

THE CALL TO PRAYER.

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The word of the Father is a call to prayer. Everywhere in His Word God calls His children to the life of prayer.

'Ask, and ye shall receive.' "And He spake a parable unto them that man ought always to pray and not to faint." "Pray that ye enter not into temptation." "Enter into thy closet, shut the door and pray to thy Father." "After this manner therefore pray ye." "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest." "Pray without ceasing." "Brethren pray for us." "I will therefore that men pray." "Is any afflicted, let him pray."

Christ's earthly life was one of unceasing prayer. He prayed at His baptism. He prayed at the grave of Lazarus. He prayed for Peter that faith might not fail. He prayed on the Mount of Transfiguration. He prayed when they would have made him King. He prayed at the last supper. He prayed in Gethsemane. He prayed on the cross for His enemies. If Christ, the only sinless man who ever walked the earth, lived a life of constant communion with the Father through prayer, how much must we weak mortals need it?"

Not only was His life here on earth one of unceasing prayer; but now when He has ascended into glory, He ever liveth to make intercession. Though we may forget and grow careless in intercession, never in the almost two thousand years that have passed since He went up into heaven, has He for one moment ceased to make intercession for His people. If Jesus the Son of God is living in ceaseless intercession, surely we are not to disobey His call to us to live with Him the life of prayer.

Notice the working of God in human hearts in answer to prayer is the great secret of power in the apostolic church. It was God who poured out the Holy Spirit upon the waiting multitude. It was God who wrought conviction in the three thousand which made them cry out in agony of heart, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" It was the Lord which added to the church daily such as were being saved. It was the Lord who healed the lame man through the word of Peter—"in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." It was the Lord who stretched for His hand to heal and to do signs and wonders in the name of His holy child Jesus. It was the Lord to whom Ananias and his wife lied and not to men. It was the angel of the Lord who opened the prison and brought forth the disciples. It was the Lord who sent Philip down into the desert. It was the Lord who said, "Go near and join thyself to thy chariot." It was the Lord who met Saul in the road. His word was, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" When Ananias came to him, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord hath sent me." Notice the Lord working with Peter and Cornelius. It was the Lord who drew Peter aside to prayer. It was the Lord who let down the sheet from heaven and spoke to him. It was the Lord who said, "Go with the men fearing nothing." It was the Lord who fell upon the waiting multitude at the house of Cornelius as they listened to Peter's message.

So also in our own day. Charles Finney so realized the need of God's work-

ing in all his service that he was wont to send the godly Father Nash on in advance to pray down the power of God into the meeting which he was about to hold. David Brainerd prayed eight days in the wilderness for the working of God's Spirit among the Indians and hundreds were brought to Christ in answer to his asking. In the great Irish revival of a half century ago, the most striking feature was the working of God's Spirit in hearts of men. Conviction fell upon men in street, field, and forest, and the church stood in awe at the wonderful work of God, all this in answer to the prayer of God's children.

How we need this same mighty revival all over the church today. God send it, is our sincere prayer. How we need mighty awakening of the Holy Spirit everywhere. We need it in the family. We need it in the pulpit. We need it in the pew. Never disobey this drawing of the Spirit to prayer. It is a special call of God to the individual who is conscious of it. God sees some peril, or great need in the life or service of one of His own. He therefore chooses some other child to cry to him concerning it. Tremendous issues may hang upon obedience to that call to prayer. Sad indeed to neglect such a call to prayer. When you find in your heart this subtle drawing of the Spirit to prayer steal away and pray it out with God. Some day, even if not in this life, you will see what it meant to God's kingdom, to some dear friend in need, and to your own spiritual life.

The church is the most highly organized machine in existence, but a machine is an instrument for the transmission of power. If there is no power, of what avail is the machine? Power belongeth unto God. It flows down from God to us through prayer. The clang of machinery is heard everywhere in the church work, but not the sound of the rushing mighty wind. There are many tongues of utterance, but the tongue of fire is rare. People forget that a ten days' prayer meeting would bring wonderful results. It was when they had prayed that the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spake the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31).

Even so does our Father in heaven deal with His children if we but trust Him. He does not say, it is only the great ones of the kingdom of heaven whom I hear and answer, only the Elijahs and Daniels, the Elishas and Paul, but His promise is to us. He uses that word "y" and says it to all His children who will believe Him. Now may The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace give us a Holy Ghost revival all over the church is my earnest prayer.—Free Meth.

"All that the man of faith needs is to know that God has spoken; this imparts perfect certainty to his soul. "Thus saith the Lord settles everything. A single line of sacred Scripture is an abundant answer to all the reasonings and all the imaginations of the human mind; and when one has the Word of God as the basis for his conviction's, he may calmly stand against the full tide of human opinion and prejudice."—Sel.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Ada H. Brown.

Mrs. Ada H. Brown, widow of the late Norris R. Brown, of Lower Brighton, and daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Hale Tedlie, succumbed to pneumonia on May 25th, 1924, at the old homestead, Lower Brighton, in the 60th year of her age. She is survived by three sons and one daughter: Harris W. Brown, of New Brunswick, N. J.; Fred K. on the homestead; Luella R. Brown, of the C. N. R. staff, South Devon, and Miles Brown, of Rome, N. Y. All were able to be home to the funeral. She is also survived by five sisters: Mrs. Melvin Hovey, Mrs. Maurice Haley and Miss Marie Tedlie, all of Houlton; Mrs. Stephen Nixon, of Lower Brighton, and Mrs. A. W. Hand, of Woodstock. The funeral services were from her late home on the 27th and were attended by her pastor, Rev. E. W. Lester, assisted by Rev. P. J. Trafton, of Fredericton, and Rev. L. J. Alley, of Woodstock. The singing by the choir of her own home church was beautifully rendered. Mrs. Brown was a woman of sterling quality and good Christian character, and her home was always a home in the true sense of the word and after battling with life has gone to join her husband who preceded her twenty-five years.

Numerous beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Mrs. B. F. Richardson.

Mrs. B. F. Richardson, of Lower Brighton, died of pneumonia on May 24th in the 66th year of her age. She leaves a sorrowing husband, three sons and one daughter to mourn their loss: Guy and George at home, Arthur, of Houlton, Me., and Mrs. R. F. Dickinson, of Lower Brighton, besides a host of relatives and friends. She was converted and baptized forty years ago, under the labor of the late Rev. George T. Hartley and has lived a consistent Christian life ever since. The funeral services were from her late home on the 26th, conducted by Rev. E. W. Lester, assisted by W. O. Shaw, of Lower Brighton, and the remains were laid to rest in the family lot nearby.

George T. Mullen

At Hebron, N. S., on May 14th, George T. Mullen passed quietly away. The deceased was in his 75th year. He leaves to mourn a kind father and friend, one son, four daughters and three grandchildren, also six brothers and two sisters, and a large number of friends. Mr. Mullen and his wife, who predeceased him more than a year before, were of a kindly disposition and were always careful to entertain strangers and welcomed all to their home. They will be greatly missed in their community. The funeral services were conducted on the 16th by Rev. L. T. Sabine, of Port Maitland.

"The best prescription book for any family is the Bible: there is not a great ill in the world for which it does not prescribe the correct remedy. If only we humans had the good sense to take the medicine!"