

people continually to remind Him of His great promises.

Verse 8 lays its stress on the certainty of the answer to the prayers which God desires His people to make. He wishes that we should pray in accordance with His will. I John 5:14 tells us: "and this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, he heareth us". We are to ask in faith when we know that what we desire is in accordance with the will of God. He has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength; nothing could make more certain the fulfillment of His promise.

In verses 8 and 9 the stress again is on the contrast between the future days of plenty in the land which God has promised to bless and those of misery and abandonment which are to continue during the exilic period and during much of the present period of dispersion. No longer will God's people have to labor without enjoying what they produce. Those who do the work are to enjoy the fruit. It is God's will that His faithful people always stand for justice in every relationship of life, yet they should not expect the establishment of complete or lasting justice in this age, for only in the millennium will justice prevail universally.

It was quite a thrill recently to find in an editorial in LIFE magazine for February 9, 1948 a quotation from the second president of the United States which showed that this distinguished American founder was clearly a premillennialist in His interpretation of Scripture. The purpose of the magazine in its editorial on Gandhi (p.32) was to show that, important as love is as a means of accomplishment in the world, other means are also necessary. It quotes John Adams as follows: "Human appetites, passions, prejudices and self-love will never be conquered by benevolence and knowledge alone, introduced by human means. The millennium itself neither supposes nor implies it. All civil government is then to cease, and the Messiah is to reign." It is striking to see that this great American considered premillennialism to be the clear teaching of the Scripture.

With verse 9 we complete the second of the sections of our present passage which deal with the millennium. It would be proper here to examine the question