

The Upward Look

Strength for Our Need

Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth * * * giveth power to the faint and to them that hath no might He increaseth strength? They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.—Isaiah 40:28, 29, 31.

One reason why we do not receive greater blessings from God in answer to our prayers is because we have not a sufficiently full conception of God's power and of His willingness to aid us.

If we had we would be more definite in many of our petitions. We say to ourselves that God is all-powerful and we freely recognize that this is true in regard to what we often fail to realize that His power comprehends all things as well. For instance, to believe and rejoice that it is true, that God can forgive us for all our sins, but we do not seem to comprehend that He is able to save us from giving way to them. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that we need that God is not able to give us. Why then are we not more importunate in asking Him for those blessings the lack of which mars our lives to a greater or less extent.

If our faith is weak, God will strengthen it if we will but ask Him to do so. This applies not only to faith in spiritual matters, but to faith in our ability to perform the duties and tasks that confront us as well as to the assuming of new ones. We do lack tact and in consequence frequently offend without intending to do so? Then God will give us tact if we will but ask Him for it. Are we in need of greater patience so that the little things will not disturb us as they do or obstacles

discourage us? Then God can give us patience and will delight to do so if we will but petition Him for it. We do require more of the element of leadership, so that we may not be afraid to strike out and do things for ourselves and thereby not allow ourselves to be influenced and dominated by others around us? Then leadership will be given us by God when we prove to Him that we are trusting Him to supply our needs. All things and many other blessings may be ours if we ask.

There is a world of inspiration in our text. God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, will give us power—just whatever power we may need—when we are faint. When we have no might of our own He will increase our strength. These miracles will be worked within us when we wait upon Him in believing prayer. God's riches of mercy and power are inexhaustible. He has strength for all our needs. All we have to do is to realize this and then ask Him definitely day by day, week by week, month by month, for just those special blessings which our weaknesses show us we most require. As sure as we do our part God will do His. We will have numerous discouraging fail-

ewilight find me gentle still. — Max Ehrman.

Two Valuable Perennials

Mrs. T. S. Johnson, Glangarry Co., Ont.

Two early spring plants for table use that can be raised with little trouble are rhubarb and asparagus. It is always a source of wonder to me when visiting among my friends how few of them have either of these plants in their gardens. These plants require little work and come in very nicely in the spring before other greens are available. The snow is

not gone very long before our asparagus is ready for use and before it is done we have the rhubarb.

All who have not a bed of either asparagus or rhubarb I would advise to prepare the land this fall ready for getting in the plants early next spring. The preparation is simple. Dig a piece of ground convenient to the house to a depth of nine or 10 inches, and into this work a heavy application of barnyard manure. Dig again next spring and set in the roots—the rhubarb four to five feet apart each way and the asparagus six inches to a foot apart in the row, and the rows two feet apart.

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One Corner of a Well Kept Lawn

The lawn in front of the home of Mr. T. G. Graham, Carleton Co., Ont., is attractively laid out with flowers and shrubbery. A bed of house plants, such as is here shown, is a very attractive addition to a fairly large lawn.

—Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

ures. The battle will not be won in a day. But as we continue to renew by the Source of all strength our failures will become less frequent, our victories more permanent and lasting. Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth: and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (St. Matthew 7, 7, 8.)—I. H. N.

A Prayer

Let me do my prayer each day, and if the darkened hours of despair overcome me, may I not forget the strength that comforted me in the desolation of other times. May I find me walking over the silent hills of my childhood, or dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, when a light glowed within me, and I promised my early God to have courage amid the tempests of the changing years. Spare me from bitterness and from the sharp passions of ungarded moments.

May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the Spirit. Though the world know me not, may my thoughts and actions be such as shall keep me friendly with myself. Lift my eyes from the earth, and let me not forget the use of the stars. Forbid that I should judge others, lest I condemn myself. Let me not follow the clamor of the world, but walk calmly in my path. Give me a few friends and who will love me for what I am; and keep ever burning before my vagrant heart the kindly light of hope. And though age and infirmity overtake me, and I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams, teach me still to be thankful for life, and for time's olden memories that are good and sweet; and may the evening's

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