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prayer is dear to Him now that as the Son of our whole soul to God, or He will not accept us. It will be ill for us if we are half-hearted, for it is written, "their heart is divided; now shall for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of "Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen they be found faulty." "The kingdon of heaven the earth for thy possession." Prayer is the force." We are exhorted to "knock," and as as the clouds hang on the mountains, so doth night aroused his slumbering friend. We are prayer linger over every great mercy of God. Prayer is connected with every covenant exhorted to be importunate, like the widow with blessing. Why, beloved, it is to him that callthe unjust judge. We are to pray as if all dethe unjust judge. We are to pray as if all de-pended upon our praying; though after all that praying is in itself an effect of a cause which has existed long before. We are to be as impor-tunate as if God were unwilling, and to plead Earnestness must be present in all our prayers or they will return to us unanswered; this is reasonable enough. Shall God be expected to give to us that which we do not value? If we do not value the blessing sufficiently to be eager in seeking it, is it not right that He should withheld it until we are in a better mind? Are OPPOSITE NORMAL SCHOOL. | withhold it until we are in a better mind ? Are we to worship God with a divided reverence? prayer. Those who would safely navigate the Children of God, you must cry mightily unto sea of life must pray their passage to heaven. Moreover, beloved, prayer has been connected the Lord, and pour out your hearts like water

I answer first, let us study very thoroughly the value of the mercy which we are seeking at God's hand. Seeker take heed to do this. Whatever it is that thou art asking for, it is

Now, beloved, we are commanded to be conno trifle. Look at it. A man's ardor in purstant in our instancy. Is not this right ? Is suit will be in proportion to his consciousness of the value of that which he pursues. Get thou to feel what a precious thing grace is, what it cost the Lord to bring it to thee; what blessings it brings with it for time and for eternity, and when thy heart sees that it seeks after an unspeakably precious gift, then will its desire be he is in distress ? Doth not nature itself teach stirred up to pray with intense longings. us that in the time of affliction we should especi-When thou hast done this, meditate much upon thy necessities that thou may est get a sense of thy need of the mercy thou art seeking. See thy soul's poverty, and thine own undeserving ness. Look at what will happen to thee unless this blessing come. If it be some absolutely indispensable spiritual blessing, picture to thyself where thou wilt be if God should withhold it,

what evils will spring of thy continuing in want of it, and what further wants may yet beset thee. The more thy need smites thee, the more eagerly wilt thou cry unto the Lord concerning it. Nothing sets a man more eagerly upon " Long as they live should Christians pray, prayer than a deep sense of his need of that

For only while they pray they live.'

which he is seeking at the Lord's hand. He will eagerly seek for garments who shivers in his nakedness amid the winter's blast. He will earnestly long for home who feels himself lost is prayer when it speaks but once, but frequent is peaks but once, but frequent is peaks but once, but frequent is a good man is gone to his grave and is to be to prayer when it speaks but once, but frequent is a good thing, and she ought never to lose it." upon a moor in the midst of a midnight fog. pleading begets abundant answering. That is "Twas mine; 'tis his, and has been curse to the means. I speak, not without experience, of produces, --a spirit of devotion, a state of high, un-Get thou a consciousness of where and what thou art apart from Christ and from the mercy of winning its way with God. When prayers like God, and then, when thou perceivest well thy great ships have been long on the voyage you need, this, with a sense of the greatness of the may hope that they have gone far, and have blessing, will much quicken thee as to instancy gathered rich cargoes, and will come home in prayer.

pressing, urgent, importunate, earnest. The possible apart from the abiding help of the divine to use thy grace !" See ye not what scope there working man, whether he works with his hands Greek word is said to have the signification of "Now then, brethren, that we may be helped to" pleading for want of subjects. Continue, there-

"THEY."

In a great many respects this is a very re- fore we must agree on a time when all shall rest God He intercedes in glory. Even to Him the father the devil. He seems to be almost as ubi-faith comes to the aid of our physical and intelquitous as his progenitor, and just as intangible. lectual nature. Again, rest is found, not mere-He seems to be equally at home among the ly by giving up work, not by talking of business

