

into deeper truths, greater revelations of himself and into unexplored territory. If we do His will we will possess new ground and Deut. 8 will become a real experience to us. How blessed to know we have obeyed the voice of God! It pays to obey.

Third, his **sacrifice**. This spirit is revealed in his willingness to offer up his son Isaac. God asked him for that which was dearest to his heart and he freely gave him up. The wood is arranged, the son bound, the knife upraised, and only God's restraining hand prevented Abram from slaying his beloved child.

So we should be willing to yield up our best to God. He gave His own son to suffer and die for us, and our best is little enough to give him in return. The Lord give our holiness young people more of the spirit of sacrifice.

Fourth, his **prayer**. A study of Abram's life impresses us with his spirit of prayerfulness. Very often we find him calling upon the name of the Lord, worshipping, communing and interceding.

One of the greatest assets in the Christian's life is prayer. It is so sweet, so powerful, so far-reaching. All can pray, and all should pray, the weak and strong, the young and old. "Men (all men) ought always to pray." The great saints of God spent much time in prayer. So must we if we would grow in grace and enjoy the riches of grace. May the intercessory spirit be upon us, until we are able to stand between God and lost humanity. If there ever was a time we needed to pray it is today. May we pray more!

Let us live a life of faith, obedience, sacrifice and prayer, so that we too may hear the wonderful words, "I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward." Let us pray.

#### MISSIONARY BY PROXY

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Prayer is the highest science and strongest energy in which man may exercise himself. If we are to be great in our prayer life there must be,—

#### A HIGH IDEAL

It was such an ideal that was set before a certain Christian worker in the mighty wrestling of a missionary on furlough who graced the home on several occasions during childhood days.

Praying Hyde was no orator, and wondered what God would do with him on the foreign field. The suggestion that God needed pray-ers more than preachers led to his devoting himself to that task. People walked softly as they passed his door, for within was a man wrestling for souls. They began to ask the way to God. The years that followed were like a romance as the soul of the mighty wrestler reached out to missionary and native workers, that on them might be outpoured the fires of revival. Answer came in the conference gathered for recuperation in the Nilgirie hills, as on European and native workers alike was poured out a passion of prayer for souls.

In speaking of a blessing that came down on a mission in England, Dr. Chapman tells how he asked Hyde to pray for him.

"He came to my room, turned the key in the door and dropped on his knees and waited for five minutes without a syllable coming from his lips. I could hear my own heart thumping and his beating. I felt the hot tears running down my face. I knew I was with God. Then, with upturned face, down which

the tears were streaming, he cried, 'O God.' Then for five minutes at least he was still again. When he knew he was talking with God—there came up from the depths of his heart such petitions for men as I had never heard before. I arose from my knees to know what real prayer was."

Another instance of mighty prayer was in the Alliance tabernacle in New York during Dr. Simpson's ministry. It was the occasion of the yearly offering for missions. Dr. Simpson called upon a pastor to offer a short prayer before taking the offering. The brother kneeled, and was silent for some time. The audience wondered what was wrong. At last a sigh,—a groan,—a cry. That was all. He arose, and the packed audience was in tears. The offering was over \$70,000. That was prevailing prayer.

We should realize the great privilege and possibilities of a prayer ministry. Think of it; in your home, devoted to bearing the Master's burdens, you may work as effectively for God as if you were on the mission field. A worker without a prayer-life is only doing chores. Missionaries need more time for prayer. They may have prayer reinforcements in you. Those who prevail in secret are multiplying their labors and increasing their opportunities and usefulness. Let us join this missionary army.

#### WHAT TO PRAY FOR

Continuously new workers are being thrust forth. They need the covering hand of God in their physical life. One worker recently met death by accident at the Canary Islands, on the way to the field. An exceptionally clever doctor laid down his life in a leper camp in Africa after but a year on the field. How he was needed there. Two more were massacred in Abyssinia. Two beautiful mothers left their little children to the care of grief stricken fathers in China. A lovely young bride was snatched away by death in a lonely station in Borneo, and committed to earth by a broken hearted husband! Prayer may turn aside the fiery darts of the Adversary.

A party of eleven workers had entered West Africa after the war, and were assigned their tasks. The flower of the group, a consecrated young woman, stepped on an adder as she tossed out the water she had just washed her face in. It was so simply done that for some minutes she did not realize what had happened, but in less than two days she was laid away.

While in building operations another of the party encountered a large snake between two buildings but a few weeks afterward. As the whirling snake sought to escape and the writer sought to avoid stepping on it, there was a sense of Divine protection, though on-lookers were petrified with fear. We are living because some one prayed daily.

Does This Shame Us?—Religious Digest reports that one church of about four hundred members in Siam, with an income of less than a shilling (twenty-four cents) per week per head, supports its own pastor, looks after its own poor and supports two missionary families.—Selected.

It is generally assumed that Hitler's Mein Kampf has been the best seller throughout Germany in recent years. But according to a belated report of the Prussian Bible Society just received in London, the Bible has been outstripping Min Kampf by 200,000 copies a year.—The Flame.

#### PREVAILING AND TRAVAILING POWER

By Rev. R. E. Myers

" \* \* \* for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children" (Isaiah 66:8).

Many people wonder why we do not see today the great revivals that we saw seventy-five and one hundred years ago. As most churches are dead along this line, let us perform an autopsy, God helping us.

It is not because we do not have the light, but because we do not walk in the light we have. People have more light today than in any previous period in history. The question we must now ask ourselves is: If people have enough light, why do they not walk in it? Let us answer this question from our own experience. Did you not have more than enough light to be saved long before you were? Then why did you not get saved? It is the same with everyone. You did not get saved, and I did not get saved, until we were under strong enough conviction to make us willing to break with sin.

Go back and read about those great revivals of the past, how God sent such conviction upon men and women that they could not stand it. Many were slain under the power of God. Is not "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8)?

"Is not Thy grace as mighty now

As when Elijah felt its power;

When glory beamed from Moses' brow,

Or Job endured the trying hour?"

Yes, we all believe it is. Then if God has not changed, it must be we who have changed.

My text says, \* \* \* for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Here we have Zion, or the church, connected with the suffering as a woman in childbirth. Do we travail for lost souls? It seems to me that "travailing prayer" and "prevailing prayer" are closely associated.

Wherever Charles G. Finney held a revival, Father Nash went along. Father Nash was a great burden-bearer, and all during the time Finney was preaching he was praying and groaning for God to save souls. Perhaps when that "great day" comes Father Nash will receive a greater reward than Finney.

Have you not prayed, or heard others pray, thus for sinners, "Lord, take sleep from their eyes, make them miserable, take away their appetite, until they seek thee," and then never lost one hour of sleep praying for them, or never fasted one meal for their salvation? It seems to me that if we are sincere in such a prayer, we will suffer (travail) as much with the burden as they do with the conviction. Then God will answer our prayer, and we shall see the church "bring forth her children."

It is the duty of the church to pray conviction upon the people, then they will be willing to walk in the light. If the church travails, men will be "born again of the Spirit." The result—a revival.

The great difficulty is that many individuals in the church are not in a good spiritual condition themselves, so that when a revival meeting comes it is necessary for them to pray for their own souls. While we cannot call them a hindrance to the meeting, they surely are not able to help lift the burden.

Church members, let us fall on our faces before God!—Free Methodist.

Whatever sacrifices health to wisdom has generally sacrificed wisdom, too.—Jean Paul.