

# God's Best

by Charles E. Cowman

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of praying through and receiving God's best by letting Him work in us and through us.*

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 13:18, Matthew 7:7, Mark 11:24, Ephesians 3:20, Philippians 1:6, Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Hebrews 4:16, James 1:6, 1 John 5:14

**Topics:** "Persistent Prayer", "Faith And Power"

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## Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches on the importance of persevering in prayer and fully claiming the promises of God. Using the story of Jehoash in 2 Kings 13:18-19, he emphasizes the need to press on in faith and not settle for partial blessings, urging believers to pray through until they receive God's best. Cowman highlights the significance of allowing God's power to work within us, enabling Him to exceed abundantly above all that we ask or think, as stated in Ephesians 3:20.

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## Transcript

"Take the arrows. . . . Smite upon the ground. And he smote twice and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times"

(2 Kings 13:18, 19).

How striking and eloquent the message of these words! Jehoash thought he had done very well when he duplicated and triplicated what to him was certainly an extraordinary act of faith. But the Lord and the prophet were bitterly disappointed because he had stopped half way.

He got something. He got much. He got exactly what he believed for in the final test, but he did not get all that the prophet meant and the Lord wanted to bestow. He missed much of the meaning of the promise and the fullness of the blessing. He got something better than the human, but he did not get God's best.

Beloved, how solemn is the application! How heartsearching the message of God to us! How important that we should learn to pray through! Shall we claim all the fullness of the promise and all the possibilities of believing prayer? --A. B. Simpson

"Unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

There is no other such piling up of words in Paul's writings as these, "exceeding abundantly above all," and each word is packed with infinite love and power to "do" for His praying saints. There is one limitation, "according to the power that worketh in us." He will do just as much for us as we let Him do in us. The power that saved us, washed us with His own blood, filled us with might by His Spirit, kept us in manifold temptations, will work for us, meeting every emergency, every crisis, every circumstance, and every adversary. --The Alliance

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