

THE QUIET HOUR

ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Topic—"Getting the most from prayer." Psalms 34:1-22.

A mystery, a reality—such is prayer. The wise men write learned books, endeavoring to explain prayer's processes and power on psychological grounds, but we turn from these unsatisfied. By a sense beyond explanation we know that prayer is not merely some higher science, some sublimated law, some psychological reaction. Prayer is best understood in simplest terms. We grasp its reality most clearly when our minds are most childlike. Prayer is just asking God for what we need, and expecting him to answer our prayers according to his greater wisdom. The Jesus prescription for prayer is sufficient: "Ask, and ye shall receive."

The warrant for human prayer is found in the character of God.

They get most from prayer who put most into prayer, of time, interest, faith and knowledge.

Affection understands what is mysterious to science. Loving trust finds none of the difficulties in prayer which stagger the learned critics. To the devoted heart it is perfectly clear that the great God who loves his own, prizes their confidence and delights to fulfill their requests. Because God is God, and cares for his children with a love passing that of an earthly parent, he fulfills to them all of the offices of a father.

"Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face."

Ordinarily, they get the most from prayer who are most in prayer.

The platform of prevailing prayer is labeled, "They will be done." A sense of God's sovereignty, and of his right to decide what is best, and of the wisdom of all his decisions, must underlie all approach to the throne of grace. The Gethsemane garden cry, "Not my will, but thine, be done," is fundamental to the entire Christian idea of prayer. Stubborn self-will can command no favors from heaven.

In the school of prayer the great life lessons are learned. There it is that a sense of relations and proportions is acquired, so that life is not distorted, with the nonessentials first and the essentials last. It is a profound education for any soul to grasp the truth that God is on the throne of the universe. Then all lesser truths and facts fall into proper relationship. A sense of humility and teachableness follows naturally. One is brought into spiritual fellowship with all the family of God's praying children as he kneels before the throne; prayer is a real school of brotherhood. The elusive peace which the world so vainly pursues becomes the possession of the one who enters often into the prayer closet. Strength, wisdom, contentment, power, all await the pupil in the school of prayer.

"There is a spot where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend,
Through sundered far; by faith they meet
Around the common mercy seat.

"There, there on eagle wings we soar,
And time and sense seem all no more,
And heaven comes down our souls to greet,
And glory crowns the mercy seat."

Poise of soul is acquired in the school of prayer.

Every growing life needs periods of detachment. "Come ye apart," is the master's word to all his disciples. Freedom from dependence upon and entanglement with the world is won by him who goes apart to pray. In this experience of isolation and meditation he realizes himself, as well as God. George Herbert's injunction is wise:

"By all means use some times to be alone;
Salute thyself, see what thy soul doth wear.
Dare to look within thy chest, for it is thine own,
And tumble up and down what thou findest there."

The Good Shepherd.
"The Lord is thy keeper."—Ps. cxxi.

5. We may lie down in peace, and sleep in safety, because the Shepherd of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. No foe or thing of evil can ever surprise our ever-watchful Guardian, or overcome our Almighty Deliverer. He has once laid down his life for the sheep; but now he ever liveth to care for them, and to insure to them all that is needful for this life and for that which is to come.—Rev. J. H. Taylor.

ALL SHOULD MARRY YOUNG

At Least That Is the Advice Dr. Elliot of Harvard Gives the Coming Generation.

Doctor Elliot of Harvard declares that postponed marriage is a great modern evil in educated society. His belief is given in full in Harper's Bazar, a cheerful message to the coming generation, in the course of which he says: "You will hear some young man say: I cannot invite a girl, who has been brought up to do nothing for herself, and to have every luxury provided for her, to marry me, until I can earn an income which will enable her to live with me in that way. I have two remarks to make about that doctrine—that if a girl has been brought up in that manner, the sooner she has a chance to live differently the better for her; and, secondly, that it is only fair for a young man who loves a young woman to consult whether or not she wishes to marry him before he can earn a large income."

"The young woman has a clear right to say a word on that subject to the man she loves and not to be obliged to wait till he is thirty-five years old before he asks her to marry him. This is a matter of looking ahead at a critical point in your lives. You are not in the habit, perhaps, of contemplating this event of marriage. It would be wiser to do so. The sooner you begin to think about it the better—first, because it will be thinking about the most important event of your lives in respect to the development of your own characters and to the happiness not only to yourselves, but of the women you will marry, and of the family life which will normally result."

SOLDIERS ARE POORLY PAID

Men Who Fight in Greek Army Have Imposing Titles, but Draw Small Salaries.

Aside from fighting the Turk, about all that commends a commission in the Greek army is the length of the titles borne by the officers. The pay is far less imposing, an average American workman making more in a year than a Greek captain.

In Greece the minister of war receives an annual salary of \$1,800, just \$100 more than is paid a second lieutenant in the United States army. A brigadier general is called a hypostategos and draws \$1,416. The same grade in this country carries a salary of \$6,000.

A colonel is called a syntagmarchis and is paid \$1,392, against the \$4,000 an American colonel gets. A lieutenant-colonel labors under the name of an antisyntagmarchis, for which he is paid a scant \$1,172. An officer of the same rank in the United States army receives \$3,500. A major, known as a tagmarchis, is paid \$1,056, whereas here he would get \$3,000.

Grades in the line are much less remunerative. A lochagos, or captain, is paid \$720 a year, while an American of similar rank receives \$2,400. A first lieutenant, whose title is hypolochagos, draws \$432, and here he would be paid \$2,000. An American second lieutenant's pay is \$1,700, while the equivalent rank in the Greek army is known as anthypolochagos, the remuneration of which is \$382. Also in the Greek army is the rank of adjutant, or anthypaspistis, the pay of which is \$264.

