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Part 1

FOREWORD

In presenting this little volume entitled "Effectual Prayer" to the public, we have but one motive and desire and that is to kindle, stir, and promote a Holy Ghost revival which we consider to be the Church's greatest work and the world's greatest need. If we are able to add to this but a mite we will feel well paid for our effort.

In preparing this book we gleaned from every field at our command. Not all is original, neither in thought or word, but, expense prohibits the publishing of the names of persons and books from which we gathered ideas and material.

In the interest of the Holy Ghost revival in the Church and the salvation of the unsaved millions of earth, with a prayer on our lips and tears in our eyes we send this little volume forth on its mission "as bread cast upon the waters."

Yours for "Effectual Prayer"

N. B. Herrell

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Part 2

INTRODUCTION

The "blue print" for the life of each of God's people designs the ministry of soul-winning. Only to the extent that each one accomplishes His will in this, the highest and holiest calling on earth, is he more than a cumberer of the ground.

Just before Jesus took His flight beyond the hills and the clouds into the azure above, He gave promise of the descent of the Holy Spirit to equip His disciples and charged them to "Go ... and preach the gospel," assuring them of His presence, which implies success. He planned that we should take up and carry forward the glorious work after them, and He has no other method by which to reach the lost and fallen.

The writer of this little volume has brought us, in his unique style, the secret of failure or of success in life as a Christian. Unless one dwells in the secret place of the Most High he will fail utterly, not only losing his own soul but dragging others to death eternal. Our brother has shown us how to keep alive as individuals and as churches. This method is imperative. He has depicted the highest type of workers in the vineyard of the Lord and sounded the battle cry of victory. In short, he has given Christ's ideal for humanity as workers together with Him in the whitened harvest fields. We are here on earth to labor that we may take others to heaven for His sake. We are of no profit to our Lord unless we are fruitful.

One should live so close to the sympathizing, yearning, bleeding heart of the crucified but risen Savior, that he too will mourn over the lost and enter into fellowship with His sufferings. "Did Christ o'er sinners weep, And shall our cheeks be dry?"

Jesus wept over individuals, over cities and over nations but is it not a fact that very few today enter into real soul travail with Him? Many shrink from this because it saps physical energy and nerve force. Yet, this soul agony must come and does come wherever there is a Holy Ghost revival. This book expresses the truths of God's Word with such pith, point and pungency that every earnest, honest soul who reads it will be stirred to deeper devotion and activity in the service of the Lord. It strikes right at the core of the spiritual life. It will send him to his knees and result in effectual prayer if he will heed its teachings. It will enable him to arouse others and awaken an intensity of interest in the community that will bring on a revival sooner or later if persisted in.

Do you know the world is dying and plunging to perdition with few to care, for lack of loving, tender, yearning sympathy and a love that spends hours in determined, weeping agony of prayer that cannot and will not be denied? Effectual prayer brings results through many tears and much faith -- "Faith that laughs at impossibilities and cries 'It shall be done!'"

God is just the same in ability and willingness to save and to sanctify as at Pentecost. The Holy Ghost makes the consecrated, determined suppliant as successful now in the closing of the church age as in its beginning. He will hear and answer your devoted prayers and mine. Thank God.

Every pastor and every church member should read this valuable book. Beloved, it is what you and your friends actually need. If carefully heeded, it will surely precipitate a far-reaching, world-wide revival of pure religion. Follow its truths and you will never lose your grip on God. Many souls will consequently adorn the diadem of our Lord to shine eternally in glory because your effectual, fervent prayer availed much.

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Part 3 EFFECTUAL PRAYER

Prayer is the art of communicating with God. It is the most vital subject that has ever engaged the mind of man. It is the only art that requires the co-operation of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and man in order to accomplish its objectives. Its first cause is Satan, its medium is man, its surety is Jesus' name, its energy is the Holy Spirit, its wealth of appeal is God's riches in glory, its hopeful expectation of an answer is "the faith which was once delivered to the saints," and its principal beneficiary is man.

Satan in his rebellious effort to overthrow God and His kingdom became the head of a new race of evil beings. Through his subtle solicitations Adam and Eve allied themselves with his wicked forces when they fell in the Garden of Eden. Because of this combined rebellion of Satan and man, all communication between God and man was cut off. Heaven was silent, man stood in total depravity, darkness filled and enveloped him, sorrows awaited him, the penalty of both physical and eternal death hung over him, and his future destiny was to share the fate of the devil and his angels in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone, where there shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

God so loved man, though he had gone astray, that He gave His only begotten Son to make a sacrificial atonement for the reconciliation of man to His Maker. In His birth He satisfied the will of God; in His death He satisfied the love of God; in His resurrection He turned aside the wrath of God; in His ascension He poured out the Spirit of God and through His mediatorial work He became the head of a new race of twice-born men and satisfies the purpose of God. Thus He re-opened and established communication between man and the throne of God through the means of prayer. Hence, there can be no substitute for prayer. Love for God, faith in God and prayer to God are the gracious trinity of true Christian experience.

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Part 4 PRAYER AND ITS ENEMIES

Christ is the universal man of prayer.
The Bible is the universal book of prayer.

The Holy Spirit is the universal director of prayer.
The church is the universal institution of prayer.
The promises are universal checks for use in prayer.
Obedience is the universal condition of prayer.
Faith is the universal guarantee of prayer.
Satan is the universal opposer of prayer.
Sin is the universal foe of prayer.
Worldly lusts are the universal enemies of prayer.
Doubting is the universal disease of prayer.
Regard for iniquity is the universal block to prayer.
Asking amiss is a universal weakness in prayer.
Carnal fear is the universal cause of defeat in prayer.

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Part 5

THE BIBLE AND PRAYER

The Bible does not argue about prayer.
The Bible does not theorize on prayer.
The Bible teaches prayer by example.
The Bible teaches three modes of prayer.
The Bible teaches man to pray in Jesus' name.
The Bible teaches man to pray in the Holy Ghost.

The Bible teaches man to pray with all prayer, lifting up holy hands without wrath and without doubting.

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Part 6

THE ELEMENTS OF PRAYER

The elements of prayer are love, desire, devotion, confidence, supplication, confession, entreaty, intercession, thanksgiving, submission, compassion, praise and the outpouring-of-the-soul in humility to the Father Almighty in Jesus' hallowed name. Unless prayer has in it these elements, it falls short of the fullest meaning of prayer. With these elements melted by the flame of perfect love, prayer becomes a fervent, effectual, dynamic force that changes things. God in man, man in God, praying in the Holy Ghost.

