A little fellow six years old saw a man coming down a long ladder from a very high roof. When the man reached the ground, the boy with childish wonder said to him, "Weren’t you afraid of falling when you were up so high?" and then added “I know why you were not afraid, you said your prayers this morning before you began your work.”

That little fellow knew the meaning of prayer. Before the year ended, the boy died, and before the funeral, the sorrowful parents were astonished when a servant told them that a man was at the door pleading hard to be allowed to see the little boy. Permission was given, and as the man gazed with emotion on the beautiful face of the boy, he said to the sad parents, “Ah! You may wonder at my feeling, but that dear little fellow taught me to pray." Then he told of the child’s question about the ladder, and said: “My heart smote me as I heard the words, for I had not prayed at all, and felt how little I deserved God’s protection. But never have I forgotten to pray since then, and by God’s blessing I never will.”—Selected, Signs of the Times, July 18, 1892.
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“I cannot see,” said Trajan, “the light dazzles me.”

Then said the Rabbi, “Thou art unable to bear the light of one of His creatures; how then couldst thou look upon the Creator? The sight would annihilate thee.”—Unknown, Signs of the Times, June 16, 1881.

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