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The Condition of Satisfied Desires - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/7/28 14:59

The Condition of Satisfied Desires by Alexander MacLaren

John 15:7

‘If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.’

Notice how our Lord varies His phraseology here, and instead of saying ‘I in you,’ says ‘My words in you.’ He is speaking about prayers, consequently the variation is natural. In fact, His abiding in us is largely the abiding of His words in us; or, to speak more accurately, the abiding of His words in us is largely the means of His abiding in us.

What is meant by Christ’s words abiding in us? Something a great deal more than the mere intellectual acceptance of them. Something very different from reading a verse of the Gospels of a morning before we go to our work, and forgetting all about it all the day long; something very different from coming in contact with Christian truth on a Sunday, when somebody else preaches to us what he has found in the Bible, and we take in a little of it. It means the whole of the conscious nature of a man being, so to speak, saturated with Christ’s words; his desires, his understanding, his affections, his will, all being steeped in these great truths which the Master spoke. Put a little bit of colouring matter into the fountain at its source, and you will have the stream dyed down its course for ever so far. See that Christ’s words be lodged in your inmost selves, by patient meditation upon them, by continual recurrence to them, and all your life will be glorified and flash into richness of colouring and beauty by their presence.

The main effect of such abiding of the Lord’s words in us which our Lord touches upon here is, that in such a case, if our whole inward nature is influenced by the continual operation upon it of the words of the Lord, then our desires will be granted. Do not so vulgarise and lower the nobleness and the loftiness of this great promise as to suppose that it only means—If you remember His words you will get anything you like. It means something a great deal better than that. It means that if Christ’s words are the substratum, so to speak, of your wishes, then your wishes will harmonise with His will, and so ‘ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.’

Christ loves us a great deal too well to give to our own foolish and selfish wills the keys of His treasure-house. The condition of our getting what we will is our willing what He desires; and unless our prayers are a great deal more the utterance of the submission of our wills to His than they are the attempt to impose ours upon Him, they will not be answered. We get our wishes when our wishes are moulded by His word.

(Expositions of Holy Scripture by Alexander MacLaren)

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How do you know what He desires of you?

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Moulded by His word and nothing else short of this will do. Are you being moulded today?

If our prayers are not answered do we ask is it because:

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Or do we just say, well it must not be God's will
and ignore His word?

In His Love
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Re: The Condition of Satisfied Desires - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/7/28 20:57

Quote:
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this is what spoke to me from this article. truly letting God's word get in all the way in us. that our whole course of activity is effected because of His words in us..

thank you very much for posting this pastorfrin.