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Part 7

"HALLOWED BE THY NAME"

While man is authorized to pray in Jesus' sacred name, he is also commanded not to use His name in vain. There is a necessary preparation and fitness for prayer. Man is not to rush into the presence of God with a common familiarity and recklessly present his requests to God, attaching the holy name of Jesus in a thoughtless manner. Such praying is worthless mouthing, sacrilegious and forgery. It is like sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. It is no more effective than a printed prayer enclosed in a cylinder of brass which is turned round and round, such as many people use in Tibet. It is printed in gilt, the cylinder is beautifully engraved, the suppliant is earnest, but his gods do not see nor hear him. Men are to pray to God in holy fear and with the dignity that is becoming to divinely anointed priests of the Most High God.

Praying effectually means to humbly enter by faith into the holy of holies and there in the presence of the Father Almighty present one's requests, clothed in the priestly mantle of Jesus' name.

When David went out to meet Goliath, the great Philistine champion from Gath, who was six cubits and a span in height, with an armor of brass and a spear like a weaver's beam, the giant defied Israel in the NAME of his gods. David said unto him: "I come to thee IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OF HOSTS, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air; and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel." And it came to pass as David said.

Saul undertook to send David forth to battle the giant clothed in his armor, but David exchanged it for the armor "THE NAME" of the Lord of hosts. Jesus' NAME is the seal and strength of His kingdom. To bear this NAME is to be honored above the angels. At His NAME devils flee, men are saved and angels stand in holy awe.

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Part 8 PRECIOUS NAME

"Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it, then, where'er you go.

"Take the name of Jesus ever,
As a shield from every snare;
If temptations round you gather;
Breathe that holy name in prayer.

"Oh, the precious name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
When His loving arms receive us,
And His songs our tongues employ.

"At the name of Jesus bowing,
Falling prostrate at His feet,
King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him,
When our journey is complete.

"Precious name, Oh, how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven."

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Part 9 SECRET PRAYER

By secret prayer we mean the withdrawing of one's self from contact with the world, the presence of friends, the pursuits of life and in some quiet, secluded spot or place waiting before the Lord in holy devotion and prayer.

Examples:

"He went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when the evening was come he was there alone."

"When he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray."

"He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray."

"Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour."

"At midnight Paul and Silas prayed."

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

The difference between silent and secret prayer is this: in silent prayer we have the conscious knowledge that there is more or less of an ebb and flow of perpetual communication by and between the soul and the throne of God, while we mix and mingle with humanity in the daily pursuits of life. In secret prayer we free ourselves from people and the cares of life, fully giving ourselves to devotion and prayer, both silent and audible.

There is an endowment of power that can only be found in the secret place of prayer. Those who fail to discover this, fail to find the fountain of eternal youth. God has reserved for His children the secret place of personal interview. Alone in the garden of secret prayer is when God walks and talks with man in the cool of the day. Here is where men tell God things which are too sacred for mortal man to hear, yea, not even husband nor wife. In secret prayer the gateway opens to heaven and the Bridegroom meets the bride in holy courtship. Shut away from the world and

things of time, in secret, with the Prince of Peace, the tie that binds the loved to the Lover is made strong and secure.

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

"Then the devil leaveth him and behold angels came and ministered unto him."

"And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison; and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me."

If the child of God is not interested enough to make love to God alone with a campmeeting of angels on guard, there seems to be no reason that God should reward such a person openly. No servant of God can spend time in the secret place of the Most High, attended by holy angels, but that he will be better fitted to meet the battles of life than he could otherwise hope for. Such holy currents of joy, such thrills of delight, will uplift and strengthen him for the fray as only those are familiar with who commune in the secret of His presence. Only a few, comparatively, so live as to bear the mark upon their countenances.

If God's children will take time to get alone in devotion and prayer, He will send angels as escorts to deliver such persons from trouble. Paul and Silas prayed in secret at midnight and God rewarded them openly. The angels administered a blessing to them, a shaking of the jail, fear to the sinners and salvation to the jailer. That took place in the present dispensation and only indicates how God and His hosts are waiting and ready to co-operate with man in getting the glorious gospel of saving grace to the world.

There can be no reasonable excuses offered for the lack of spiritual life and power in the lives of individuals and churches as a whole. The cause is evident to all thinking people. Secret prayer is the power plant of the child of God and of the church. Neglect at this point is the source of all lagging and failure. A prayerless life means a powerless saint. Multiplied thousands of church members have neglected secret prayer till they are backslidden in heart, although they continue their profession. They apparently do not realize the crime they have committed against God, the church, lost souls and themselves. They have committed spiritual suicide and filled the church with dead professors for sinners to stumble over. They have become disconnected with the dynamo of spiritual life, although they insist on taking their places in the church as usual.

They profess to love God,
Yet they care not to talk with Him;
They profess to believe God,
Yet they do not care to walk with Him;

They profess to obey God,
Yet they do not manifest Him;
They profess to know God,
Yet they do not have time to love Him.

"These are spots in your feasts of charity. When they feast with you feeding themselves without fear; clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots."

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Part 10
THE TRAGEDY OF NEGLECT

Ninety-nine per cent of the backsliding in the world can be traced to the neglect of secret prayer. The writer once knew a very devout Christian gentleman who was highly honored and respected by all of his brethren. He was the husband and father in an ideal Christian home. He became so engrossed with business that for weeks he neglected secret prayer. He was called to a distant city for a two weeks' stay. He knew he had failed in secret prayer but thought that when he reached his destination he would make amends and regain the lost ground. But things were not so he could find the time and at length the devil made an assault on him with one of the most hideous temptations than can befall a married man. He was unprepared, he was weak, he fell and the price he paid for the fall was like the flames of hell. He told the writer this sad story and traced his fall to the few weeks of neglect of secret prayer.

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Part 11
NEGLECT

Neglect is the foe of life,
Robs the soul of love and peace;
It fills the days with sinful strife,
And veils the throne of saving grace.

Resist this cruel fiend,
He'll drag you to despair;
Begin this hour, by sovereign power;
Go now, meet God in secret prayer.

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Part 12
PUBLIC PRAYER

By public prayer we mean the offering up of prayer in the public assemblage. Jesus dignified this manner of devotion by praying in the public congregation Himself.

There are three modes of public prayer. First, silent prayer; second, priestly prayer; third, united prayer. In the exercise of public prayer, those who pray become the leaders of the people in

their approach to the throne of grace and in so doing they rise to the highest representative work it is possible for mortal man to reach while in this life. They become the mouthpiece of the people in appealing to the heavenly

Father, just as though they were bearing a petition from a given people to a king. The responsibility of such a mission is so great it makes one tremble with fear when fully realizing the office he is called upon to fill.

