

I.—GOD GIVE US GRACE TO PRAY.

Of what is man always in need? Something from God. But what does he also require? To be made to know this. Who supplies this knowledge? Almighty God. What else does God do? He shows us what we need. What is that? Pardon and peace, strength to do right, defence and comfort. To what does this knowledge lead? Desire to pray. How must we pray? From the heart; in spirit and in truth. Who supplies this "heartly desire"? It is God's gift. Why do we pray to God? Because Christ has promised He will give us "whatsoever we shall ask in His name."

II.—GOD GIVES US GRACE IN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

What grace is alluded to in the Collect? God's mighty aid. For what purpose is it supplied? To defend us in all," etc. Name some dangers from which we are daily preserved. From whence comes our greatest danger? From Satan. How can he be overcome? By prayer and watching. Of what else does the Collect speak? Adversities. What are adversities? Things which seem to be against us. Mention some. Sickness, pain, loss of employment. Why are they sometimes sent? To humble us and test our faith. What do we need in such trials? To be comforted of God. Do you pray earnestly for grace? Do you remember God's blessed assurance: "The Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered." Rom. viii. 26.

THE CATECHISM.

What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby? [Learn answer in Catechism.]

S. PAUL AT ATHENS.

Read Acts xvii. 15-34.

Learn Rom. i. 21.

Where was S. Paul next conducted? To Athens.

What is said of the city? It was wholly given to idolatry.

What is the original expression? It was "full of idols."

With what feelings did S. Paul look upon the scene? "His spirit was stirred in him." V. 16.

What does that mean? He was sad at heart.

With what learned men did he dispute? Ver. 18.

In what did the Epicureans believe? They were atheists—that is, unbelievers.

And what else? They believed the world was made by chance, and that man's highest duty was to please and gratify himself.

What were the opinions of the Stoics? They held the world itself was God, and that man should care nothing for pleasure or pain, or the feelings of others.

Where did the Athenians take S. Paul? Ver. 19.

How did he address them there? Very wisely and bravely.

Who taught him? The Spirit of God. S. Luke xxi. 15.

What was his text? The altar inscribed to the unknown God.

What did he tell them of this Great Being?

He is Maker of all things. Ver. 24.

He is Disposer of all things. Ver. 26-29.

He is Judge of all men. Ver. 30, 31.

What did he call upon them to do? Repent.

Of what great doctrine did he also speak? The resurrection of the dead.

And how was the sermon received? Ver. 32.

Are Christians ever guilty of idolatry? Yes, when they love anything more than God.

How ought we to look upon God? As a loving and merciful Father, and so we should turn to Him with all our hearts.

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