**THE EAGLE LIFE - STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT BY JOHN H. JOWETT**

**11. THE MEN OF MIGHTY DAYS by JOHN H. JOWET**

*"As thy days, so shall thy strength be."*

*Deuteronomy 33:25*

Walt Whitman has a great word in his eulogy of General Grant. He describes him as "a man of mighty days, and equal to the days." The word is just a transcript of the divine promise. We are always purposed by our God to be more than a match for the largest circumstances, more than level with the vastest opportunity, more than adequate to the most exacting task. Mighty days are therefore days of royal privilege because they are days of promised power and endowment. "Bliss was it in that day to be alive, but to be young was very heaven!" The day of convulsion is the day of our Lord. The fearfully unfamiliar task is a strange door into a new inheritance. Our impossible marks the very hour of grace. In the "mighty days" we can unlock the mighty power of God. The background of every day is grace, and the more tremendous the day the more abounding is the grace. And therefore we can interpret our difficulties as the index of our resources. Our mission betokens our capital in the bank, and we can draw upon "the unsearchable riches" to the last demand of our need. ''As thy days, so shall thy strength be.''

Then with God's mighty grace we can unlock ourselves. If life were just a sunny picnic that was never broken up by fierce tempest, by thunder and lightning and pelting rain, the greater part of our human resources would remain unused and concealed. It is in the mighty days that we discover ourselves. Latent gifts troop out of their graves. Buried seeds spring into vigorous life. We never thought we had it in us? The big struggle becomes not only our revealer, but also our unearther, and we put on strength and majesty like a robe.

We are living through mighty days, and by God's good grace we can be equal to the days. These are days of great unlockings, and we are having surprises on every side! Young fellows who were regarded as milk-sops are revealing themselves as iron pillars. Once-while selfish men are unveiling their spiritual wealth in glorious sacrifice. Women who appeared to be living for nothing are giving their life like wine! The "mighty days'' are upon us, and God is making us equal to the days.