Those who would pray for others need to be frequenters of the secret place of prayer. Their affections are thus kept alive with compassion for others. Public prayers should be characterized by simplicity, confession, request, praise and thanksgiving, always in humility and tenderness, in the power of the Spirit.

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Part 13

SILENT PRAYER IN PUBLIC

We are told in holy writ that the house of God is to be called "the house of prayer for all nations," i. e., so much praying by and for all nations is done in the house of God that the public comes to realize that it is of ,a truth the house of prayer. While other modes of devotion are to be conducted in the house of God, yet prayer is to be so permanent a form of worship that this one will be held in common by all so that it will be recognized as the house of prayer.

The regard with which the community holds the house of God is largely determined by the attitude the pastor and members themselves take toward it. If they approach and enter the house of God in a spirit of devotion and godly fear, the onlookers and visitors will assume somewhat the same attitude. When they behold the pastor and members kneeling or bowing in silent prayer and holy devotion on entering the house of God, they certainly will become affected with the sincerity and worshipful spirit of the saints. Anything less than this is harmful and should be discouraged by all. This devout spirit would certainly quiet the mirth and hubbub prevalent in some places before the service and bring a spirit of conviction to many hearts. Beloved, let us retain our spirituality and our devotion to God.

It should be the custom of every church to have a few moments of silent prayer before entering into the program of the services. This would be becoming to the pastor, to members and to the house of God. Many a child has received his earliest impressions amid such an atmosphere, who has retained such respect for the ministry and reverence for the house of God as those not thus favored will never realize.

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Part 14

PRAYER, FAITH AND WORKS

Prayer, faith and works form the indispensable trinity of Christian growth and success. This glorious trinity thrives best in the field of difficulty. This trinity in action smiles at human impossibilities and refuses to be shackled by circumstances. This giant of energy has "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." It is yet to be demonstrated in the Christian's warfare just what this trinity is capable of accomplishing. The limitations are with men. God is ever ready to fully co-operate with His people.

When they purposely pray with all prayer,
When they fully believe His Word,
When they truly work His works,
When they boldly wield the Spirit's sword.

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Part 15

HINDRANCES TO PRAYER

There are many minor hindrances to prayer which we might consider in detail. However, we shall only deal with two or three major obstructions. Read the following scriptures carefully.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

"Yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood."

"Now we know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshiper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth."

"Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

All manner of prayer is based upon our love for God and our fellowmen. Love is the energy of our will and the directing force of our desires. Anything that will taint, streak, color or pollute our love for God and man is sinful and will hinder our prayers. There are three leading sins we may commit against love that will hinder our prayers, namely: gossip, cruelty and superstition. Gossip begins with surmising and evil thoughts, which lead to slander -- a wicked and sinful practice. He who gossips commits three dreadful sins. First, he sins against himself by filling his mind with evil thoughts. Second, he sins against the one he gossips about by spreading evil surmises about a weaker brother. Third, he sins against his community by filling it with evil thoughts, which weaken the good will of the people.

The gossip fills his unhallowed soul with evil surmises concerning a weaker brother and goes about spreading this contagion. He is the ruin of himself, the foe of man, the enemy of God and the sworn agent of the devil. He is not content with having corrupted himself and his victim, but he tries with all his might to make good, innocent souls parties to his hellish crime. Eagerly he will repeat his vile, slanderous tale to them, hoping they will believe it and join him in his wicked war on a fellow man.

A gossip is a moral assassin, a corrupting character and a community plague. He is the foe of love, the servant of carnality and the spreader of vicious germs which hinder prayer, rendering it powerless and ineffective. Gossip is the leprosy of the soul.

The spirit of cruelty is the second great sin that hinders prayer. The spirit of getting even, holding a grudge or anything that will cause others to suffer intentionally or unintentionally, is a block to prayer. Love for our enemies is the ground for prayer. To live where we do good to those who spitefully use us and persecute us will enable us to pray in faith.

Cruelty may be caused by word or act. It always follows in the wake of the gossip. Cruelty is a work of the devil, the fruit of carnality, the crime of greed, the issue between capital and labor and the cause of all war. It usually garbs itself with the cloak of personal liberty, but when the facts are known it is nothing less than free-lance-ism -- a spirit of rule or ruin. We are not to use our liberty as license. It is cruelty to underpay a man for his labor and cause his family to suffer. It is cruelty to make debts without a good reason to believe the debts can be promptly met. It is cruelty to rob God of His tithes and offerings and cause those who depend on the church for support to suffer. Cruelty to man or beast will hinder our prayers, because it betrays an evil nature within one.

Gossip and cruelty are largely the result of some form of superstition. The one who is a slave to it hates those who are free from its servitude. Evil surmises, gossiping and cruelty find their beginning in the superstitious soul. It would be a surprise to many if all the petty superstitions of professed Christian people were written down in readable form. If a black cat crosses the road in front of one it is a sign there is danger ahead. Some people will not go out of a door different from the one they entered in a house, for that would mean trouble. Some say you must not carry a hoe through the house or there will be a death in the home. These only give an idea of the many senseless, foolish things in the form of falsehood. Superstition, linked with gossip and cruelty are evil triplets which hinder all forms of prayer. We are to know the truth and the truth will make us free.

Freeing ourselves from all these hindrances to prayer, we must be quick to discern that which is the will of God and to cling to it. We must be true in speech, not exaggerating; true in action, not pretending to be what we really are not; free from selfishness, considering the needs of others in the light of God's Word and proving the promises in daily life and praying in the Holy Ghost.

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Part 16 LEADING IN PUBLIC PRAYER

Leading the public assemblage in prayer is a very responsible part of public worship. It is to prepare the way for all other means of grace. In fact, it is a priestly service that is far reaching in its influence and results. The one leading the prayer is supposed to sense the needs of the people and bear their petitions to the throne of grace with priestly dignity and fervor. Those who lead in

public prayer need to spend much time in secret devotion in order to prepare themselves for such a grave responsibility as that of bearing the burdens of others to the throne of God.

Praying is an art, therefore the more we pray the better we can pray. Poor praying in public is an evidence of little secret praying. Long public prayers are little appreciated and usually are not effectual. If one keeps prayed up it will not be necessary to pray a long prayer in public.

A study of the public prayers of the Bible will reveal short, fervent, pointed prayers. While all of God's people should be able to pray in public, yet some are more gifted in public prayer than others. While one is leading the assemblage in prayer the others should join in silent prayer and respond with a hearty amen at the proper time, thus entering into the spirit of the prayer as though their very own.