of his company, preferring to associate more New England shows the value of the Sabbath. particularly with those who have "itching ears" Here and in Scotland it is most strictly kept. and unruly tongues, for with such his work of Hence comes something of the energy, thrift, defamation prospers most gloriously. His and endurance which mark the New Englander favorite resorts are the domiciles of the tattlers and the Scotchman. The enemy of the Sabbath and scandal-mongers, such persons being most is the enemy of the human race, especially of tunate as if God were unwrining, and to prove that the Pharisee, because he had one for the reputation and destroying the character of the reputation and destroying the character of those who are the objects of their envy. A few of the Character of the Pharisee asked nothing, but only glorified the Pharisee asked nothing, but only glorified the character of the character of the Pharisee asked nothing, but only glorified the character of the character of the pharisee asked nothing, but only glorified the character of the character of the pharisee asked nothing, but only glorified the character of the character of the pharisee asked nothing, but only glorified the character of the character of the character of the pharisee asked nothing, but only glorified the character of the character of the character of the pharisee asked nothing, but only glorified the character of the pharisee asked nothing, but only glorified the character of the character readily enlisted in his infamous work of blasting the working man. What would it avail him to chat some afternoon or evening, and as all are shadow of a great rock in that weary land. Our on the alert for the news of the neighborhood, fathers gave the first fruits of their time to God. the conversation begins by some of the company Richly has He showered blessings on the childsaying : "Have you heard the news?" which ren. Woe to New England if she ever forgets opens the eyes and ears of all present. As each to pay that tithe of time. Well did President heart flutters with expectancy, the interrogator | Walker say, 'It were better for New England gratifies the curiosity excited by stating that that her ships were sunk ; that her cities were

" They" say that Mr. or Miss So-and-So has burnt : that her soil were devoted to barrenness, with every living spiritual experience you have relating the particulars of the reprehensible of the Lord.' said or done this or that, whatever it may be, than that she should forget to keep holy the day

the Lord, and pour out your hearts like water before Him and then will He have regard unto the voice of your ery, and it shall be unto you even according to your desire. Instancy in prayer is needful; we must be fervent or burn-ing, or we shall not prevail. How are we to attain to this urgency? God's How are we to attain to this urgency? God's the assurance of salvation, was it not in answer to prayer? When His banner over you has been love, have you not felt it sweet to pray? When you have feasted at His table, and He been said, and goes away to other circles with Continental Sunday, with theatres, and music, has revealed Himself to you as He does not to the world, have you not then been in the spirit eager steps, to retail, with additions of their and tea and bear gardens; but a monotonous own, the little bit of scandal that has been re- round of toil through the weary year."

borhood is filled with surmisings and rumors of the hundreds of thousands forced to work by clearly set forth in the word of God what Christians American Senate with eloquence, and after a stant in our instancy. Is not this right? Is there any time when we can afford to shorten prayer ! Would you kindly put your finger on the map of the way, and tell me where a Chris-tian man may leave off praying ? Is it when he prospers ? No, for then he needs grace to into mountainous sins, and thousands of men fearfully increasing scale of prevalence. Toil of godly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitand women have been stabbed in their reputa- body and brain with no relaxation is the chief teth in the seat of the scornful." This, you will tion by those who retail, with their own com- cause of all this.-P.]

us that in the time of affliction we should especi-ally draw near to God in prayer? When should he pray, nay, when should he not pray? Where may he pray? The answer is, he may pray home where he properly belongs; and it would everywhere; for as one has well said, a man who be well if those who so eagerly relate what a practical danger? How many families in the Christian's life, it is much better, we apprehend, to judge of both from the beauty of the covering. carries his temple about with him is always in a "They" say could all be removed from decent State have been ruined by it? And again, in so acquaint ourselves with the mind of the Spirit place where he may pray; and know ye not that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost? Wherever you go you carry your tem-ples with you, and in every place you may pray, and should pray, and need to pray, and therefore great good to every community in the land. It and common sense. Cease your attacks, if not little bark o'er life's tempestuous sea, and reach at

say so. The reputation of many a man is his Attacks on the Sabbath are insidious and tive is this command. But what is implied in this

subject of Christian experience, asking her and to keep himself unspotted from the world." about her religious belief and her hope in refer- Hence, we see that although our salvation is not

