

Devotional Thoughts :: Praying always

Praying always - posted by chapel (), on: 2009/8/31 4:59

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What multitudes of prayers we have put up from the first moment when we learned to pray. Our first prayer was a prayer for ourselves; we asked that God would have mercy upon us, and blot out our sin. He heard us. But when He had blotted out our sins like a cloud, then we had more prayers for ourselves. We have had to pray for sanctifying grace, for constraining and restraining grace; we have been led to crave for a fresh assurance of faith, for the comfortable application of the promise, for deliverance in the hour of temptation, for help in the time of duty, and for succour in the day of trial. We have been compelled to go to God for our souls, as constant beggars asking for everything.

Bear witness, children of God, you have never been able to get anything for your souls elsewhere. All the bread your soul has eaten has come down from heaven, and all the water of which it has drank has flowed from the living rock--Christ Jesus the Lord. Your soul has never grown rich in itself; it has always been a pensioner upon the daily bounty of God; and hence your prayers have ascended to heaven for a range of spiritual mercies all but infinite. Your wants were innumerable, and therefore the supplies have been infinitely great, and your prayers have been as varied as the mercies have been countless.

Then have you not cause to say, "I love the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of my supplication"? For as your prayers have been many, so also have been God's answers to them. He has heard you in the day of trouble, has strengthened you, and helped you, even when you dishonoured Him by trembling and doubting at the mercy-seat. Remember this, and let it fill your heart with gratitude to God, who has thus graciously heard your poor weak prayers. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

C.H. Spurgeon

Re: Praying always - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2009/8/31 11:44

What a great reminder of the faithfulness of our Lord. Let this stir faith in our hearts in the days ahead, forget not all His benefits...

*who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,*

*who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,*

*who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.*

*He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.*

*The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by growingholly, on: 2009/8/31 20:01

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