It is a pleasant thing in these days of widespread unbelief in the efficacy of prayer, to find that a gentleman, no less distinguished than the late Professor Agassiz, held the following very decided language, as to his own personal experience concerning it. His language is:

"I will frankly tell you that my experience in prolonged scientific investigations convinces me that a belief in God—a God who is behind and within the chaos of vanishing points of human knowledge—adds a wonderful stimulus to the man who attempts to penetrate into the regions of the unknown. In myself, I may say, that I never make the preparations for penetrat-

into some small province of nature hitherto undiscovered, without breathing a prayer to the Being who hides His secrets from me only to allure me graciously on to the unfolding of them."

In heaven the saints will be nearer to Christ than the Apostles were when they sat at the table with Him or heard Him pray. That was a nearness which might consist only in place, and their minds might still be, as they often were, far away from Him; but up in heaven we shall be one with Him in sympathy, in spirit, in conscious fellowship.—Spurgeon.

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