

Adah

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Honors All Past Adah's.

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As we consider the garment of our life, we must surely see the contribution that Adah has to make to our understanding. I keep thinking of Adah and her veil. The veil was a regular part of her daily wearing apparel. It was as much a part of her life as it was symbolic of her purity and innocence.

However, as I was re-reading the story of Adah, a new thought became crystal clear. It was necessary that Adah lift up the sheer fabric of her veil in order that she might see God's word more clearly revealed. It is the same way in our own lives. We are so busy sometimes in the living of our lives at any given moment that our vision to see ahead clearly is obstructed by a veil of matters of secondary importance. Sometimes our own self interest, like a veil, obscures God's interest for us.

Indeed Adah shows us that the veil of material self interest must be lifted. For, if we are to labor well at our task, we must see clearly. This is plainly demonstrated for us by the lesson of Adah. When Adah first learned of her father's vow, she realized that she could not face this obligation without first meeting God in prayer. The story paints a picture of the young and innocent girl, modestly and discreetly veiled, starting up the mountain side in the company of her youthful friends. What specifically happened during the period she was absent from her father's home is not detailed for us in the story. However, we realize that Adah was strong in her faith & unwavering in her determination as she came down the mountain's side. Gone was the veil from her eyes. She came forward, clear of vision and unafraid to fulfill the vow.

The lesson is unmistakable. If we, too, wish to see things clearly, if we should also like to face our lives unafraid, we must lift whatever lies between us and a full understanding of God's Word.

Sister Conductress, you will present all Sisters who have served our Chapter in the station of Adah.

As the Conductress places the veil about each sister, the Worthy Matron says:

Sister - - - - - , we present this veil in appreciation for your past service to our Chapter at the station of Adah.

Help us to see things clearly.

Help us to plainly see the right.

Make us as ~~certain~~ of God's goodness

As we are that the day follows night.

Help us to see thru' the veil

That obscures the way we must go.

Help us to seek help from God

When we're uncertain or do not know.

Let our vision be ever unclouded

And our steps be free from fear.

When we lift our voices in prayer,

Let us know that our God will hear.

When our own selfish interest would

Obscure the way with shadow and doubt.

Let us lift our hearts to heaven

For God will lead us safely out.

Help us to go ever upward, onward,

Our veils thrown back and unafraid.

Let us be joyful in loving and giving

In this beautiful world God made.

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