moabites and Ammonites would hack Jehoshaphat to pieces. They had absolutely nothing to rest upon but the bare, naked arm of God. They are not to use means. God fights His battles with very sharp weapons sometimes; but when He wants to bring up into a special place of blessing He sometimes strips off everything, that we may learn to rest on His naked arm alone. There is no child of His who will know His love more than the one who is willing to trust when every hope and confidence is taken away, and he can stand still and see the salvation of God. Are you willing to take that step and say, "From this night forth I step out on God, and will never leave that place of trust and confidence?"

The next step is very beautiful, and that is the last. In the 19th verse to the 22nd they Praise. After their expectation in God, and they have gone out, they do something more. They get up a choir and begin to praise God. For what? Here were these people coming with their war-whoops and shouts and cries, and here the defenceless people of God are