

perplexing needs, and the Prince of the Power of the Air watching every halting step, and every sign of wavering trust, that he may at least distress where he cannot destroy. We need not, however, be distressed at this, as though some strange thing had happened unto us, but rather set it down as an axiom—that when God will work, Satan will hinder: and that the prayers begotten in the soul by deepest need, are those that come straight from God, and, in the precious name of Jesus, will return straight up again to the bosom of Deity.

There is an element in prevailing prayer that must not be overlooked. It must be very personal. And here again we have a sure word of promise from our God. "I will pour out upon you the spirit of grace and supplication." Our part is then to get in touch with those whom we would help. In foreign missionary work, this might seem something of a problem; but God is sufficient for this also, and can just as easily lay the burden of souls in those distant lands upon us, as he can press upon our spirits the needs of those with whom we come in contact.

We ought to know how much every newly awakened soul needs to have his or her case remembered daily before God; and how much the sower going forth to sow the seed is helped by our prayers. Let us remember the words of Christ, "Where two of you are agreed touching anything that ye shall ask on earth, it shall be granted unto you of the Father in Heaven." "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it."

No answer comes to those who pray, and idly stand,
And wait for stones to roll away at God's command.
He will not break the binding cords upon us laid.
If we depend on pleading words, and do not aid.
When hands are idle, words are vain to move the stone;
An aiding angel would disdain to work alone.
But he who prayeth, and is strong in faith and deed,
And waiteth patiently, e'er long he will succeed.