

PROSPERITY THROUGH PRAYER

"Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear Jehovah: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two children to be bondsmen. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me; what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thy handmaid hath not anything in the house, save a pot of oil. Then he said, So, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. And thou shalt go in and shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and pour out in all those vessels; and thou shalt set aside that which is full. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons; they brought the vessels to her, and she poured out. And it came to pass when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, "There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy sons of the rest."

Thatcher
Elisha and the woman with the little pot of oil, that at his command and with her cooperation filled all the vessels in her house and also those of all her neighbors, and she had enough oil to pay all her debts, free her children from bondage, and provide a living for her and her sons. *reveals the working of a mighty law.*

Metaphysically the meaning of the word Elisha is "God is Savior; God of deliverance; to whom God gives victory; God is rich." The woman, a widow, is that in consciousness that typifies a belief in lack. A thought or a line of thought that has fallen away from ~~itself~~ that inner union with the divine Source, and as a result is suffering from lack of supply.

Elisha, meaning "God is rich," showed this woman (that in consciousness that has lost its connection with the one Source), how to appreciate what she had, how to go into the house with her problems (her sons), shut the door and realize that her supply came from within. Then how to pour out the oil (love) of plenty, and how it would ~~grow~~

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prove a permanent supply. Any ~~xxxxx~~ in which we realize that our desires, ~~xxx~~ God directed, are answered the very moment they are expressed, is prayer.

Prompts
Christian metaphysicians find that words that express thanks, gratitude, and praise release energies of mind and Spirit, and their use is usually followed by effects so pronounced that they are quickly identified with the originating words.

Let your words of praise and blessing be to Spirit and the increase will be even greater than it has been when addressed to man. The resources of Spirit are beyond our highest flights of imagination. You can praise a weak body into strength; a fearful heart into peace and trust; shattered nerves into poise and power; a failing business into prosperity and success; want and insufficiency into supply and support.

Do not beg in your prayers, but praise and give thanks for the now manifesting God of abundance fulfilling every desire of your heart.

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Promptness and Courage.

Make a daily "date" with God and keep it. He will never fail you. Some persons are over timid about their religion. They fear ridicule and misunderstanding. A certain New York banker had established a certain time each day when he went into the "silence" and prayed. His bank, which was located in ~~thxx~~ a country town, needed what it considered a large sum of money and he was in New York City negotiating, but without apparent success. While he was talking the matter over with the New York City banker his "silence hour" approached, and our country friend was puzzled what to do. But he finally decided to be honest with God, and in the midst of the apparently unfavorable discussion in regard to the loan, quietly announced that he always kept a few moments of prayer at that hour and begged to be excused.

3 *He was poised, peaceful, trustful in the face of defeat.*

The face of the city banker at once lighted up; ~~xxx~~ he instantly recognized this country friend had something he did not have. So he replied that he also was in the habit of observing daily prayer and that he would gladly join him. Then and there they entered the silence together and had a high realization of God's power to supply ~~every need~~ and to bless. At the conclusion of their prayer session, the city banker informed the country banker that he was satisfied that his securities were good, and that the loan would be made without delay.

So the city banker testifies

Our country friend was serving God to the best of his ability and was trusting God for results. The law always works.