

The Church, if true to her allegiance, cannot forget her part in the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."¹ Knowing that it is the Spirit of God that can alone prepare and qualify the instruments who fulfil this command, the true disciple will be found still sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening, that he may learn, and learning that he may obey. He humbly places himself at his Lord's disposal, and, when he hears the call, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" is prepared to respond, in childlike reverence and love, "Here am I, send me."²

PRAYER AND PRAISE.

Prayer is the outcome of our sense of need, and of our continual dependence upon God. He who uttered the invitation, "Ask and it shall be given you,"³ is Himself the Mediator and High Priest who, by His Spirit, prompts the petition, and who presents it with acceptance before God. With such an invitation, prayer becomes the duty and the privilege of all who are called by His name. Prayer is, in the awakened soul, the utterance of the cry, "God be merciful to me, a sinner";⁴ and, at every stage of the believer's course, prayer is essential to his spiritual life. A life without prayer is a life practically without God. The Christian's life is a continual asking. The thirst that prompts the petition produces, as it is satisfied, still deeper longings, which prepare for yet more bounteous supplies, from Him who delights to bless. Prayer is not confined to the closet. When uttered in response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, it becomes an important part of public worship, and, whenever the Lord's people meet together in His name, it is their privilege to wait upon Him for the spirit of grace and supplications.⁵ A life of prayer cannot be other than a life of praise. As the peace of Christ reigns in the Church, her living members accept all that they receive, as from His pure bounty, and each day brings them fresh pledges of their Father's love. Satisfied with the good-

1. Mark xvi. 15.
2. Isa. vi. 8.

3. Matt. vii. 7.
4. Luke xviii. 13.

5. Zech. xii. 10.

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