

about his body. The stake was surrounded by fresh oak still in leaf. "On his head was a wreath woven of straw and leaves, sprinkled with brimstone." In the last moment, amid fire and agony, he was heard to cry with a loud voice: "Jesus Christ, thou Son of the Eternal God, have mercy upon me!" As the bell was sounding twelve the tragedy ended.

Thus perished, at the age of forty-four, one who had stood for the freedom of the will, for the Bible as the sole guide in spiritual matters, and for the only method of interpretation now used; who insisted that faith is a prerequisite to baptism and the Lord's supper; who had a passionate devotion to the person of Christ; who opposed the papacy and all persecution for religious opinions; who discovered the circulation of the blood, and advanced the sciences of geography and medicine. —Religious Herald.

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### Your Father Knoweth.

When our Saviour was exhorting his disciples not to be anxious and troubled in regard to food and raiment, he said: "Your Father knoweth that you have need of these things" (Luke 12: 30). We all should ponder that statement. We attempted to regard the fatherhood of God as merely insuring to us spiritual blessings here and a heavenly inheritance. We do not realize that he can not be indifferent to anything which interests his children. When a human father knows that his child is in want or in trouble, how promptly he hastens to his relief. He needs no special appeal. The knowledge of the emergency arouses his paternal instinct, and stimulates him to do all in his power. Hence the suffering little one only cries: "Tell my father. Oh, if he only knew it." If it is only a thorn in his hand, he is sure of the prompt sympathy and the promptest possible aid of his father. He may know that he has not always been a good boy—that he has often disobeyed and grieved his father, and yet he has unbounded faith in him. His only doubt is as to his father's presence and power. He has none in regard to his love.

Now when God reveals himself as our Father, we know that, in addition to the instincts of human paternity, he has all the limitless attributes of deity. He is omnipresent, omnipotent and all wise. Yes, he is not only at hand in every emergency, but he has foreseen and provided for it from eternity. He knew before he made the world just what we would need in every moment of our lives. Well and truly does Bishop Thorold say:

"To be a sheep of the Good Shepherd, to be a child of the Eternal Father, to be a subject of the Heavenly Kingdom, to be an heir of glory, is to have all the machinery of the divine government for our protection, the resources of the divine treasury for our provision, the love of God for our profession now, and the vision of God for our reward hereafter."

But we must remember that the Fatherhood to which Christ referred is not that of creation, but of redemption. We trust in him as our reconciled Father in Christ—because we have the Spirit in our hearts, crying, "Abba Father" (Galatians 4: 6). Rev. Adam Sedgwick says:

"You cannot call God farther till communion with Christ be enjoyed, and when this is enjoyed your privileges become wonderful. Now you may look on God and say, 'Thou art my portion.' Now you may go to God and say, 'Thou art my Father.' Now you may behold the love of God and say, 'This is my treasure,' and the covenant of God and say, 'This is my storehouse,' and the providence of God and say, 'This is my shield.' Now you may look on Christ, and say, 'This is my Redeemer; he is mine and I am his, he lives in me and I live in him, he dwells with me and I dwell with him, he supe with me and I feed on him, his blood is my refuge, and my heart is his mansion. He doth graciously traffic in my heart by his Spirit, and I can as freely traffic with heaven by his intercession."

Bishop Huntington speaks of this faith in God witnessed by the Spirit as "central and comforting," because his hand is shaping every little force and event in our lives towards a definite and special end. Yes, as the lapidary patiently cuts and files the diamond, because it is precious in his sight, and he wants to bring out its full beauty, so God is working in and over us day by day, nay, hour by hour, to fit us for glory, honor, and immortality. He knows just what is best for us, and makes all things, even those which we regard as trifles, to work together for our good.

The law of all true affection is reciprocity. Hence, God says: "I love them that love me" (Proverbs 8: 17). He longs, as earthly parents do, for evidences of a filial spirit. But, alas, how often, like them, is he disappointed.

Love, it has been said, descends more abundantly than it ascends. The love of parents for their children has always been far more powerful than that of children for their parents, and who among the sons of men ever loved God with a thousandth part of the love which God has made manifest to us?—C. E. B., in Herald and Presbyter.

### Paying the Price.

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Why should not every Christian be determined to be in practical sympathy with Christ in his plans for giving the gospel to the world? In order to success in any branch of business, the price usually paid is years of practical study accompanied with much self-sacrifice. Why should we expect the development of any Christian grace in us without corresponding effort?

