

B. The Divine Help...

1. God has put everything in order 1:7-17
2. God has shown the ability to deal with the foe 1:18-21
3. God will bless our labors beyond our expectation 2:1-13 (1-10)
4. God has made us whole in His sight 3:1-7
5. God will supply the power needed as well as... 4:1-10
6. God challenges to the truth 5:1-4, 5:5-11
7. God is ready to move with us 6:1-8)

C. Bringing our discouragements face to face with the help of God....

D. Some needed cautions:

1. Be yielded to God, don't expect Him to be directed by us.
2. Plan prayerfully but don't predetermine (no chapter and verse)
3. Do not take rebuffs as cause for defeat
4. Do not take successes as causes for commemoration
5. Keep a balanced view on what has been done, is to be done, and hasn't but should have been done.

E. Conclusion:

III. The Reality of the Present

We live in the world of today and the encouragement of God is to live it, in all its relevant parts, to Him. It is amazing what that does to our morale and how it builds our spirits. It is a matter of having the right objective in every situation and pursuing it in the right way.