

lamp warns him of dangers which are between him and the light, and it may be necessary for him to stop, or alter the course for a time, to avoid some snare or pit on the path, but as soon as the lamp shows that the direct course towards the light may again be taken, the wayfarer makes straight for the light. . . . But for the believer there is another thing needed, viz : dependence ; and though he may have the lamp and the light, yet, in a pathway full of snares, pits, and other dangers, he needs the aid and strength of Him who knows every portion of the path (Heb. iv. 16). Hence the importance of prayer. Prayer is the expression of our dependence, and the word is the weapon which overcomes the enemy (Luke iv. 1-13; 1 John ii. 14.)

PRAYING AND WORKING.

"We will give ourselves continually to Prayer and the Ministry of the Word."—Acts vi. 4.

The veil is rent. Thou now mayest enter in ;
 No flaming sword of cherub bars thy way ;
 He who, without the camp, once bore thy sin,
 Appears within the holiest *to-day*
 And intercedes for all who come by Him to pray.

His Blood is sprinkled on the mercy-seat,
 His Blood is sprinkled, too, before the throne ;
 Where'er ascends the cloud of incense sweet,
 The work of reconciliation all is done :
 He lives our great High Priest, who did for sin atone.