

MORNING WATCH - TWENTY-SECOND DAY

Andrew Murray:

" O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants and Thy glory unto their children." (Ps. xc. 14, 16.)

In our text yesterday the psalmist prays for himself alone: "Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness." That was the morning prayer in solitude. Here he is praying both for himself and others: "Satisfy us with Thy mercy." In view of the mention of "children" almost immediately afterwards we may take this to be the prayer for the assembled household.

" Satisfy us with Thy mercy," says the petitioner. The father provides bread each morning for the children, and gives them as much as they need to satisfy them. To be satisfied means to have had enough, so that there is no more need. The believer desires, through faith and the Holy Ghost, to have such assurance of God's mercy that he is, as Moses said, "satisfied with favour and full with the blessing of the Lord" (Deut. xxxiii. 23.)

The father who wishes his children to be satisfied not only with bread but with the mercy of the Lord as their portion must first learn in solitude to pray the prayer: "Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning." Then let him gather his household together every morning faithfully and lead them in believing prayer: "Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants and Thy glory unto their children. Satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."