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## EDITORIAL

### THANKSGIVING

It seems right and proper that our rulers and counsellors should set aside a day for thanksgiving to God. The people in their mad rush are more or less liable to forget the Giver from whom comes all the common, as well as special blessings in life. "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. God has been mindful of his creation, in that he has given us change of seasons, and has promised seed time and harvest.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Objects take on the color of the glasses through which we view them. It seems in this connection some folk must always look through dark glasses, for they always see the dark side, they fail to observe the silver streak on the crest, that speaks of a silver lining. Not long ago I was riding on a train and observing the western sky at sunset. Black clouds obscured the sun and it seemed that it would dip behind the horizon without any message of cheer, when lo! there appeared along the crest of that darkness the most beautiful streak of mingled silver and gold. I almost shouted aloud for very joy, because I then knew that cloud had that very colored lining. Let us then have the spirit of thanksgiving when the clouds hang low, for the sun still shines and God will reveal the silver lining in his own good time.

Praise and thanksgiving is the language of perfect love. When love is luke warm, there is little thanksgiving and when it becomes cold, none. Let us keep our love fervent, then with David, we can say: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." The more we love, the more we praise; the more we praise, the more we want to praise.

Our greatest reason of thanksgiving should be for the spiritual blessings. I wonder if we remember what has been the cost to purchase for us eternal life. The temporal blessings are common to all, but the spiritual blessings are conditional.

Jesus was lifted up that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. Eternal life does not end with or passing from our earthly existence, but continues in eternity. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. What wonderful provision, wonderful reality.

### PREVAILING PRAYER.

"To reduce a theme like this to words, to analyze its parts and gaze upon his terms, is not like having it installed in the heart, and it can only be thus installed by the Holy Ghost; yet we will presume to offer you an outline of the elements of prevailing prayer as the letter of it comes down to us from the fathers, praying that the skeleton of facts may become clothed and animated again within our hearts and lives.

#### The Elements of Prevailing Prayer.

It consists, in short, of subjection, importunity, and proper endorsement.

I. The thing sought must be according to the will of God.

II. It must be sought with importunity.

III. It must be sought in Jesus' name.

While we pray for many things not knowing positively that they are the will of God, there are certain things that we may know infallibly to be His will. The three ways given us for knowing these are: (1) The Bible, (2) Providence, (3) the Holy Spirit's impression. In the Bible we have advice in regard to God's will on the subject of giving a revival, pouring out His Spirit, saving and sanctifying the souls of men, and other subjects fundamental to the ultimate triumph of the Church and bringing in of Christ's kingdom. Providence often brings us face to face with situations, or conspires in such a way as to assure us that God would be pleased for us to betake ourselves to prayer in this or that direction. The Spirit does not operate as a substitute for the Bible, but He may often render more definite the subjects upon which we as individuals are called to exercise ourselves in importunate prayer, laying them upon the hearts and causing them to shine in all their aspects before our minds.

To faint means to get tired and quit. To pray without fainting does not mean to pray for a long time, but it means, pray till the blessing comes. One may faint and still pursue; but the full condition of this peculiar kind of prayer which we are discussing is not met unless the soul maintains the vigor of its plea unto the end. Its watchword may be,

"Courage, my soul, on God rely,  
Deliverance will come."

He who supposes that he can presume upon some kind of mystic voice or joyful effusion and calm the object of his prayer before the prayer is answered, has not properly learned the terms of prevailing prayer. He who sets out upon this particular kind of prayer must pray on, through seasons of gloom and seasons of joy. If heaven seems to open, and a voice seems to say, "Your prayer is granted," be thankful for the promise, but rest not, cease not, pray on, till the promise is fulfilled. Pray till you hear the whistle of the train which brings the blessing, pray till it rolls into the depot and all is

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seem to know human nature and also the nature of sin. They have spiritual discernment and are able to comprehend the needs of their congregations. Some of these men possess considerable pulpit ability, are eloquent speakers, but are always humble and easy to approach. The nature of their preaching "is better felt than told."

They preach the word, the whole gospel. They preach the truth in love, while they do not compromise to please anyone, yet they do not rant or abuse anyone nor deal in personalities. They seem to say what they mean and to mean what they say. I always felt that they have a great interest in the welfare of men, that they are preaching for my eternal welfare, and not simply trying to display their eloquence or wit. As they preach the Spirit himself seems to be present to wield his own sword, and the congregation felt that they are listening to a message that is more than human. God's people are fed, taught and edified. There is a feeling of solemnity which settles on the hearers. The unsaved are convinced and convicted of their need, although they do not always yield themselves to God immediately. The unsanctified see their need of the "fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

I always go out feeling that I have heard the gospel preached "with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven."

accomplished. There is no sin in urging that the answer be hastened.

Take care of your motives as you pray. Seek at every junction to have them purged, lest you ask amiss, for then you will ask in vain. Remember, that it is Jesus' name only that you are to receive, that it is upon His merits, and for His sake. Remember that His merit is sufficient, that the infinite price is paid, and let cultivated sense of His worthiness stimulate your faith.

These three conditions conspiring earth and hell do not contain agencies enough to defeat your plea. The answer is as sure as the throne of God. It is the faith that thus intercedes, praying faith, which our text refers to when it asks the question; and the question is intended either to indicate that such a faith will be a rare thing in the Church when the Son of Man comes, or else it is intended to provoke seriousness in the inner circles of the kingdom and stimulate a revival of prevailing prayer."—Dr. John Paul, in Taylor University Echo.

"God has given Christ to be your Saviour. He has given you the power of choice. He has given you every incentive to forsake sin and choose salvation. If you are lost, there will be but one being in the universe to blame, yourself."—Sel.

Our Bible, though inscribed by many different writers, at widely separate periods of history, had but one Author, the Holy Spirit, who inspired, or wrote through, each separate writer.—Sel.

"No wrong moral or spiritual condition is ever remedied by punishment only."