

A Call to Prayer

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Part 4

From “I ask you lastly, whether you pray because prayer is one of the best means of happiness and contentment.” to “Act upon it honestly and heartily, and you shall be saved.”

Why do we experience sorrow?

BECAUSE THERE IS SIN IN THE WORLD. [¶ BEGINNING, “WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE SORROW ABOUNDS...”, 1ST - 3RD SENTENCES]

The author states: “The greater are our affections the deeper are our afflictions.” Could we say this statement reflects Christ, and how?

ANSWERS WILL VARY BUT SHOULD BE TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT: CHRIST'S LOVE WAS AN INFINITE LOVE, THUS HIS SORROW WAS INCREDIBLY GREAT & CERTAINLY GREATER THAN THE TORTURE BEFORE AND DURING THE CRUCIFIXION. [¶ BEGINNING, “SOME WITHOUT A DOUBT HAVE A LARGER CUP OF SORROW TO DRINK THAN OTHERS.”, LAST SENTENCE]

What “advice” does the psalmist give concerning sorrow?

“CALL UPON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE, AND I WILL DELIVER THEE, AND THOU SHALT GLORIFY ME.” (PSA. 50.15) / “CAST THY BURDEN UPON THE LORD, AND HE SHALL SUSTAIN THEE: HE SHALL NEVER SUFFER THE RIGHTEOUS TO BE MOVED.” (PSA. 55.22) [¶ BEGINNING, “THIS IS THE PLAIN ADVICE THAT THE BIBLE GIVES...”, 3RD - 4TH SENTENCES]

“The only way to be really _____ in such a world as this, is to be ever _____ all our _____ on God. It is trying to _____ their own _____ which so often makes believers _____.”

HAPPY / CASTING / CARES / CARRY / BURDENS / SAD. [¶ BEGINNING WITH ABOVE QUOTE.”, 1ST - 2ND SENTENCES]

What example from Scripture does the author use to illustrate what God will do for a believer who often casts his cares upon God?

SAMSON CARRYING THE GATES OF GAZA. [¶ BEGINNING, “THE ONLY WAY TO BE REALLY HAPPY IN SUCH A WORLD AS THIS, IS TO BE EVER CASTING ALL OUR CARES ON GOD.”, 3RD SENTENCE]

“There is a mighty _____ in him for all his believing members -- a fulness that is _____ to be _____ on _____ that will _____ in _____.”

FULNESS / READY / POURED OUT / EVERY ONE / ASK / PRAYER. [¶ BEGINNING, “JESUS CAN MAKE THOSE HAPPY WHOS TRUST HIM...”, 8TH ¶, 3RD SENTENCE]

True / false: True happiness depends on the state of the heart rather than outward circumstances.

TRUE. [¶ BEGINNING, “JESUS CAN MAKE THOSE HAPPY WHOS TRUST HIM...”, LAST SENTENCE]

Why is prayer such a simple act?

IT IS SIMPLY SPEAKING TO GOD. [¶ BEGINNING “IT IS USELESS TO SAY YOU KNOW NOT HOW TO PRAY”, 2ND & 3RD SENTENCES]

What illustrations does the author give to show how simple prayer is?

A BABY CRYING WHEN HUNGRY; A POOR BEGGAR HOLDING OUT HIS HANDS. [¶ BEGINNING “IT IS USELESS TO SAY YOU KNOW NOT HOW TO PRAY”, 5TH & 6TH SENTENCES]

In your own words what answer is given to the excuse that there is no time to pray?

ANSWERS SHOULD BE TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT: WE ALWAYS HAVE TIME FOR WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO US. [¶ BEGINNING “IT IS USELESS TO SAY YOU HAVE NO TIME”, 5TH & 6TH SENTENCES]

What is one of the first evidences that the Spirit's movement appears to begin in a heart?

WHEN A PERSON FIRST PRAYS. [¶ BEGINNING “IN EVERY
BUILDING THE FIRST STONE MUST BE LAID...”, 5TH & 6TH
SENTENCES]

How has this chapter encouraged/challenged you to pray?

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beseech -- beg

oratory -- old term for a church

unbosom -- “get it off your chest” would be a good, equivalent
colloquialism