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Part 17

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYING

The early church had congregational prayer at times, i. e., all of the assembled saints would join in public prayer at one and the same time. The Spirit can, will and does come upon worshipping souls, melting them, as it were, into one soul in bearing a definite petition to the throne of grace. This was so with the church at Jerusalem in the beginning (Acts 4:23-33). This manner of prayer is very beneficial to the weak and timid, enabling them to find their freedom in prayer. Again, where churches have a large membership this is a good method of prayer, otherwise only a few will have the opportunity to pray. The prayer life is the dynamo of the church and all must enter freely into the praying if each one is to have an interest and become an active force in the church.

Some may seem to be confused at first, but they will soon become adjusted to this manner of praying until all will be able to enter into it heartily. Confusion only comes through discord and where there is unity there will be strength in congregational praying. However, this manner of prayer is to be the exception and not the rule.

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Part 18

FAMILY PRAYER

Family prayer is fast becoming a thing of history. The conditions of today militate against it, but this can be overcome in a measure. There is no one means of grace that is so far reaching in its influence and results. One of the larger denominations of our land sought to know the reason why so few young men of their church were being called to the ministry. After a canvass by a committee the lack was assigned to the loss of family prayer. This denomination appointed a committee with instructions to institute a campaign to revive this means of grace among the membership.

Family prayer brings the family to its highest point of unity, veneration, communion, loveliness and security. The Christian home is the corner stone of Christian civilization. With the family altar torn down and the entire institution of family prayer waning, the whole structure of Christian civilization is threatened with decay. At the family altar the sweetest lessons of childhood are learned. It is at this sacred shrine where the seed is sown which not only buds, blossoms and bears precious fruit in this life and the coming generations, but throughout eternity will add glory to the honor of our Christ.

To rob children of this heritage is a crime and a tragedy. All children have a right to this God-given means of grace, and parents who withhold it will be held responsible. We are told to train up a child in the way it should go, and family prayer is a part of the training needful for life's service. In Deut. 6:7 we read: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

The beautiful lessons and the scriptures which the writer learned around the family altar will never be effaced from memory and will be passed on to his children and by them on down to succeeding generations. Those hallowed influences will linger in memory and those sacred devotions have erected an imperishable monument to our Christ, who has become enshrined forever in our heart, no doubt, as a result of those blessed hours at family prayer.

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Part 19 SILENT PRAYER

Silent prayer may be termed the modest mode. Hannah, in her prayer for a child, used this mode (1 Sam. 1:13). All silent prayer may be listed under the modest mode.

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Part 20 THE GRACE OF PRAYER

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." "Pray without ceasing." "Watch ye therefore, and pray always." "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." "Continue instant in prayer." "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." What a marvelous example of prayer Jesus brought us, even when very weary. He once said of prayer: "I have meat ye know not of."

The nightingale is a small European bird, having a song of the sweetest quality, which it often sings in the night. It is mostly at home in secluded woodlands and hedges, especially along streams. The child of God is a pilgrim and stranger, traveling through a land of darkness, "beside the still waters." The Holy Spirit is the nightingale of his soul, singing His sweet, soothing note of prayer along the way till the weary homeward traveler reaches the ivory dawn of the perfect day.

The purified heart of the child of God is likened unto the golden altar of incense of the old covenant on which burned "perpetual incense before the Lord." This ever burning incense is typical of the beautiful liquid flame of endless prayer that ascends upward to God from the love-filled hearts of His children. This perpetual current of silent prayer is the underlying, fundamental principle of all effectual prayer. It is to the Christian's experience what subsoil is to the corn or wheat which we plant in the earth. Without this there can be no growth in the grace and knowledge of Christ equivalent to the provisions made.

It is the very nature, desire and passion of the Holy Spirit to lead those whom He indwells to pray. He teaches, He reveals, He guides the trusting soul in the art of effectual prayer. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

When the Spirit-flame of perpetual prayer ceases within the soul, divine life is gone. The beautiful nightingale with its sweet song has been grieved, the cage is empty and deserted. The profession may be kept up, but there is no song in the night. The burning incense on the altar of the soul no more sends forth its sweet perfume, the bubbling spring is dry and the soul is parched and barren, the evergreen vine flourishes, but the branch is severed and dead. God listens but there is no prayer, no song; He looks, but there is no fruit. Nothing, nothing but leaves, just leaves. The blessed Spirit is insulted and gone.

Such is the condition of a backslider in heart. How sad, how helpless is such a man or woman! The crime thus committed is a tragedy. There is but one thing to do and do it now. Tell God how sorry you are for your folly and neglect. Open your heart's door and invite the sweet singing nightingale of your soul to return. Pray for the rekindling of the incense of prayer on the altar of your heart; ask that the bubbling spring of perpetual prayer may spring up anew within your soul; plead for a reconnection with the living Vine. Will you do it? Are you doing so now? Have you done it? Has the sweet nightingale of prayer struck up its sweet notes again? Is the fire beginning to burn? Is the spring beginning to bubble? Is the connection complete? "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." "For I am the Lord, I change not."

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Part 21

JESUS WEEPS AT THE GATES OF THE WORLD

"Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared, though he were a Son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

According to holy writ Jesus wept only three times, but like all the other acts of His life, they were so divinely ordered, that in the shedding of these tears, He has set an example and led His church and ministry in their mission of intercessory prayer for the world. In the days of His

fleshly ministry He had a world-wide vision of humanity's need of the glorious gospel and it so moved His compassionate soul that He wept salty tears in intercessory prayer for the evangelization of the lost world. His vision, prayers, tears, burden and ministry were in keeping with the love that prompted the heavenly Father to give Him as a sacrificial redeemer. It could not be less than a world-wide sacrifice, voluntarily offered, a vision of the supreme need of the entire race and a consuming desire to bring salvation to all having brought Him from glory to die of a broken heart.

To follow Christ, we too must have a world-wide vision of humanity's need of the saving gospel. Anything else would be selfish and wicked, greatly hindering our prayers. God's gift, promises and commission to the ministry and to the Church is to evangelize every nation, kindred, tongue and person in the wide world. Therefore, the vision, compassion and effort of the ministry and of the Church is to join with Jesus in "prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears" for the evangelization of the whole world.

We speak about missionaries who go where the gospel has never been preached, but we never can say that one of them wept first over their lost condition. Christ led the way and the most we can do is to mingle our prayers and tears with His for the salvation of the lost. Thank God, we can truly be collaborators with Him in prayer, tears, vision and effort to get the gospel to the world.

