

March 29. Communion with God

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Transcript

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed." Mark 1:35

Jesus would always find time for prayer or make time for it. If His days were full of excitement and toil He would take time out of His sleep for communing with God. At least He never allowed Himself to be robbed of His hours of devotion.

There are some Christians who think they are excused from prayer and meditation in secret because they are so busy. Their work presses them so in the morning that they cannot possibly get time to pray. Their cares occupy them so all day that they do not find one quiet moment to go alone with God. In the evening there are so many social or other engagements, meetings, societies, parties; or they are so tired, that prayer is crowded out. The example of Christ speaks its solemn rebuke of all such trifling. We must find time for communion with God or God will not find time to bless us!

There are some people, also, who claim that they can pray and commune with God, just as well in one public as in private. They do their praying while they walk about, and while they work. They see no use in going apart from others, to pray. Surely if anyone could pray well in a crowd or while engaged in work Jesus could. No doubt He did hold communion with His Father even in His busiest hours but this did not meet all the needs and longings of His soul. He left the crowd, left even His own disciples and retired into places where no eye but God's

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