

Christian activity? He is blind indeed to the signs of the time who thinks so. God, the Holy Ghost, is at work. We are being led by the Holy Ghost into pentecostal prayerfulness. "And in that day," said Jesus, "ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."—John xvi. 23, 24. "At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you."—John xiv. 20. *In that day*, therefore, the Holy Spirit will reveal to God's people the Eternal Son. *In that day*, the Son will reveal the Father. *In that day*, all three Persons in the Godhead will be revealed as creating, sustaining, intensifying and responding to the *prayer-life* of the Church. It is to this revelation the children of God are awaking to-day as they never did before. The Church has been busy with her organizations, learning and finance, and God has allowed her to find out precisely how far these have gone and can go in saving the world. The gospel of work has been zealously preached and eagerly practised. We are nothing if not active. And yet somehow or other, in spite of all our activities, heathenism grows apace; the terrible problems of the age remain unsolved; and in many, and these most significant instances, the Church can but feebly protest against evils she can neither stay nor overcome. Discouraged, wearied, perplexed, at the paucity of results flowing from all her culture, conflict, and toil, she is being driven to the feet of Christ in confession, shame and helplessness. The Spirit of God is moving the Church to prayer. Real prayer. Prayer which *knows* God. Prayer which will not be denied. And God is surprising even His own people with results. The ministry of intercession, of united waiting on God, is being set before the Church. Shall we follow the Spirit's leading? Reflect on what this prayer-life will mean for us.

1. *Outlook*.—"I exhort that, first of all, intercessions be made for all men." Why so? To save the Church herself from narrowness, selfishness, and baseness of spirit. To put her side by side with Christ, looking out upon the world with His eye, feeling for it with His compassion, and pleading for it with His own invincible passion of patience and love. Said John Welsh to his wife once, when he was spending nights in prayer, "I have the souls of three thousand people on my heart, and I know not how it is with many of them." Not three thousand only, but the souls of *all men* is the burden the Holy Ghost is laying to-day on the Church. "Intercession for *all men*!" Why so? To put the Church in the line of God's will. "He will have *all men* to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of