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My Help -
Ps. 121¹⁻².

"I will lift up mine eyes into the mountains. From whence shall my help come? My help cometh from Jehovah, who made the heaven and the earth."

The land of Israel was a land of hills and mountains. This afforded them great advantages over attacking enemies. Their enemies thought it was because of the mountains that they

conquered. Israel
in time came
to trust in their
mountains. As soon
as they did so they
were defeated. They
came to depend upon
Saul, their king and
Gibbo'a their mountain
and were defeated.
They shifted their de-
pendence from God
in Heaven to the
material things of the
earth, and failed.

Man, be the builder
of mansions ~~of~~ or digger

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of potatoes, is a dependent creature. No one stands independent of all others. Dependence, if rightly understood and placed, is not a weakness but the finest trait of human character. It surrounds weak limbs with coats of steel. It transforms flabby muscles and hardens them into unbreakable resistance. Lack of dependence makes cowards and

weaklings and results
in failures.

There is nothing in
^{the school of life}
more profitable to
learn than the lesson
of intelligent dependence.
Many lives are overcast
and darkened by
doubts, distrusts and
despair as the result
of an ignorant depen-
dence. Paper clothing
may be more beautiful
and attractive - even
splendid while the
sunshines but they
cannot be depended

on in a rain storm.
The man who starts
into a swollen Jordan
expecting the waters
to divide must have
a strong dependence,
rightly placed, or
he will be emersed
without ceremony.

Jack may trust
in his bear vine
to take him to the
moon if he wishes.
No one can compel
him not to do so.
But for wide awake
men and women

Jack's dependence is
folly.

Man must have
some branch from
which he may sus-
pend his rope of life.

The failures of life
result from misplaced
dependence.

We first, naturally,
look to the mountains
of life for our help.
The mountains are big,
strong, endurable as
far as our experience
goes, and filled with
precious ore - ^{lead, iron stone} gold.

Let me trust in
 them. I can see them.
 They are good. I will
 trust them. In
 such a case I am
 looking for present
 help - not aware
 of the tremendous
 subterranean con-
 motion sleeping
 under the mountains
 of my trust - to break
 forth some day in
 earthquake or vol-
 cano ~~and~~ to destroy
 them and me.
 I will lift up my

eyes unto the mountains!
From whence cometh
my help? My help
cometh from Jehovah
who made the heavens
and the earth."

The mountains rising
up with beckoning
hands before every
one of you 4th grade
this morning are: 1st
The mountain of wealth.
Money is ~~to~~ necessary
and ~~is~~ legitimate.
You must secure enough
to insure an honorable
life. You cannot discharge

your duties to others without money. Paupers and thieves try to live on the efforts of others. No self-respecting person will accept something for himself for nothing. He wants to pay for it. He wants to be self-respectful. The mountain of wealth is calling loudly to you all. Some will do anything in order to become wealthy.

For the love of gain, Achan
stole a silver wedge
and brought destruction
upon himself and
family. Hama and
Shechem were destroyed
by their desire for gain;
Gehazi told a lie to
get money,
and was cursed with
leprosy; The Pharisees
pretended piety; Simon
thought to purchase
the power of the H.S. and
Judas Iscariot betrayed
the first and only righteous
man this world ever
knew, for 30 pieces of silver.

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For the love of this mountain,
men call wealth, some
will defraud widows
and orphans, as quickly
as their own government
and country. The man
who has money is respected
by all regardless of
how he became wealthy.
Just in proportion as
corruption grows
will men attach dis-
grace to poverty and
honor to wealth.

If ~~unless~~ the lord has
given you a talent
for amassing fortunes

pray daily for grace
to dispense and use
that wealth you may
acquire for God's glory
and man's good - not
merely for your comfort.

You will be far happier
if like Christian and
Hopeful in Pilgrims
Progress, you turn your
back on wealth. God
in the Bible has said
"He that trusteth in riches
shall fall" Prov 11²⁵ and
again, "If you make
riches your gain depending
God will destroy thee forever"
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The second mountain in which many look for their help is Position and Popularity. They sacrifice conscience to have their rounds of pleasure. They depart from the teaching of their parents. They profane the Sabbath day and thus grow into gradual rebellion against God. They dance to the strains of music into the snares of the devil.

They drink the cup of
life sparkling with
the fermentation of their
own desires and fleshly
delights - which are
for a while sweet but
the end is bitterness and
death.

They smile
in order to have 1st place among
the populates of the world
like a Cleopatra ~~and~~
for popularity sake
they consent to wrong like

Pilate ~~to~~ in allowing
the Jews to kill the Christ.

They do injustice like
Felix who left St Paul
bound in prison.