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Part 22

JESUS WEEPS AT THE GATES OF THE CITY

At the crest of Olivet Jesus pauses and views the city of Jerusalem, the city of the great king. As He looks, He weeps, being seized with strong, heart-breaking, convulsive sobs; a bitter, wailing, compassionate cry, because He realizes that the city, temple, Jewish people (His own) are soon to be plunged into a period of darkest gloom and despair, because they have rejected their Messiah. He wails in agony, "Ye would not!" Divine love and compassion have done what they can to woo, win and redeem Israel, but proffered mercy is rejected and in time the unmitigated wrath of God's justice is to be poured out upon this stubborn and rebellious people. "Your city is left unto you desolate" He cries, as He pours out His briny tears at the very gates of the city, a living testimony that redemptive mercy has been offered but rejected.

With His tears and compassion Jesus has led the way for His soul-winners in the effort to evangelize every city and hamlet of earth. He offered His burning, tender tears of compassion as a last witness before the throne of justice, in return for their unbelief and cruel, rebellious, mocking, murderous attitude and treatment. Neither tears nor warning of coming judgment could turn them, but He was faithful unto death. Just so the true soul winners for Jesus may be rejected, abused, persecuted and mocked, but in the light of the coming judgment they can add their salty tears to those of His and thus testify against the wicked in the day of justice, "Ye would not."

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Part 23

"JESUS WEEPS AT THE GATE OF DEATH"

Lazarus is a type of the whole human family. No other man in the Bible is a more complete picture of the sinner with his sickness, death, binding, entombment and putrefaction. His first ray of hope was in his sisters' calling for the Master to come. This was a type of the Church. Christ declares Himself the resurrection and the life; He begins to inquire about the dead man; Christ seeks the dead man; He finds him in a tomb. Christ commands the sisters to roll away the stone. This is also a type of the Church. Christ calls the dead man to life; He commands his sisters (the Church) to loosen him and let him go. We next find the free man at a feast, then persecuted and finally a soul winner.

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Part 24

A VISION OF THE WORLD

Like Lazarus, the world of sinners is sick of sin, dead in sin, bound by the grave-cloths of carnality, putrefying in the sins of transgressions and in the tomb of spiritual death, with the rugged stones of many difficulties between them and the Christ of Calvary. Unless something supernatural occurs, they will remain entombed in death.

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Part 25

WOMAN A TYPE OF THE CHURCH

The two sisters are a type of the Church. If the world of sinners ever hears the gospel, the Church must first get the vision of their condition, become alarmed, send for Christ in intercessory prayer, and roll away the stones of difficulty from the tombs of the sinners. They must believe while Christ speaks the life-giving word to the dead, be ready to give a hearty welcome to the newborn soul and then listen to the Master as He speaks to them "Loose him and let him go." That is, all regenerate souls need to be sanctified and the Church is to preach it, sing it and live it until all newborn souls get the experience.

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Part 26

PERSONAL WORK

Jesus weeping at the tomb of Lazarus is our example of personal work. Society can never be regenerated in a mass. The work of salvation is accomplished thus: "You win the one next to you and I'll win the one next to me." Each soul must find Christ as his resurrection and life for himself. There can be no proxies in salvation. Personal work is the example and plan of Christ to win men to God.

No soul winner has ever wept over a lost soul but that he finds that Christ has wept over him first. He said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The passion of Christ and His church is to win men to Christ one by one. Unless the ministry and church members get the vision and hasten to the closet of intercessory prayer, and send for Christ, there will be no hope for the entombed sinners. The Church must send for Christ and co-operate with Him when He does come, by rolling away the stones of difficulty. The whole situation depends upon this, as the sinner is helpless.

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Part 27

THE LANGUAGE OF TEARS IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER

"I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears."

Intercessory prayer is the highest order of prayer committed to ministry and to the Church, because it supplements the mediatorial work of Christ. They are inseparable in the work of salvation. Only as the ministry and the Church succeed in the office and work of intercessory prayer, can Christ succeed at the mediatorial throne. Through intercessory prayer, the ministry and the Church hold the measure of Christ's success in the salvation of souls. There is only one way for them to free themselves from the blood of souls and that is to be faithful in this work. A failure here means a failure all along the line of redemptive work. A deserter from intercessory prayer is a traitor to Christ and a murderer of souls. He is a Judas and will go to his own place. Failure here is the tragedy of the age and no language nor power is strong enough to reveal the extent of wreck and ruin brought on by such unfaithfulness. The weeping and wailing of the lost in hell, the eternal agony and despair, caused by such neglect on the part of the ministry and of the Church, bring only a faint idea or realization of the tremendous responsibility which the Church and the ministry sustain in co-operation with the Son of God in evangelizing the world. The vital question comes to us as the servants of God and His Church with greater force than ever, in these last days, "Will the ministry and the Church fail the Master in His work of redemption?"

Effective intercessory prayer is so rugged and desperate that it requires the entire man in the struggle to win. The figure of speech used to indicate its desperation is that of the birth pains of a woman in travail. It is the birth pains and agony in intercession that cause the ministry and the Church to shrink from the responsibility of undertaking genuine revivals of religion. Tearless prayers without soul agony is the common effort to produce a revival today. Is it any wonder that we have no conviction on sinners, dry altar services (still-born souls) and a dead church? The Apostle Paul was a marvelous example of a true minister of Jesus Christ. He bore a great burden for the people constantly. He loved them so much that he wept and mourned over them. He bewailed their backslidings and watched over the many churches God enabled him to raise up. He said, "I seek not yours but you," and once in Gal. 4:19 he spoke of "travailing in birth" until Christ be formed in them. The secret of his marvelous success lay in the fact that he forgot his own burdens and sufferings and lived so close to the great heart of his Lord that he became a real soul winner, a true "worker together with him," ever after that wonderful day on the Damascus road.

Effective intercessory prayer will wring groans from the soul and tears from the eyes, because one is in the Spirit. The soul capacity is so much greater than the intellectual capacity of man that God has equipped nature with a soul language of groans and tears that bear a much deeper meaning than can be uttered by mortal man. Think of it! The Almighty God, by the Holy Spirit, prays and agonizes through the soul tears of man! The tearful groaning of intercessory prayer is the universal language of the true Church and can only be learned in the secret place of prayer.

The chief office work of the Holy Spirit in the prayer life of the ministry and of the Church is to grant intercessory prayer. Spirit-filled prayers will burn and flame with a fervor and passion that will not be denied an answer. Prayers that produce revivals are filled with a nameless power which bursts forth in an agony from the soul that is deeper than human language and can only be expressed in the language of groans and tears. To save ourselves this agony, pain and tears can only result in the loss of many souls, if not our own.

