

The Practical Results of His Present Work in the Christian's Life

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verse: "25" - text: "1 Peter 1:15" bookId: "1PE" chapter: "1" verse: "15" outline: - heading: "The Lord's Loving Interest in Us" - heading: "The Power of His Presence in Our Lives" - heading: "Encouragement for Prayer" - heading: "Deliverance from Worry" - heading: "Sharing His Work" - heading: "Intercede for one another and for all saints" - heading: "Forbear one another and forgive one another" faq: - q: "How can we be constantly conscious of the Lord's eye upon us?" a: "By remembering that He represents us before God and is always interested in our lives." - q: "Why should we worry or be anxious?" a: "Worry is the child of unbelief and accuses the Lord of not caring, but He does care and would have us rest in faith." - q: "How can we share in the Lord's work?" a: "We can pray for one another and for all saints, and forbear and forgive one another." - q: "What is the relationship between prayer and the Lord's will?" a: "Scripture teaches us to make our requests known to the Lord in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving." - q: "How can we overcome worry and anxiety?" a: "By faith realizing that all is in the Lord's hands and resting in His care." quotes: - "He delights to have us tell Him, and like John's disciples we can go to Him and tell Him." - "Worry is the child of unbelief." - "Be careful for nothing. Have no anxiety." applicationPoints: - "We should constantly remember the Lord's loving interest in our lives and let it guide us in our daily decisions." - "We should pray with thanksgiving and supplication, making our requests known to the Lord." - "We should rest in faith and commit all to the Lord, trusting that He does all things well." keywords: - "Lord's loving interest" - "Christian life" - "Holy Spirit" - "Prayer life" - "Worry and anxiety" - "Faith and trust" - "Intercessory work" - "Representative of Christ" ---

The fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is in Glory occupied with us should lead us into a holy life which glorifies Him. That loving eye is never withdrawn from us. If we were to remember this constantly, what a power this would be in our lives! How many things would remain undone, how many words unspoken, and how many other things done, if we were constantly conscious of that eye which is upon us individually. He represents us before God, and we are to represent Him before men. A Christian is called to manifest Christ to be His representative. And such a life, which is unto His Praise and Glory, is made possible through His blessed intercessory work and His presence in heaven. A true Christian life depends much on this heart occupation with the Person and work of Christ. As His presence up yonder and His service for us is a reality to our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit, we shall walk worthy of the Lord, and His blessed work for us will constantly be felt in our lives here on earth. What a joy it is then, as we reckon only with Him, who knows us, to serve Him, to depend on Him. And how we should shun anything which grieves Him.

Encouragement for Prayer.

These blessed facts of the Lord's loving interest in us and our life in this present evil age, surrounded by dangers and evils of all kinds, will be a great encouragement to us in our prayer life. We can go and tell Him all about that which troubles us. If He is interested in everything which happens to us, down to the smallest matter, then we can go to Him in prayer and tell Him about it. Some Christians teach that we should not do this, but leave it all in His hands without praying for it, satisfied that His will be done. But this is contrary to Scripture, for it says that in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving we are to make our requests known (Phil. 4:6). He delights to have us tell Him, and like John's disciples we can go to Him and tell Him. His ear is always open. If in His service we become tired and weary, we can tell Him, for He was tired on account of the way. If hungry or without a resting place, He knows what that means, for He passed through this. If lonely and our best services are misunderstood, or the fiery darts of the enemy are aimed against us, we can speak to Him about it. All this can be so very real to us if we but go on led by His Spirit.

Deliverance from Worry.

It should make an end of all worry and anxiety. We may possess a divine carelessness. Be careful for nothing. Have no anxiety. Why should we worry or be anxious? Worry is the child of unbelief. Anxiety can never stay if the eyes of the heart behold the man in Glory and faith realizes that all is in the hands of One "who doeth all things well." Worry and anxiety accuse Him. Martha did that when she was encumbered with much service and then said to Him, "Dost Thou not care?" Each time we give way to anxiety, we act as if He did not care. But He does; and He would have us rest in faith and commit all to Himself.

Sharing His Work.

In conclusion we must not forget that He permits us to have some share in this blessed work of His. While He prays for us, we can pray one for another, and for all the saints. He intercedes; we can intercede. He washes our feet, typical of the cleansing by the Word. We are to wash one another's feet. He carries our burdens, but the exhortation also is that we carry one another's burden. He forgives and restores. We are to forbear one another, and forgive one another, even as Christ forgave us (Col. 3:13).

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