→ And Pilate like the day
will come when they will

will climb the highest mountains in search of water in which to wash their hands of guilt. And every drop of water will they see the reflection of their evil-doings.

You cannot, my young friends, afford to devote a moment of your short life to the hills of Position and Popularity.

Haman was one day the most popular man in the court of

The king of Persia and
was the next day
hung upon a gallows
by the same king.
Popularity like that of
your Master Jesus Christ,
is the kind you should
strive to achieve. He
became popular by
being pure, clean and
humble. Others sought
the highest seats, Jesus
took the lowest. Others
refused to associate
with any but the rich,
Jesus was found with
the poor. Others turned

their back on the sick,
Jesus cured them.
Others sought out
the best hotels in
which to sleep, Jesus
slept on the ground.
Others forgot to do
anything but to eat
and play. Jesus
in his earnestness
to help and to be of
service forgot to
eat and spent days
without food. Others
spent nights in
dancing and revelry,
Jesus spent the night

in prayer. Climb the mountain of Popularity with Jesus, whose popularity is continually increasing with the years. It is the only enduring popularity.

The next mountain that offers its help to you is that of fearing you cannot succeed without knowledge any more than you can succeed without some degree of wealth and popularity, but like these you must con-

Keep yourself, that is
your character first.
This is the purpose in
education - the develop-
ment of character. The
more you learn the
more finished and
refined should your
character become. Knowl-
edge acquired without
the influence of Christ
permeating it all
makes one a devil;
with Christ makes
one saintly. The more
you learn the greater
degree of apprecia-

tion of God do you enjoy
Astronomy opens up the
heavens to you and shows
the immensity of God's
creation. The Polar Star
at an infinite distance
to our North, the Southern
Cross hung out over
our South in another
direction of infinite
distance, while around
in all directions are
other stars and
planets, moving by
the hand of their Creator.
Zoology reveals God's
infinite knowledge in

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The construction of all living being. Botany reveals the touch of infinite beauty in flowers, leaves and branches. Zoology shows you something of the way God created and made this world. Chemistry analyzes this creation for you and puts it into distinct parts. Psychology does for the mind what chemistry does to the material. Language and literature brings you into the ac-

acquaintance with the
stood up knowledge
of the ages; Study
Latin and Greek. In
these two, especially
the Greek, are wrapped up
the world's finest, richest
and best thoughts.

Young people of the
4th year, you are at
the threshold of
the greatest privilege
man knows - that of
choosing for yourself
the life you are to live -
whether a life of half way
education or of whole

education. Let me
 urge you to think clearly
 Go on through college.
 Lay your foundations
 deep, if you want
 to erect a large
 life over it. A tent-
 which corresponds
 to the Grammar prepara-
 tion - needs no found-
 ations - only ropes
 will hold it up. A
 wh. is a ^{step further} represents
 wooden house, ^{U.S. Edu.} requires
 wooden posts for a
 foundation. A
 reinforced concrete
 building represents a

college preparation
for lifes work. This
you can get only by
hard work and digging
down deep till you strike
rock. Nothing less than
the best should be
your consuming desire.

Of the 3 mountains
this last is the best.

They are all, however, blessing
for this life. But you are
not to place your dependence
upon the blessings but
upon the one who blesses.

As Jeremiah says, ^{3²³} "Truly
in vain is the help ~~looked~~

from the hills - Truly
~~is~~ Jehovah our God is
the salvation of Israel."

You should depend
on One in whom lies un-
limited ability. You need
One on whom you can de-
pend in every turn of
life. There are 1000s of
problems you will have
to face alone. Man
can advise. But no one
can make your decisions
for you. You want to
follow a life that will
bring in the fullest and
best returns at its close.

It is a heartrending task
to stand by the side of
the grave of one whose
life was a failure. You
want to find someone
who will take the greatest
interest in you and will
do the most and best with
your talents - One of un-
limited power and love.

To find this One of un-
limited ability, you must
lift your eyes up above
all ^{mountains of} wealth, Position
and Popularity and
all leaning to the One
who made all things - ^{to God.}

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No one has ever yet found
a promise of God made
in the Bible to fail of
fulfillment. No life that
Christ has been allowed
to direct has ended
in failure.

God will, if you allow
him, surround, and
enclose you with a
wall, to protect and
to aid you. That is
the root meaning
of the Hebrew word
וַיִּשְׂרֹץ - help.

Lift up your eyes unto
the mountains, ye lift-

Thum up. Above all
the mountains of earth
see the Rock of Ages,
Jesus, the Saviour, who
is your only sure
help and reward.
In Him place
all your dependence, and
your success is guaran-
teed.

My help cometh from
Jehovah.