The Secret Place of Prayer

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1.

The way to the throne of God is always open. You cannot always be on your knees in prayer, but your silent petitions May constantly ascend to God for strength and guidance. When tempted, as you will be, you May flee to the secret place of the Most High. His everlasting arms will be underneath you.

We come to God by special invitation, and He waits to welcome us to His audience chamber.... We May be admitted into closest intimacy and communion with God.

Pray with humble hearts. Seek the Lord often in prayer. In the secret place, alone, the eye sees Jesus and the ear is opened to Jesus. You come forth from the secret place of prayer to abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Temptations come, but you press closer and still closer to the side of Jesus and place your hand in His hand. Then you gain a rich experience, resting in His love and rejoicing in His mercy. The worries and perplexities and cares are gone, and you rejoice in Jesus Christ. The soul is quick to hear the Father's voice, and you will commune with God. All criticism is banished, all judging of others has been expelled from the soul....

In Jesus Christ there is fragrance of character. There is the developing of nobleness of character, of refinement and purity, for by beholding you reflect the image of Christ. Sons of God, daughters of God, we must be like Him, and in this close relationship to God we receive power and heavenly endowment that we May work the works of God....

Oh, what joy we experience in the service of God! What peace, what contentment and rest! Members of the royal family, children of the heavenly king! “It doth not yet appear what we
shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him...” (1 John 3:2). With such a hope, such a relationship, with all the great and precious possibilities, should not our faith grasp much more than it does? Should we not be inspired with hope and courage that will not fail nor be discouraged under any difficulties?

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