

1979 Adah Ceremony

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The heroines of our Order are women of the Bible whose virtues we emulate in our lives in order to serve God and our fellow men. From the history of Adah, Jephthah's daughter we learn the lesson of keeping our promise.

Blue is a symbol of divine eternity and human immortality. It is the Star Point color of Adah and represents the sky when all clouds have vanished and symbolizes fidelity. The violet is associated with this Ray because it is associated with loyalty and meekness. The ideals exemplified here are self-sacrifice, integrity and obedience.

Song: The Lord is my Light

Jephthah knew that one could not properly attempt to bargain with God. He knew this before he made his vow. According to the Levitical law, some sacrifices could be redeemed by the payment of money or animals, but Jephthah's case was different; no sacrifice had been required or requested, he had offered it freely of his own accord. The story of Adah points out the necessity for individuals to take time out periodically to pray and consider carefully the course of action which they are contemplating. The lesson of Adah also emphasizes the thought of sacrificing for others.

The Bible signifies that only the Word of God may direct the individual in the right way in which to go. The Bible is known as the symbol of direction. Let us take time to pray to God and seek his help in our decisions in life. So, we should learn from the history of Jephthah's daughter not to make a promise that we cannot keep. Also, that an obligation in the name of God is especially sacred. Sisters and Brothers, let us be true to the solemn obligation taken at our Altar, and to all other obligations.

Song: Hold Thou My Hand

Sweet and fragrant violets
Portray Adah's color of blue
Their pure, unshadowed beauty
Reflects Heaven's azure hue.
They speak of Faith and courage,
Fidelity, steadfast and true.
This theme of unswerving duty
Now rests in the heart of you.