Holy Ghost intercessory prayer is always effective. It bears an unutterable burden for lost souls, until a revival of Holy Ghost religion is born. There can be no substitute and it is this way or not at all. When the ministry and the Church will unite in Holy Ghost intercessory prayer and fasting, they will soon begin to feel things moving at the other end of the line and the answer will come flying back in the shouts of newborn souls.

God sent the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, to summon Hezekiah, who was sick in Jerusalem, to set his house in order for he should die and not live. Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed this prayer:

"I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore." The Lord said to Isaiah, "Turn again and tell Hezekiah, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears."

Hezekiah seemingly prayed more with his tears than with his voice. He asked not one thing in his audible prayer. But by the bountiful answer, the Lord read more in his tears than he heard in his prayer.

Hezekiah was prepared to die, but evidently had a greater desire to suffer with the people of God in their struggle for victory than to go to heaven when he had a good opportunity. He seemed to think that a live saint was of more value to the Lord in the battle at Jerusalem than a translated one. He chose a life of suffering and battle rather than a home in heaven. He knew that when he laid down the armor he would pick up his crown, so that what he did for God and man must be done before he died. The Lord favored him by granting his request.

God cannot do much with ministers and laymen who are all the time looking for a chariot ride to heaven instead of a battlefield. It seems that the most of the people who are saved today think only of going to heaven instead of service for their Lord and Savior. If we live right, we shall surely go to heaven, but what the Lord needs today is soldiers and not home seekers. How many preachers and church members would exchange a chance to go to heaven and be with Christ for the rugged battlefield of service? God needs men and women who will pray and weep for souls until He will say: "I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears."

We should seek to increase His riches in glory as long as possible. The more saints we can get home to heaven, the greater will be His inheritance, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." May we all be enlightened that we "may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."

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Part 28

THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEED

God created the water before He created the fish; He created the verdure before he created the beast of the field; He created the firmament around about the earth before He created the birds to enjoy it; He adapted the fish to the water, the beasts of the field to the verdure, the birds to the open firmament and then hermetically sealed these kingdoms unto themselves. He then said: "Let us make man in our own image." Man is not an animal, but he belongs to a higher order of creation, just a little lower than the angels.

In all of creation before man God had no earthly creature that had any intelligent capacity for loving Himself. Therefore, He created man and adapted his nature to live in the love of God and be happy, just as the fish lives in the water and the beast in the field and are contented because it is their element, and the birds soar about in the open firmament singing merrily. The eternal nature of God and man are the same being spiritually. Hence, man can no more live outside of the love of God than a fish can live out of water. Spiritual life died in Adam the moment of his transgression, his departure from God's love. The native, normal, redemptive element for man is in the will of God, feasting on His love and living by His grace. There is an eternal fitness of things that cannot be altered and succeed in time or eternity.

The spiritual nature of man is the eternal, ever abiding, promoting, propelling force that drives him to his weal or woe. Hence, the greatest need of man is to bring his moral nature into harmony with the Spirit of the Almighty. Just in proportion as man brings this nature into oneness with God shall he be efficient, satisfied and successful in the whole of life.

Man is a triple being and has a need and demand spiritual and mental and physical. God, in His goodness and love, has provided a bountiful supply for the entire need of man. The glorious gospel of full salvation meets the spiritual need; education, culture and refinement satisfy the mental need; and food, raiment, shelter and medicine provide for the physical nature of man. Salvation is the greatest need of mankind. It is the gospel of full salvation that reconciles the moral nature of man to the Holy Spirit of God, and this union of the love of God and man will live eternally.

In comparative value, the soul of man is worth more in every way than the whole world. In duration, in capacity for service, in value of service rendered, in exchange of appreciation, and in eternal fitness of all things, the soul excels everything earthly. Therefore, the spiritual nature of man is the foundation of the superstructure of his being, the mental and physical natures being inferior to it. While the world is in sin the whole course of man's nature is out of line and

inharmonious with God and His plan for us. This condition can lead to nothing but confusion, trouble, war, bloodshed and destruction. We conclude, therefore, in summing up the situation, that the greatest need of mankind is a world-wide revival of religion that will reconcile humanity to God.

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Part 29

A HOLY GHOST REVIVAL

We are living in the Holy Ghost dispensation; in the Church age; in the day of the mediatorial work of Christ; in the time of the evangelistic, pastoral, teaching and witnessing ministry. Never, since the Day of Pentecost, have the openings and opportunities been better for mighty revivals to sweep through the churches everywhere, than at the present time.

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

"Then saith he unto his disciples; The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Jesus was pressed with multitudes so much that He had to seek the solitude of the mountains to be alone. Yes, "When he saw" -- that is, when He saw the multitude from a certain point of view, "He was moved with compassion on them." It was this certain point of view that moved the Father to give His Son. Jesus requested the Church to pray the Lord to send forth laborers with this particular vision of the multitudes. The vision which the ministry and the Church gets of the multitudes of sinners will largely determine the attitude they take toward them. If the ministry and the Church get the vision from the point of view of the Father and the Son, they too will be moved with like compassion on the poor, blind, wandering, fainting multitudes of sinners who are like sheep without a shepherd, going, they know not where -- but we who are of the day, know and see their certain doom. Down, down, down they go, with so few to pity or to care. They are despairing, desperate, doomed and damned unless help reaches them in time. Like a falling airplane, they are rushing, racing, roaring to destruction and to death, so hopeless and helpless, miserable and mad in their flight, while the Church and ministry have little or no vision of their condition.

The trouble today is not so much the hardness of the sinners as it is the lack of vision and compassion on the part of God's professed people. Insincerity has blinded both the Church and the ministry until they need a mighty awakening. There is no excuse for this insincerity in word, thought and deed. It is God's plan to keep His people awake and moving for Him. We may have revivals today, just in proportion as the Church and the ministry swing into line with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost in vision and compassion for lost souls.

A mighty revival from the heart of God is seeking to break through upon the Church and sweep the ocean of humanity like an electric storm. The currents from the heavenly radio are vibrating through the atmosphere. Let us tune in, get in harmony with God's instruments and let the

great revival arouse and move the nations of the world. The question is this, will the Church and the ministry yield themselves to the plan and will of God and become the channels for Him to get the gospel to a world of guilty sinners?

