

vengeance and attempt to settle all the accounts of life to our satisfaction. Following the advice of these verses, we leave all such matters in the hands of the Lord, the servant knowing full well that the Supreme Master will not fail in the performance of His calling and will. The charge of vs. 21 is very important and if one is not careful, he may easily be overtaken by the very thing he struggles against. But if the servant moves in trust, leaving things securely in the direction of God, he may move against evil and not fear destruction by evil.

3. Conclusion

The servant role is that of servant-friend, as noted earlier. It does not demean us, quite the contrary, it dignifies us since it raises us, with our human limitations and frailties to be "partners" with God. It is a privilege that we could neither have expected nor demanded but it is conferred by the Lord. What a challenge it is. The position is that of servant, the practice is that of doing what the servant is given to do by the master in agreement with His own purpose and will.

VIII. The Position and Practice of a Witness

Acts 1, 1 John 5, etc.

A. Introduction

The term witness is based on the same Greek word from which we take the word "martyr." The idea is that of someone who has beheld something and gives open confession to that point. He knows and stands for something to which he may give personal testimony. He may die for it...he will certainly give evidence for it. In this regard all believers are witnesses. It was told by the Lord in Acts 1 that this is what we were to be and, in fact, what we are. The character of our witness is quite a