**Watchman Nee – *A Table in the Wilderness***

**Bridging A Gap**

The book of Judges is a record of revivals. The history of God's people is one of repeated backsliding, with God choosing one here, one there, as His instruments to bring recovery. But is this His real purpose for them? Are we today to expect another revival? Certainly our thoughts turn that way. But does God intend that, or something different?

God’s eyes are towards a kingdom. He is planning for a King. The prophet Samuel becomes a link between the sorry history of the Judges and the ultimate fullness represented by David. He stands, the man of prayer, at the junction of the road to God’s purpose. A great change is to take place and a kingdom to be ushered in, and prayer will bridge the gap.

Herein lies the wonder of Hannah’s ministry. Her natural condition was no accident, but determined by God (1 Sam. 1:5). It brought her near to despair, yet with God in view she could not accept it as final. “O Lord of Hosts!” she prayed, and in some amazing way her exercise of soul was harnessed to heaven’s interests. The dearest thing in her life was dedicated in advance to those interests, and when the time came, given without regret to fulfil them.