

promises which He has given. Often large portions of the church have become worldly and thought that its destiny was related only to the present or that it could accomplish its great purpose by human means. Yet at every period of the church's history there have been individuals who, like watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem, have declared their belief in God's millennial promises and their expectation that He would indeed fulfill them.

In verse 6 the Authorized Version has not rendered the Hebrew very accurately in the phrase "ye that make mention of the Lord". The Hebrew literally means "that cause the Lord to remember". It could possibly be rendered "that cause to remember the Lord," but this is less likely, and hardly fits the context. The Revised Version has a much better rendering, "Ye that are Jehovah's remembrancers".

In the Authorized Version verse 6 ends with the words "keep not silence", and verse 7 begins with "and give Him no rest". In the Revised Version these phrases are rendered "take ye no rest" and "give Him no rest." The Revised margin says under "rest" in verse 7: "Hebrew - silence". Actually the Hebrew means "do not be quiet" and "give Him no quiet". The mention of rest is a free rendering in English which presents the idea fairly well but can easily lead to misunderstanding. Surely it is better here to translate the Hebrew literally. It is God's desire that many people keep constantly reminding Him of His glorious promises and give Him no time of silence on the matter until He shall actually fulfill them.

#### The place of prayer.

This brings up the whole question of prayer. God has ordained the full progress of the world and knows the end from the beginning; yet He has ordained that prayer is to play a real part in His economy. He does things in answer to prayer—even things which He has specifically promised, and which He has declared to be certain of accomplishment. It is His will that His people should constantly cultivate toward Him an attitude of trust and communion and should call upon Him to fulfill the great promises which He has given. These two verses exhort God's