

Our Prayer Meeting.

BY REV. A. C. THOMPSON, D.D.

1. I purpose to be there regularly and punctually.
2. Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together.
3. I will endeavor to draw others to meeting.
4. Come thou with us and we will do thee good.
5. Before entering the place of prayer will ask the Saviour's presence.
6. We would see Jesus.
7. I will not, unless it is necessary, occupy a back seat.
8. How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.
9. I will not seat myself so as to hinder others occupying the same settee with me.
10. Be courteous.
11. I will refrain from fault-finding, and will not indulge in a critical spirit.
12. Be ye kindly affectionate one to another.
13. I will not expressly dissent from one who has spoken and will avoid giving the impression of variance of feeling.
14. That they may be made perfect in one.
15. So far as is consistent, I will assist actively in the exercises, by testifying to the love of Christ, by exhortation, by a passage of Scripture, a hymn, a stanza, or otherwise.
16. Let the word of Christ dwell richly in you in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.
17. I will not decline to lead in prayer, and in offering prayer will begin with the subject in hand, and in aid of what has just been said.
18. Ye also helping together by prayer for us.
19. If I offer the first prayer it shall be chiefly an invocation, asking the Saviour's presence and aid.
20. For without me ye can do nothing.
21. My prayer or remarks shall not be long.
22. For God is in heaven, and thou upon the earth, therefore let thy words be few.
23. I will not attempt to harangue nor teach in prayer, as though I were thinking more of myself than God.
24. We speak before God in Christ.
25. I will not speak merely to fill a vacancy, but will rather offer prayer during pauses in the meeting.
26. That thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.
27. I will not needlessly expose any want of faith or other discouragements.
28. Who is fearful and faint hearted, let him return.
29. I will cultivate enlargement of faith and desires.
30. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace.
31. On leaving the place I will endeavor to maintain a devout frame of mind.
32. Continue in prayer.
33. I shall also endeavor to use all means suited to secure the blessing for which I have prayed.
34. Faith without works is dead also.

—Selected.

Duties of a Sabbath School Teacher.

1. Constant and strict punctuality.
2. Thorough acquaintance with the lesson.
3. In teaching be familiar, affectionate, practical, serious, earnest.
4. Converse personally with each scholar respecting his soul. Merely asking the questions on the lesson will produce but little good.
5. See that your instructions are enforced by your habitual life and conversation.
6. Study the character of your scholars their tempers, habits, associations, etc., and adapt instruction accordingly.
7. Visit the scholars at their homes, especially when they have been absent.
8. Bear each scholar on your heart in daily prayer.
9. Make their salvation the great object of your instructions.
10. Cultivate a spirit of ardent piety, self-consecration and a constant dependence on God for success.

Human Sacrifices.

Human sacrifices are still offered in the Niger country in Africa. The Rev. J. Buck relates that a few weeks ago a leading man at Alenso died, and an attendant had to be provided to accompany him

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