

power is given in heaven and in earth, and His latest assurance was, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28 : 20.

As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee, v. 5. Every victory of every saint of God in the past is a presage and guarantee of our success in the Christian life. What God has done for others is a proof and an implicit promise of what He can and will do for us.

"I will not fail thee nor forsake thee," v. 5. How weak Joshua would have been, how foredoomed to failure and discouragement, but for that promise and that presence. God's presence would not fail him in any crisis, however momentous, in any struggle however severe and protracted. We too need God's presence, not merely when we begin our work, but all through the long struggle with our spiritual enemies, which ends only at death. How comforting to know that

"He will never leave us,
He will not forsake ;
His eternal covenant
He will never break."

"This book of the law, etc.," v. 8. He who walks where the Bible marks the way will not go astray. He may be like "an infant crying in the night," but if he listens to the Divine voice echoing out of the divine book, he will find it a pillar of cloud and of fire to

his soul. As we study and meditate upon God's word, the Spirit of God comes to be the mighty occupant of our inner man. If we hearken to His voice, we shall not only go aright ourselves, but others observing our moral surefootedness will turn to the same great drill book for their marching orders.

"Then shalt thou have good success, etc.," v. 8. Every man must make either a success or a failure of his life. Success is possible in spite of all odds and is certain if we govern our lives in accordance with the divine method. The only true success is that which a man makes for himself and of himself. A man's best final product is himself. We can obtain no adequate success unless our hearts are turned to God and our souls live and grow in and to Him. The only road to true success is obedience to God.

"Have not I commanded thee," v. 9. It should be enough that we hear the Leader's orders clearly and distinctly, for with the command to do is given the power to do. "O soul, remember here first of all the true Joshua, thy Saviour Jesus Christ, who has for thy good acquired the heavenly Canaan, to prepare for thee a place there, that thou also mayest dwell there and remain ; fight therefore and subdue thy foes under the lead of thy Jesus, that thou mayest also one day take it." (Starke.)

POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS

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Death, for the servant of God, is promotion. v. 1.

Our efforts cannot change the past, but they can mould the future. v. 2.

It is easier to do what God gives us to do than to face the responsibility of not doing it. v. 2.

We are responsible for obedience, God for consequences. v. 3.

"There are no disappointments to those whose wills are buried in the will of God." (Faber.) v. 3.

"There is no failure in Christian work ; the only failure is in not doing it." (Whipple.) v. 5.

Success is certain when our purposes are part of God's purpose. v. 7.

The Bible must be in the head and in the heart, if it is to get into the life. v. 8.

In the presence of God fear gives place to faith. v. 9.

The use of means should go along with trust in God. v. 11.

It is for active service soldiers are drilled and trained and armed and fed. That is why you and I are in the world—not merely to prepare to go out of it some day, but to serve God in it now.—Henry Drummond.

The first and almost the only book deserving of universal attention is the Bible. It is a book which neither the most ignorant and weakest, nor the most learned and intelligent, can read without improvement.

Jewish tradition narrates that Moses out-