

**Scripture
of the Week:**
Psalms: Chapter 91

RELIGION



Prayer Changes Things

(Continued from last week)

A friend, past retirement age and in need of employment, shared recently how God had shown her how to receive the help she urgently needed. Holding fast to the faith that God's love would guide her, she was led through a series of events to "a wonderful job, just what I wanted and more. Besides having all expenses paid, I receive a good salary every week. Only God could have worked things out so perfectly!"

Another friend said that God had shown him how to meet the disappointment over a delay in travel plans — a trip that he and his wife had looked forward to for over two years — and an unexpected financial loss. He wrote: "From this experience came a firm commitment to 'let go and let God' and to know that God's plans for us are even better than we can humanly picture. As a result, my wife and I were shown how to handle every detail with wisdom. The financial loss was recovered, and exciting new travel plans were set. We know God will be with us every moment, assuring a delightful experience!"

God is always showing you how to find the good in any challenge of life. He will continually show you how to grasp the best thoughts to think, the right prayer to pray, the most helpful attitude to assume, and the wisest path to travel. The loving Father does not expect you to go through any experience of life without His help and support. He

wants you to know that you do not go through it alone. God is with you always, helping you surmount every challenge.

Jesus Christ gave to His followers clear and specific examples of the unlimited ways in which divine help comes. These examples, which are recorded in the Bible, are given to you also. Today, He urges you to rely on Him as a "good shepherd," always at hand to protect and comfort His flock. He asks you to think of Him as a "door" that is always open to anyone willing to walk through into His ever-enfolding love. He is saying, in effect, "The Father and I will show you, always, how to find, accept, and experience every good you seek!"

By His own personal life-example — His works and teachings — Jesus Christ continually shows you how to think as a child of God can think, how to live as a beloved child of God can live. He is reassuring you that the Father will show you how to do wisely and well **anything** required of you in this life. He is showing you, as the Father showed Him, how to move forward at the right time, how to quietly trust, how to constantly rely upon the Father's love and direction.

If you feel critical of your ability to hear and understand God's guidance, take heart, for some of the greatest leaders of all time felt the same. Moses questioned how he, feeling so incapable, could lead the Israelites to freedom. Yet, as he continued to pray, to listen, and to

move forward, he found God was showing his how. Joshua doubted that he was wise enough to follow in Moses' footsteps, yet he, too, was shown how, as he daily listened and did his consistent best to "be strong and of good courage" (Deut. 31:5).

It is not always easy to persist in listening, in speaking positively, in praying with absolute conviction of your oneness with God when life's challenges keep clamoring for attention. Pain is distracting, and so is anxiety about those you love. Because of such distractions, it is especially important to have a strong idea to affirm and reaffirm until your faith begins to speak louder than your misgivings. The words "God will show me how!" will serve this purpose and keep you centered, focused in the direction of healing, ready to receive your guidance, help, and other blessings.

If you find yourself becoming impatient because there seems to be no outward evidence of change, no indication of immediate improvement to your human eye, remember that **every prayer is productive**. Release all judgement regarding your efforts. Focus your attention upon knowing again and again, **God is showing me how!** You will find that whatever is best for your personal help and progress will be shown, and that good will result.

See next week for the conclusion.

God Will Show You How!

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Leanell Adams came to Portland, Oregon, 23 years ago, became ordained by the Bishop W.L. McKinney (now deceased), and then began his associate pastorate under Rev. Roosevelt Thomas. Rev. Adams served in this position for 18 years until the Lord called Rev. Thomas home — seven years ago.

The St. Luke Memorial Church of God in Christ, located on Northeast Sumner Street and Northeast 27th Avenue, has been blessed by and has been a blessing to Rev. Leanell Adams and his family.

While serving as a pastor and driving a bus for the Tri-Met Transit Company, Rev. Adams and his family set about doing good in the sight of the Lord.

His wife, Mrs. Pinkie Ridgle Adams from Montrose, Arkansas, serves as Sunday School teacher, State Mission Board member, Treasurer of the Mother's Aid Board and the Program Director of the States Women's Department. His brother, Eugene Adams, serves as Deacon; and his sister, Mrs. Gloria Adams Jones, serves as Church Secretary. The other members make up the congregation and the



His four sons — Wayne, Larry, Steve and Ray — have all worked dutifully helping their father with his Kingdom building.

Three years ago, from a suggestion of one of the members, Missionary Melvina Jackson, the Prayer Room was born. In this room, many have been saved, filled with the Holy Ghost, demons cast out, people have been healed and many miracles have been worked. You don't even have to be a member of the St. Luke COGIC to use this room. All that is required is that you have a need that you cannot handle.

The power of prayer is wonderfully real — just ask some of the persons who have experienced the Prayer Room at St. Luke. Mother Bromfield was healed from terrible headaches and Mother Brock couldn't walk — but now she can.

"Prayer is the Key to heaven but Faith unlocks the door. Words are so easily spoken — for prayer without Faith in like a boat without an oar. Have faith when you speak to the Master. That's all He asks you for! Yes, Prayer is the Key to heaven but Faith unlocks the door." (Unknown)

The results of prayer are strength, reassurance, energy, joy, peace, order, prosperity, security, love understanding and much, much more. Try it!

Inter-Denominational Women's Revival Seminar

The REVIVAL is here! January 9, 10, and 11th at the Ramada Inn, 10 N. Weidler, Portland, OR.

Women from all denominations will join together to host Portland's first Inter-Denominational Women's Revival. Every Christian woman is hereby challenged to bring one non-church female friend or neighbor to the free meetings Friday, Jan. 9th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10th at 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 11th at 2:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss even one! The speakers from the Seattle area fellowship at Christian Fellowship of Assemblies, Episcopal, Methodist, Non-Denominational,

and Roman Catholic churches and will speak about the various aspects of Hope in Jesus. Each session will include music, testimony, and teaching from the Word of God.

For more information, call Janis, 248-2812 or Mary Ellen, (206) 771-4174.

This is the second Inter-Denominational Women's Revival to be sponsored by the non-profit organization of the same name. Already the incorporated revival group, which operates with a core of four individuals representing different denominations, is planning similar revivals in Denver, Dallas, and Detroit.

Development Fund Keeping Interest Rate

NEW YORK — Interest paid to investors in the United Methodist Development Fund will remain for the present at 6 percent.

Directors of the fund said they reaffirmed the rate because of uncertainty about the future of the stock market. Churches borrowing from the fund are charged either 9 or 10 percent, depending on the project. Associated with the Board of Global Ministries' National Division, the fund makes first-mortgage loans to congregations for construction and major improvements of church facilities.


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As the moon-deep night
Breaks into tawny gold,
As stars fade away in the
dawning light,
I wonder what it will hold.
"Which the Lord has made. . ."
Each magic word
Gives courage to face
new hours,
As God's sun wakens the
sleeping birds,
Dew bonnets the nodding
flowers.
"Let us rejoice . . ."
God is in me

I'm filled with thanks for
this day!
May I help someone some-
how to be
Happy I came his way.
"And be glad in it . . ."
As hours and days
and bright years come
and go,
With God's loving hand may I
Help someone God's love
to know.
This is the day which the Lord
has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad
in it. Psalms 118:24

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