there was no Supreme being it would be needed sary to invent one.' We say, if the Sabbath be not decreed by revelation, it must be enacted to be fixed upon me, and with quivering lips to be fixed upon me, and with quivering lips of sailors visited the zoological gardens. One of by statute. Man needs stated times of rest. In and a tender, trembling voice, in a hushed tone, of sailors visited the zoological gardens. One of order to have rest, he must have quiet. There-but with a thrilling pathos, with words that them, excited by liquor he had taken, and as an markable character. The time and place of his together; and, in order to be effectual, that God, she related to me her spiritual struggles, deadly serpent. He held it up, having seized birth appear to be involved in obscurity, but agreement must take the form of law. Every inexpressibly intensified by the harassing temp- it by the nape of the neck in we think his parentage can be readily traced, sentiment, faith, tradition, which sustains the tation that God had dealt unjustly with her, such a way that it could not sting him. As he until, at last, light, glorious, heavenly light, held it, the snake, unobserved by him, coiled with effulgence beyond description, beaming itself round his arm, and at length it got a firm from the beautiful countenance of our matchless, grasp and wound tighter and tighter, so that he learned and illiterate, political demagogues and not by reading secular newspapers, not even by her inner, spiritual eye, and with rapturous de-snake increased the danger grew, and at length pot-house politicians, worldly-men and profess-reading secular news in religious papers, but by light, her soul being charmed, overcome, pros-the sailor was unable to maintain his hold on ing Christians, and the social circles of every turning our whole current of thought away from trated by the new, wondrous, supernatural the head of the venomous reptile and was comdiscovery, Jesus,-oh, how she uttered that pelled to loose it. What did the snake do then ? word-Jesus spoke peace to her troubled and It turned around and stung him, and he died. afflicted soul. So it is with the appetite for strong drink. We

"That," said she, " is what sustains me. The can control it at first, but in a little while it services of the sanctuary are my comfort and controls us. We can hold its influences in our delight. I know the day will come when I grasp for awhile, so that it shall be powerless; shall be privileged to see my Jesus with my but afterward "it biteth like a serpent and natural eyes also, and then I shall also be able stingeth like an adder." to see my husband and my dear children."

Thus she continued. I comforted her soul to

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT.

the utmost of my ability, and commended her to RESPECTABLE DRINKING .--- As long as you God. She expressed great thankfulness for the make drinking respectable, drinking customs will words of spiritual comfort. Can not all of us, prevail; and the ploughshare of death, drawn who are not thus afflicted, learn a lesson from by terrible disaster, will go on turning up the this noble, blind Christian lady ? Every reader whole continent, from end to end, with long deep, can make the application for himself. awful furrows of drunkard's graves.

Oh ! how this rum fiend would like to go and hang up a skeleton in your beautiful home, so

lated. Thus it goes on until the entire neigh- [Note: How literally this is coming true, let negative as well as a positive side; hence, there is down the majestic form of one who awed the

"Why does lightning so rarely strike twice in the same place ?" Professor Wortman asked the new boy in the class in natural philosophy. "Huh," said the new boy, "never needs to." is no triffing matter to give currency to state-ments having no better foundation than "They" on His footstool. And it is a little singular that nobody had

"Yes, Ike," said Mrs. Partington, reflectively,

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well. Nothing can come out of nothing, and 1 am nothing. I cannot bring a clean thing out of an unclean. This spiritual childhood to perfect manhood. There-nor king nor priest could bring it to me. God alone must give it to me, and He is a sovereign. He has a right to give or to withhold. Oh, if you get that truth well wrought into your soul you will pray earnestly, and you will use the you will pray earnestly, and you will use the to the the sassaulted the pulpit also, and to the pulpit also, and not at the pulpit also. The provide the pulpit also, and not at the pulpit also, and not at the pulpit also. The provide the pulpit also, and not at the pulpit also, and not at the pulpit also at the pulpit also. The provide the pulpit also and pulpit also the point of the part at the pulpit also the point at the pulpit also the you will pray earnestly, and you will use the right arguments,—"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness, according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies." God God, according to thy loving kindness, according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies." God alone can help you, and if He refuse, you are undone forever, therefore cry mightily unto

undone forever, therefore cry mightly unto Him. Still there is one thing more wanted, and that is *strong faith*, not only that God is, but that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. You cannot offer an acceptable prayer at all, ex-you cannot offer an acceptable prayer at all, ex-tert as you believe in the prayer-hearing God. you cannot offer an acceptable prayer at all, ex-cept as you believe in the prayer-hearing God. The modern wise men assure us, with a patron-izing ir, that prayer is a pious exercise, exceed-ingly beneficial to ourselves, but quite inopera-tive with God. They are kind enough to allow us to pray, only that we must not suppose that

the seductive effect of such pleas, but the result common religious enjoyment, - therefore, to be in as her son was reading aloud the weekly list of