Up On the Roof.

People in Los Angeles didn't love the cat that got in the organ's works. Especially the organist didn't. But away at the other side of the continent half a town was troubled about the welfare of a cat.

It was in Pawtucket, R. I. A cat had been chased by a dog or a boy or maybe its own fears and had crawled out of an attic window to the roof of the house. Then, as often happens, it was afraid to try the descent. It howled and was miserable, and the police were called and could do nothing. They had to call in the fire department after two days, and the firemen put up their ladders to the roof and rescued the cat, who was not in the least grateful.

"Taylor" Day in the Rifles.

F company, First King's Royal Rifles, became noted in Pietermaritzburg as the "Taylor" company, having no fewer than seven Taylors in its ranks—probably a record for any company in the army. On the outbreak of the Boer war they were ordered to Dundee, Natal, and their first conflict with the Dutchmen occurred at Glencoe. The casualty list that night read as follows:

"Lieutenant Taylor, killed; Color-Sergeant Taylor, severely wounded; Sergeant Taylor, killed; Corporal Taylor, killed; Bandsman Taylor, severely wounded; Pioneer Taylor, severely wounded; Private Taylor, killed."

Truly a sorry day for the Taylors.—London Tit-Bits.

Caring for Blind Babies.

Mrs. Cynthia Westover Allen, president of the International Sunshine society, was the first person to publicly ask permission to take blind babies out of the homes for defectives and to try to have them brought up in homes like other children. The Sunshine society is now making the mothering of blind babies one of its departments of work. She established a private home for the blind babies of New York and then asked the board of education to take on the work, and after many disappointments she had the satisfaction of seeing institutions for blind children established by acts of legislature in New York and New Jersey.

Wholesale Condemnation.
"One of the first things that was told me when I landed in the state of Massachusetts, in my vacation from the territory of Hawaii, was the story of a little girl in the Sabbath school. The class was asked by the teacher what heathen was. Several girls gave answers, and finally 'his little one put up her hand, shaking it most vigorously, and the teacher asked her, and this was the definition she gave: 'Heathen is anyone born outside the state of Massachusetts.'"—Exchange.

Football Condemned.
Football has always had its enemies. In "The Anatomy of Abuses," published in 1583, the game is boundedly abused. Its author describes football as "a blooded and murdering practice." "For doth not everyone lye in wait for his adversarie," he argues, "seeking to overthrow him or to picke him on his nose, though it be upon hard stones? in ditch or dale, in valley or hill, or what place souer it be, he careth not, so he have him down?"

Making Others Happy.
If the individual should set out for a single day to give happiness, make life happier, brighter and sweeter, not for himself, but for others, he would find a wondrous revelation of what happiness really is. The greatest of the world's heroes could not by any series of acts of heroism do as much real good as any individual living his whole life in seeking from day to day to make others happy.—William George Jordan.

The Dead Past.
A young man was complaining to an experienced man of affairs the other day about an old grievance he had against somebody. "Forget it," said the older man. "The past is mighty dead. I have noticed that men who are always bemoaning their past mistakes or blighting over what they have done don't get very far. They overlook their present opportunities."

Reduced Rates.
"Comin' this way ag'in?" asked the justice of the peace after he had fined Jimpson \$50. "I'm afraid I'll have to," said Jimpson, ruefully. "Wa-al," said the justice, stroking his chin whisker reflectively, "perhaps I'd oughter tell ye that we sell a return fine ticket for \$75, entitlin' ye to immunity from arrest on the way back."—Judge.

Admiral Hawke's Ambition.
When Admiral Hawke was a boy, about to go to sea for the first time, his father gave him much good advice, ending up with the words, "I hope to live to see you a captain." "A captain?" answered the boy; "if I do not think I should one day be an admiral I would not go to sea at all."

Quite a Simple Thing.
Young Lady—"What is the secret of your happy life with both your husbands—two such different men?" Old Lady—"Why, I guess I wasn't fussy over trifles. And then I let them have their own way sometimes. They thought they always did."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Degrees of Vocabulary.
Shakespeare produced all his plays with about 15,000 different words; Milton's range comprised about 8,000, and the Old Testament's limit is 5,642. A person of good education seldom exceeds 4,000, while many people are limited to about 300.

No Chance for Him.
Mr. Lobstock—"Yo' wife and yo' gets along fine togedder, 'peachs to me, Brudder Shindig." Mr. Shindig—"Yessah! She kin yell louder'n I kin, to save muh life; and dar ain't no fun uh-quah-lin' wid a pusson dat kin out-holler yo'."

An Early Error.
"When Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, she did not eat largely enough. We recognize Good and Evil, but we miss the finer shades."—"Grit Lawless," by F. E. Mills Young.

About the Same.
"Bilkins is a terrific worker, is he not?" said Binks. "Just wedded to his pen, eh?" "I don't know about his pen, but I do know he's married to his typewriter," said Harkaway.—Harper's Weekly.

Market for Broken Glass.
Broken glass has a market. Some of it is ground in fine, powder-like particles and used for various purposes. At other times it is remelted and made into new glass objects.

Few.
Few men would worry today over the mistakes of yesterday if it were not necessary to keep on paying for them.

Then It's Dun.
Unlike most workers, the mosquito presents his bill before he does the job.—Montreal Star.

Never.
The man who goes out to meet trouble never happens to take the wrong road.

For Love Is Blind.
If Jack is in love, he is no judge of Jill's beauty.—Proverb.

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