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THE PREACHER'S PRAYERS.

Avoid incoherency in prayer. Simplicity is not against order; the very reverse is the case. If you study the Lord's Prayer you will see that there is a beautiful arrangement in it. It begins with the approach of the heart to God, then goes on to God's character, His kingdom, His will; man's bodily wants, his sins in their guilt and tempting power, and the cry for deliverance. It is logical, and yet it is not the logic of the reason, elaborating links and chains, but the logic of the heart, flowing on through the thought, as a stream flows on by its own natural unforced law.

I have heard prayers that had neither beginning, middle, nor end, that went backwards and forwards, up and down, mixing body and soul, earth and heaven, in hopeless confusion; and then, when the tone or some customary phrase seemed to give hope, not of a conclusion, but of a cessation, something seemed to be forgotten or remembered, and the vessel which looked like getting over the bar was out at sea again. Oh, if that man only knew what grudge he is creating in hearts below him, he would pray carnestly to be guided better to a becoming close. Therefore, aim at order and coherence, that you may know when you will be done, and that others may cherish the hope that you will be done .-Rev. John Ker, D.D.

You may assuredly find perfect peace if you resolve to do that which your Lord has plainly required, and content that he should indeed require no more of you than to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with him.

THE PREACHER'S PREACHING

A lady recently remarked to another: "I lived all week on a certain sermon I heard two weeks ago." She was a tried and spiritually-minded The minister, without knowing it, woman. preached that day just the word which she needed. She thought and prayed over it day after day, and thus gathered from it renewed cheer, incentive and support. Pastors do well to preach to the spiritual needs of the people. They may not get so much notoriety as from sensational themes, but they build up Christian character and carry inspiration, hope and strength into individual lives. Edifying preaching is a minister's highest commendation. What he says in God's name and as Bible truth goes into every day experience, and results in a quickened activity that is felt in the closet, in the sick room, in business and in church work .- Phil. Pres.

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