We are members of the body of which Christ is the head—"Tis his to direct our energies, 'tis ours to submit to his directing power and promptly obey. Are we now willing to pay the price for being brought into sympathy with his plans for giving the gospel to the world? What is the price? What will it mean to us?

Will it mean that through a course of years, or while life lasts, we supply ourselves with missionary magazines, papers and books—and study them, so that we may take in some of the immense magnitude of the plans of our Christ who from his throne in glory is superintending the twelve hundred million missionaries who labor among the one thousand million heathen of Asia and Africa? Will it mean daily prayer and effort to welcome the light of the Spirit's power to make clear to us our part in the work of saving men? Will it mean that we crucify self, avoiding worldliness in order that we may live to make money with which to send the gospel to the destitute? Did you ever know any one that was of special value to missions either in the home or foreign field who did not pay this price in full? Can we not now see how in the mad rush for worldly honors for wealth, for earthly comforts, for fashion, for pleasures which so effect the life of Christians, and so often take a first place, that in paying the price for some one or more of these things, there is no coin left with which to secure practical sympathy with Christ in his plans for saving the world?

Why is it so great a crime to neglect to give Christ's plans a first place?

First.—Not to do so is to be untrue to Christ. He expects obedience, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

Second.—Not to do so is to make our lives in a large measure a failure.

Third.—Not to do so defeats Christ's plans of saving men's souls through us, and robs us of the real heaven upon earth that might be ours, and for the same reason robs the heaven of the future of much of its value to us.

Has not the undue worldliness of Christians been the cause of millions of souls going to hell?

Is it not time to awake out of a sleep induced by a bondage to worldliness, fashion and an undue love of pleasure, and permit ourselves to be brought into harmony with Christ and his plans of saving the world, and in so doing we will be in the best possible condition for effective work in the family and Sabbath school and the church.

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### A Prayer Test.

The best prayer test is prayer. Is it not folly for any one to insist that prayer is useless and absurd who has never tried it? The best men and women in the world pray, and the worst men and women in the world scuff at prayer. That alone is a strong argument. The sublimest example of prayer is Jesus. The holiest, the most unworldly and unselfish man, the man who has done more for the world than any other man, was a man of much prayer. By teaching and example he commended prayer. This alone should be enough to settle the question of the value of prayer.

Why do we believe in prayer? Because we have tried it and found it to be the real force in our lives. Many things have contributed to the strength and comfort and usefulness of our lives, but no one thing has done so much as prayer.

We have found trouble and sorrow, and in the midst of our tribulation we have cried unto God, and he has heard us. "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and deliv'ed him from all his fears." We have been perplexed. The way has been hedged up before us, and we know not where to turn. The difficulties were too great for us to surmount. The enemy laughed and taunted us, and said, "Where now is your God?" In our perplexity we cried unto the Lord, and, lo, an unseen hand pushed away the difficulties and opened a way for us through the sea. We have been enveloped in darkness. The sky was overcast. The stars were hid. We were overwhelmed with terror. Then we cried unto the Lord, and, lo, the light broke in and the shadows passed away. One thing we know, he hath heard us.

We may safely challenge any one to make this prayer test. If he will lift up his voice and his heart unto God according to the directions plainly given in the Bible, he shall learn from experience that God does hear and answer prayer.

"More things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of;

For so the whole round world is every way Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

—Christian Advocate.

### A Short Talk About Books.

The Fleming H. Revell Co.'s illustrated catalogue of new books, recently issued, is a handsome booklet which will please the eye and whet the appetite of every lover of good books. In these days when so much literature that is worthless, if not positively pernicious, is seeking admission to our homes, the guarantee of a responsible publishing house, like that of the Revells, is of great value as a protection to the book-buyer. This house has established a high and well-deserved reputation as publishers of religious and other works of a high class character. Many of its recent publications deal with subjects of current and of vital interest. They are books which those who wish to keep in touch with the intellectual forces of their times can scarcely afford not to read. We find a very considerable variety and scope in the list presented. Some appeal to the philosophical, others to the historical and others more to the imaginative faculties, but, speaking generally, all are of a wholesome character. There are degrees of excellence of course. But it is seldom if ever that this house makes itself responsible for the publication of a book which cannot be cordially recommended to one or another class of readers.

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