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I have heard that in the deserts, when the caravans are in want of water, they are accustomed to send on a camel with its rider some distance in advance; then, after a little space, follows another; and then, at a short interval, another. As soon as the first man finds water, almost before he stoops down to drink, he shouts aloud, "Come!" The next, hearing his voice, repeats the word, "Come!" while the nearest again takes up the cry, "Come!" So in that verse of the Scripture the Spirit and the Bride say, first to all, "Come!" and then let him that heareth say "Come!" and whosoever is athirst let him take of the water of life freely.—*Spurgeon.*

In every prayer a vow is wrapped up, and when you and I come to God and ask him to do something, he might well turn around and say, "Will you help me to do it?" and, unless we can answer, "Here I am, use me," we had better be still. Our prayers, then are worth no more than the guilt paper representations of valuable things which the economical Chinaman burns off the tombs of his ancestors. It is better, then, that thou shouldst vow and not work. But if every prayer leads to self-sacrifice service—and self-sacrifice refreshes its weakness by prayer—then the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in your hands.—*Dr. McLaren.*

What is ministerial success?—crowded churches, full aisles, attentive congregations, the approval of the religious world, much impression produced? Elijah thought so; and when he found out his mistake, and discovered that the applause on Carmel subsided into hideous stillness his heart well-nigh broke with disappointment. Ministerial success lies in altered lives and obedient, humble hearts—unseen work recognized in the judgement-day.—*F. W. Robertson.*

There are souls in the world who have the gift of finding joy everywhere, and of leaving it behind them when they go. Joy gushes from under their fingers, like jets of light. Their influence is an inevitable gladdening of the heart. It seems as if a shadow of God's own gift had passed upon them. They give light without meaning to shine. These bright hearts have a great work to do for God.—*Faber.*

The following address was given by the late Bishop of Cork to a class of divinity students in Dublin:—"There are three things to aim at in public speaking: first to get into your subject, then to get your subject into yourself, and lastly to get your subject into your hearers."