

pray that we may be made fruit-bearing. If we pray for some things and do not get them let us not think that God does not hear prayers. Often God refuses what men ask, because he has something better for them. Moses wanted to enter the promised land. He had been wandering with the children of Israel for forty years, and he wanted to go with them into the land in which they were to dwell. The Lord did not answer his prayer. Did not the Lord love Moses? Yes, he did. There was no man up to that time that God loved as he loved Moses. He loved him so that he actually buried him when he died. Fifteen hundred years after we find Moses with Jesus and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. So God denied his prayers because he had something better for him. There are many things I wanted a few years ago and did not get them and now I thank God that I did not. I got something better. I like to have my children come and tell me what they want. I do not always give them what they ask for. I know what is best. God deals with us as sons. He wants you to make your requests known, and when you make them known He will decide whether you should have what you ask for or not. Paul prayed to have the thorn taken out of his flesh. But God would not take it out, but would give him grace to bear it, and at once Paul said he did not want to get rid of it, for he said: "I glory in tribulation." Elijah knew how to pray. He could just shut up the heavens for three years and six months. Yet he sat under the juniper tree and prayed that he might die. God did not answer that prayer. He did not let him die. He was the only man of that dispensation that God translated. That was better than to let him die when he prayed to. Had he died then we would have had to throw what is called the "mantle of charity" over the end of his life, because after his years spent in the service of God he had asked to die like a coward. I have a friend who has a little boy about four years old. The little fellow saw the father shaving and he said: "Lend me that razor, father." "What for, my son?" "I want to whittle with it." Of course the father did not give the little fellow the razor, and the child sat down and cried and said his father did not love him or he would have given him the razor to play with. Now, I believe that a great many Christians pray for razors. Elijah under the juniper tree was praying for a razor. Let us have faith in prayer. Though we do not get the things we want, do not let Satan get the advantage over us by convincing us that God does not love us. One of Christ's disciples, John, prayed that vengeance would fall on Samaria and Jesus had to say, "I come not to destroy life but to give life." Let us be taught how to pray.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

After introductory exercises,

MR. MOODY said:—I want to call your attention to five things that we need to have in order to be efficient workers for God. First, faith. No man has ever succeeded in God's work that has not been a man of faith; and the man that has left the deepest impression on this world has always been the man of faith. We are not told that Abraham was a great scholar, or a great warrior, or a great statesman, but we are told he had faith, that he believed God, and now his name is known and spoken throughout the world. Hardly any name is better known than Abraham, and if you go to-day to his grave at Machpelah you will find the words "Abraham, the friend of God." It was not the greatness of the man that made

him wonderful, but his great faith, his faith in a great God. If we are going to succeed in God's work we must have faith. A great many men break down because they lack faith; faith in God, faith in the gospel which they preach. They do not believe it is the power of God unto salvation. Caleb and Joshua were worth all the men in the camp. They were full of confidence and hope and faith. If the people had taken the advice of Caleb and Joshua at Kadesh-Barnea they would have taken possession of the land. They would not have been wandering through the desert for forty years only through their lack of faith. They made a great mistake in picking out twelve men to spy out the land. Faith sends out no spies. God said he would give them the land, and he was able to give them possession. When the twelve spies came back they brought in what we would call a minority report and a majority report. They all agreed that it was a good land flowing with milk and honey. But ten came back and reported that the people were not able to go up and take the land; that the cities were walled, and there were giants and sons of Anak there. They were inconsistent too, for they said the land was good, and they saw that it ate up the people. Strange thing if a land that could produce giants, could not produce food. Unbelief is the most inconsistent thing in the world. Well, the camp would rather believe these ten men than Caleb and Joshua. Caleb and Joshua said—We are able to take the land -- if God is with us we can possess it at once. They were right. All they had to do was to keep their eye upon God, and go forward. That is what the man of faith does. He is looking at God—not at Jericho, or the sons of Anak, or the giants, or the obstacles. Is not the church to-day looking too much at obstacles? Let us lift our eyes above them, and look at the Lamb of God. I can see one of those ten men telling how he had looked up at the face of the giant, and felt like a grasshopper beside him. Now Caleb and Joshua looked differently; the giants would look just like grasshoppers to them. So what you want is to be like Caleb and Joshua, and go forward. Let the minister go into the pulpit expecting success. Let the Sunday school teacher go into his class expecting success, and he will succeed. Have faith that God will use you and help you to win souls, and you will not be disappointed. You must also have courage. Courage always follows faith. When Joshua came to Jericho God had told him that he would stand before him if he had only courage. Three times in the first chapter of Joshua, He tells him to be of good courage. When he was taking his walk about Jericho he saw a man standing over him with a drawn sword. I am afraid most of us would have run away. But Joshua said, "Art thou for us or for our adversaries?" And the answer was, "I am the Captain of the Lord of Hosts." If Joshua had run away, do you think God would have used him? What we want to-day is to be full of courage. If the Spirit of God tells you to speak to a man, go and speak to him. If you get up to preach do not be afraid of some rich man in the congregation. Let the truth come right out. Another thing we want is more enthusiasm. We want to go into the Lord's work with great fire and enthusiasm. Do you know what the word enthusiasm means? "In God." I do not know how any one can realize his standing in Jesus and not feel enthusiasm. I like a man to go into the pulpit full of force. I like a Sabbath school teacher to go into his class full of enthusiasm; talk to the children, call them by their names. Children will be interested in a man like that. They will listen far better than if he came in and just folded his arms. If I were a carpenter