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Part 30
REAPERS, NOT GLEANERS

Some would have us believe that the days of mighty awakenings are forever past. They would have us think that like Ruth of old in the field of Boaz, we may at best glean only a few straws from the whitened harvest fields. We are frank to state that we cannot accept such notions. God is still on the throne answering prayer. Neither reason nor revelation indicates a cause for not having revivals today. We conclude that such preachers and teachers are blind and leaders of the blind. They are too lazy to pray through; too hopeless to preach; too faithless to believe and too fearful to receive. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." "He that winneth souls is wise." You need not tell me that the God who loved fallen men enough to give His Son to save them, will mock at the prayers and tears of His loved and own. The God of love is kindling revival fires in every nation on earth this very minute. The God of love is stirring hearts everywhere. While doubters doubt and knockers knock, hundreds are now finding Jesus. God is raising up Christian schools to train an army of young men and women to girdle the globe with revival fires like a mighty conflagration which will not die out until Jesus comes. No, no! We are not to be satisfied with the mere gleaning of the corners of the field, but we are to thrust in our sickles and reap a great harvest of golden grain for our Master's garner on high.

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Part 31
"OCCUPY TILL I COME"

Keep at your work until the shout sounds in the upper sky. Be in the field of faithful toil when He bids you hasten on to the marriage supper. Drop the sword to take up the harp. Exchange your overalls for ascension robes. We should rise to meet and greet Him from the altars where sobbing penitents in ten thousand places have newly found the Savior. His approach is so near let us light revival fires on every hilltop and in every valley to herald His coming. A certain man in America who can "reel off" prophecy by the hour, and who refuses to get the experience of holiness, said that the end was so near that it was useless to try to do anything or to invest money in any enterprise to spread the glorious gospel over the earth. We learned, incidentally, that he was worth two hundred thousand dollars and evidently loved gold more than he loved God. We could then easily understand his attitude. While unbelievers are putting revivals down, let us put them over.

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Part 32
A BIT OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Some have fallen into the delusion that because of the "times" and the "condition of the world" and the "nearness of the end" little can be accomplished for God. Perhaps some reader has fallen into this error, which will surely cripple effort, paralyze faith and defeat the very purpose for which God sanctifies His own. From sea to sea, in many nations, within the past year, the Holy Ghost has fallen in unusual power. Many have witnessed these manifestations in revival work. What our eyes have seen and our ears have heard far outweighs all of the fine-spun theories of all the critics and carpers. Whenever could revivals be so easily, mightily and constantly received everywhere as in these very days? Glory be to God forever!

Recently in a congregation where some affirmed that nothing could be done, when we ceased speaking the first night the entire congregation came forward -- some almost "on the run." They prayed and God answered. Others have seen similar manifestations of God's power. The best days in the world's history for revivals are now upon us. Anybody who will go in for a revival at any cost may have one. Yes, in any place, any Where, where the Holy Ghost has not been grieved away, we may have the same manifestations of the gospel of Jesus Christ in supernatural power if we will wait upon God in soul travail and faith.

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Part 33

YES, ANYWHERE THIS SIDE THE WALLS OF DAMNATION

If we believe that nothing can be done, nothing will be done. If we hang our harps on the willow trees, then no streams will break forth in the desert. Surely, then, the desert cannot "rejoice and blossom as the rose." According to our faith be it unto us. If we lift our heads and shout the victory, no Jericho walls can withstand our triumphant tread. God is ready and waiting to meet the challenge of human faith with commands for the winds to blow upon this old earth until a mighty host shall arise from valleys of dry bones to stand upon their feet with a shout of victory. Like Ezekiel, go then and hunt the deadest, driest and hardest field in all our coasts, preach as God bids and supernatural results will begin to appear immediately! What a spiritual tonic faith is anyway!

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Part 34

WHAT OF WESLEY'S TIMES?

Get a history of Wesley's time and see what he met and defeated. His task was a hundred times harder than ours. The condition of England seemed spiritually hopeless, yet, and lo! a nation is resuscitated and holiness placed once more upon the map of God's plans and purposes. When Wesley began there were virtually no holiness people in England, but it broke out like fire in dry stubble and spread not only over the darkest part and every corner of that country, but across the Atlantic and now today there are more than a million sanctified souls marching triumphantly on toward the city of God in our own beloved America. This is a day of small things because it is a day of small faith, dearth of soul travail and dwarfed Christians. If the whole company of us can put our faith together and there is as much as a mustard seed (which was the smallest of all seeds)

-- if all of us put together can muster a mustard seed particle of faith we can pluck up sycamine trees (all living obstacles) and uproot mountains (all natural obstacles) and behold marvels and miracles in the name of Jesus. We have a thousand doors open where Wesley had but one, the open field.

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Part 35

GET INTO THE POOL OF THE FIVE PORCHES

The angel of revivals is stirring the waters of salvation. Whosoever will go down believing shall come up receiving. Any pastor of any holiness church on earth can have the presence, power and glory of God. Revivals are bursting forth in a thousand centers. The Holy Ghost is fairly charging and shattering the domains and the dominions of the prince of damnation. Get off the fence, get into the battle. The fighting is fine, the victory is certain. Hallelujah!

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Part 36

A REVIVAL IS SURELY SWEEPING THIS WAY

While some of the learned doctors are telling us that we cannot have a revival, let us go out and start two or three. Let us see the fountains break loose in the mountains, and rivers of salvation flow through the deserts of sin, with the glory of God over all. Let the weak-kneed and doubting-soul fellows go back with the ten thousand who deserted Gideon on the eve of immortal victory. Let the little-faith fellows and those too lazy to pray, return to their firesides and darn the socks of the fellows who go out to battle in the greatest hour this world has seen for ten hundred years, to preach Jesus and propagate holiness. Let every man among us and the sanctified sisters refuse to be mere doorkeepers or sock darners, but let us all be soul winners. Glory! On with the revival until Jesus comes.

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Part 37

A FEW EXAMPLES TO ENCOURAGE US

Elijah had a revival when the nation had well-nigh backslidden from the covenant with God. Read 1 Kings, 18th chapter, once more. Elisha had frequent revivals. Read his history in 2 Kings, chapters 1-13. The Book of Judges records at least seven mighty revivals. Did you ever hear of Gideon? Then light your lamp and break your pitcher while shouting "Glory to God," and the Midianites will take to the woods. Re-read the Book of Esther and find one of the greatest revivals chronicled there to be found in all history. King David had a great revival. They brought the ark to David's city and had a mighty revival on the way home, for David was mightily "blessed" and acted just about the way some Christians act when they get what he had while going down the road. Of course, some Michal always looks through the lattice to reproach you, but just

go on, they cannot understand what is the matter with you, even if you should try to tell them. When they get the "blessing" they will understand.

