

ADAH

The "FIDELITY" of the first of our star point heroines glows to us down through the ages. Adah represents the Ideal Daughter because her sense of duty and her devotion to her father so guided her actions, that by her deeds, she exemplified the highest type of filial obedience.

The name "Adah" means "Ornament." Although the name of Adah does not appear in the Biblical source of the story of Jephthah's daughter, it is an exceedingly appropriate choice. Not only may it be said that Adah's innocent spirit and faultless character were her own personal ornaments, but it may also be said that a daughter whom so exemplified these virtues was an ornament to her father's life.

The clear blue of the cloudless skies is the color dedicated, to the first Star Point. Blue, ever, the symbol of fidelity, loyalty and intelligence represents both Adah's excellent use of her intellect in determining the right course of action, and her unparalleled loyalty to her father.

The violet is dedicated to Adah because it is associated with meekness and humility.

The Ideals of the Star Point are self-sacrifice, integrity, and obedience. These characteristics may be achieved by emulating the spirit and actions typified in the life of Adah.

The emblems of Adah, the Sword and Veil, represent Right and Revelation. Right courses of action may be followed when the word of God is revealed or amde known to the individual and is accepted.

The open Bible is symbolic of the deeper meaning of the story of Adah. As each of the heroines of the order were selected because certain phases of their lives have a similarity to certain phases in the life of Christ, the reason for the selection of Adah becomes obvious. As Christ was sacrificed in order that God, the Father, might fulfill His desire to save His children, so Adah was sacrificed to fulfill her father's vow.

To those who found the fulfillment of the vow, or the actual killing of Adah, difficult to understand, perhaps the interpretation offered by many authorities is more acceptable. This is, that the ceremony of raising the sword, and touching it to Adah was symbolic of the consecration of her life to the service of the Temple. Since Jephthah was the Judge of all Israel, he was well aware of the laws governing sacrifices. The burnt offering of human life was strictly forbidden. Therefore, it is quite probable that in a symbolic ceremony her life was dedicated to the Lord. At that time every Jewish maiden lived in the hope that she might be a part of the ancestral line of the anticipated Messiah. This consecration would have accomplished the same thing as her mortal death.

The open bible is then the symbol of the larger concept of Adah, which is that only the Word of God may direct the individual in the right way in which to go.

The turquoise, representative of the virtues of Adah, indicates that if we wish to make our lives a shining star, we must first master the virtue of obedient loyalty.

The sixth Beatitude is associated with Adah. "BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD."

May we have the courage of Adah
To lift the veils in our way
That we may know fearless nights
And enjoy the brightness of day.

May we acquire the habit
of seeing life as it is TODAY,
May we gain a new insight
In living the courageous way.

Let us examine Adah's story
And keep it close in our hearts,
So that in the course of living
We may play more meaningful parts.