

MORNING WATCH - TWENTIETH DAY**Andrew Murray:**

"But unto Thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee." (Ps. lxxxviii. 13.)

In this Psalm we find the writer in great darkness and distress. Prayer is his only comfort. "Oh, Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before Thee" (vs. 1). "Lord, I have called daily upon Thee, I have stretched out my hands unto Thee" (vs. 9). "Shall Thy wonders be known in the dark?" (vs. 12). "But unto Thee have I cried, Oh Lord, and in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee."

Are you, my reader, ever in darkness? Are you perhaps praying earnestly about something, and God does not seem to answer? Does it seem, in face of your wishes for yourself or for others, as if the Lord had forgotten to be gracious? Fear not! Take courage! Only believe! Say to Him: " In the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee." Don't go sighing the whole day before God; but let the fresh glad morning teach your faith a lesson, and give your prayer courage. In the middle of the night all was dark as pitch, yet the light has come. The first rays of dawn were but a faint twilight, yet it is now light. And it will go on growing lighter until the full brightness of midday. Let God hear your voice in the morning. Cultivate a quiet confidence that He hears you, that He will not forget you throughout the day, and that an answer to your prayer is sure.