John the Baptist had a great revival in the midst of a nation that had lost God. What a glorious revival was precipitated when he told the multitude what would happen when Jesus came and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. He warned them to repent of their sins right away and they were stirred to the very depths. Peter and the one hundred and nineteen saw a mighty moving in old Jerusalem, where Jesus had so lately been crucified. Paul had a revival in such a sinful old city as Samaria, and never left town until he got his converts sanctified wholly. Philip was only a deacon, but God honored him with revivals.

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Part 38
BROTHER, GO BACK AND SIT DOWN

Do not try to discourage those who believe that revivals may be had even to this hour and on and on. The Christian Church was born amid holy, revival fires. The apostles were mighty revivalists, as well as great-hearted, strong-faithed, skilled organizers, dominant personalities. They insisted that the churches must keep the revival fires and Pentecostal glory upon every soul, and that the meetings must be ever kept vibrant with the shouts of newly saved and sanctified souls. That alone is the sole aim and reason for the existence of this distinct people with a separate organization from the world. Only such churches are representative Christian churches. What are churches for, if not to keep revivals lighted and burning over the whole earth, such revivals as convict, reclaim, save and sanctify?

We conclude with four reasons why we may expect revivals now.

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Part 39
WE HAVE GOD

First, we have God. He has the power, His purpose is set to save men and He has neither altered His purpose nor changed His plan. He still sits in royal and regal authority upon the circle of the heavens. "Lord, thou art God." Turn to Acts, fourth chapter, and read from verse 23 to 33. His arm is not shortened, His power is not abated, His fountains have not gone dry. There is no famine in His country, for our Joseph is always on the throne of plenty and power. His mighty angels encircle the earth and His Word standeth sure. Any man who will faithfully pray and believe God will soon see God faithfully at work in his place. Test Him and see.

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Part 40
JESUS AT THE THRONE

Secondly, Jesus pleads triumphantly, with all authority in the heavens and upon the earth, at God's throne. If you doubt it read His parting challenge to faith in Matthew 28:18-20. If we had no other written promise, these three verses are sufficient to depend upon for mighty revivals. He has promised to be with us as long, as far and as often as we will preach His gospel to men. Each time we preach He is there -- there in the power of all the authority in heaven and earth, which covers the entire territory in question. Faith believes He is with us until the age ends. He can do as much now as then. He has revivals in His nail-pierced hands to give to unfailing faith and prevailing prayer.

Spurgeon accounted, in great measure, for his success in the fact that he believed that Jesus would be with him and bless him if he would go and preach the gospel. That is the one great thing which distinguishes preachers and preaching. Faith that Jesus has the authority and that He is present gives confidence and strength.

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Part 41 HIS PROMISE AND HIS PRESENCE

With His promise and His presence you can have a revival anywhere, any time, if you will stay with the matter until God can work it out. Revivals anywhere! Revivals any time! This is our motto: "Revivals anywhere, any time!" Some people have listened to the doleful cry of doubt until hope and faith are buried in the grave of despair and defeat. Some laymen and some preachers are so full of it that it takes a Herculean effort sometimes to rise above their paralyzing influence. Get up and go, brother, sister, get a fresh touch from the throne of God, then let the preacher preach and let the people pray and let both pulpit and pew believe. There will be a mighty resurrection. Amen! No scorner on earth nor demon from hell can defeat such a band. Jesus shouts across the stellar distances, "Lo, I am with you!" He stilled the storm and healed the sick; cleansed the leper; fed the multitude; delivered the captive; set the prisoner free; blotted out the sins of the scarlet woman; saved the dying thief; arose from the tomb of rock; went above all powers and opposing principalities to sit upon the throne of the eternal and ever blessed God; and later sent down the Holy Ghost in fullness and power to endue us with dynamite to hold and to have revivals anywhere, any time till He comes again. An abiding faith in a risen Christ will produce constant revivals upon the earth. "He is the same yesterday, today and forever." Glory, hallelujah!

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Part 42 THE BIBLE IN OUR HANDS

Thirdly, we still have the good Book to tell us what to expect. Hundreds of promises tell us that God will answer prayer and work according to His own purposes to save sinners and sanctify believers. We have no second Bible with these promises canceled by the love that inspired them nor the hands that wrote them. Not one jot nor tittle has been changed by inspiration. This Book promises to give revivals in answer to faithful living, preaching, faith and prayer. We may have revivals so long as God lets the Bible stay on the earth, if we have only Matthew 28:18-20 left.

With God the Father, God the Son, over our heads, the Holy Ghost in our hearts and the Bible in our hands we are unbeatable and undefeatable.

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Part 43

THE HOLY GHOST IS STILL HERE

Fourthly, we can have Holy Ghost revivals because the Holy Ghost is here for this purpose. He is more concerned in this matter than all of His coworkers on the face of the earth. If we let Him, He will work in every place, anywhere, all the time. He can awaken, convict, convert, sanctify. He is moving, it appears to some of us, as He has scarcely done in a thousand years. Never were there so many sanctified people on earth since the first centuries. Never were so many people being healed by faith and prayer. Never was mission work at such a high tide; never were there so many holiness schools; never so many people praying for God to revive the whole earth; never so many mission halls and churches where Holy Ghost fires blaze and burn and never so much money for Holy Ghost work as at this very hour. It is the greatest age to preach holiness in the history of the world. Glory be to God forever! The world is waiting. God has blasted a way to human hearts by the recent wars, and men are awake as never before. This day is ours and mankind waits for those with positive messages about God and salvation. Secular papers are calling for a revival of religion by their very chronicling of crime, disasters and death. The very defenders of Darwinism are stabbing evolution to death and Modernism is crying out for a satisfying portion by their ungodly, unsatisfactory claims. The stage is set for men and women full of the Holy Ghost who believe the golden, gleaming, glittering promises of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to bless us with mighty revivals from coast to coast, from land to land and far out across the sunlit seas. These revivals are breaking out at many points even in non-Christian lands. You may have one in your heart, your home, your church. It will begin the moment you believe it can come to pass! Amen!

Begin now, this very moment, to pray and to get others interested in a real, Holy Ghost revival of old-time salvation. Give this book to a friend and get others to secure one. Do something every day to promote a Holy Ghost revival around you. Keep agitating the subject of effectual prayer; work with your neighbors and friends and put your money to work as well as your heart and your tongue. God will bless it and you. The time is short. What we do must be done quickly and we cannot afford to be "at ease in Zion." "The effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous man (or woman) availeth much." The successful, agonizing, tearful, expectant prayers of the sanctified will bring a sweep of revivals over this sinful, old world such as will rejoice the saints, the angels and our triumphant Christ, whose glorious promise rings true, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

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