

maintain the blessed habit of prayer until your words have lost their power because they no longer express the desire of your soul. If you have lost the glowing fervor with which you were formerly accustomed to approach God, you will not now be able to hear the rustle of the angels' wings as they bring rich blessings from the hand of God. You may have become so busy in the affairs of the world that the Bible brings you no real comfort, and the passages which shone with beauty and tingled with the music of the Father's voice have lost their sweetness, and lend no inspiration to your life. When you are perplexed you try to unravel the knot instead of going to the Book to learn how to unloose the tangle. Neglect of the teaching of the Spirit in the Book is a sure method of deafening your ears to His call for permission to reign in your heart. If you have preferred your own will to the will of God in the smallest matters, then you have shut the door against the fulness of the Spirit. A book made of wood may fill the place in the library where the proper volume ought to rest, and an idol may sit upon the throne of your soul, and keep the Spirit from His true place.

How can I enjoy the presence and power of the Spirit? No doubt you have been longing for this blessing, and praying for some years for