

presently torment the souls of us all will not ever be settled by arbitration or convocation or transfer of money - they can only be settled by the simple and humble and understanding prayer of every soul who truly loves God!

In what, then, does the mystery of the power - the efficacy - of prayer consist? It consists in the union of man with his God! (Keep in mind the union of the iron and the fire.) Even though, in the natural order, man's work-a-day power can sometimes be rather astonishing, when man remembers to work by way of prayer, when man works closely with God, when man relies on God and secures on his side God's providence and power and protection and wisdom and blessing, the power of man then has no limit! Is it any cause for wonder if miracles come to pass at the hands of mortal man? Through prayer, man becomes an instrument in God's Hands and has a share in the glorious result of God's Divine Work. In this it must be understood, and it must be clearly understood, that when man kneels to pray, he cannot afterwards **sit and wait** for things to happen. The two - God and man - have to work together: God works and man works, and because they work together, good things happen. When man prays he must realize that everything depends on God, but when man works he must work as though everything depends on himself: "God helps those who help themselves"! With determination, courage, action, perseverance, and humble understanding of God's Presence, man proceeds with God's life-giving help to the attainment of his need. In this way does the work of man become the glorious work of God's Divine Love and Providence. The more closely man works together with God, the more clearly does he see that his relations with God are not all "cut-and-dried" as they are "cut-and-dried" when man relates to his fellow-man!

To this alliance which is concluded between God and man by prayer, it must be in the heart of man that the best he can bring along - even with his best effort - is his own weakness, which he humbly acknowledges before God in prayer, and on account of which he implores Divine help. When man puts his weak work in the strong Hands of God's Power, then it is that God comes with His goodness, power, faithfulness, providence, and concern to meet man's weakness, and all becomes strength - sufficient to overcome any and all difficulties. Let it be known that the alliance between God and man must be riveted together with the HUMILITY that must inspire the whole affair. Should man approach with the slightest amount of presumption, thinking in his heart that - after all - he is ultimately in control of his own destiny, God will then sit back and allow that man to stumble and stutter through his mistakes. When man walks humbly together with his God - there can be no mistake. Let us mark well and ever hold fast to this great truth: THAT THE MOST GLORIOUS CONSOLATION THAT IS OURS BY OUR HUMBLE PRAYER, IS NOT OURS BY ANY MERIT ON OUR PART, BUT ONLY BECAUSE OF GOD'S LOVING GOODNESS AND MERCY. The realization of this humble dependence on the Love God has for those who join their love