

SERMON ON THE MOUNT: PRAYER PATTERNS I  
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1. (Prayer) Lord, Thou art always ready and willing to take us on with Thee, desiring that we should come out of and into. Out of the confines of an old nature, with all of it's laws, marred and broken, into a new creation with Thee, where the Spirit of God lives and moves, and is the very life of it. And You're bringing us now, everyday and every month and every year into a closer identification. And we thank Thee, Lord, that You are patient with us. We want you to have possession, so that You can accomplish the miracle that you want in every heart, for the redemption. We need a redemption of the soul, we know, My God, is a mighty miracle. A miracle. And we have been caught up in a miracle that touches us personally, every one of us. And Thou dost have in Thy heart an ideal and an objective toward which you are moving. Grant that we shall not hinder Thee nor mar it, but shall keep saying, "Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord." And that continuing of obedience and consent to Thee gives you access. And Your blessed Spirit will not be thwarted. Grieve not the Holy Spirit. We don't want to. We don't want to hinder Him. We want Him to have perfect control in every field. Bless us this morning as we look into the Word, illuminate it to us, and may we be able to understand a little more perfectly what Thou art doing and what Thou art teaching us. For Jesus' sake, Amen.
  
2. Now, we're going to sing this, "Break Thou the Bread of Life," and it's a PRAYER HYMN. A prayer hymn. (Hymn: Break Thou the Bread of Life) It says, "Beyond the sacred Word, I seek THEE, Lord." You say, "BEYOND the Word?" Now, let me help you. The Word is the VEHICLE. HE is the LIVING REALITY. Now, I couldn't get that...I knew it in my heart. Because I had experienced it. I know what it is to love the Word. It's the real LETTER OF THE WORD, and I know it speaks. If we are in the right mood and receptive, it would speak. But I know, also, past that, there's a knowledge of Him, too. Not that it's beyond the Word in that sense, but I mean aside from just that LETTER of the Word, there's a consciousness of Truth in HIM. Well, I knew that, but I didn't have any scripture to back me up, and I always have to have scripture. For these people are always catching my coattail, "Brother Follette, where have you the scripture for that?" Well I says, "I can't tell it just now. I'll come to it." Have you ever had Truth revealed and didn't know how to hook it up until by and by until maybe weeks, months, and even years later? And then you find it. And we say, "Well, that's what I have known, but I didn't say it." Because they say, "Where's the verse?" These "verse conscience people." If you tie it all down to a verse, dear, you won't get too far. Well, I was ready one time, and I came to this passage where Jesus was speaking to His disciples. Now He had wrought His miracles and He had taught the Word. And and we found the other day, much of His teaching was CORRECTIVE. When He teaches, He teaches under two themes. He is either CREATIVE, in a new vista of life and light and Truth, or He will take a situation over which they have stumbled or blurred or marred it and He CORRECTS it and puts it into shape. He's a great teacher. Well, a teacher's CORRECTIVE, and He's CREATIVE. And so He's been teaching and talking with these disciples and moving along, and when He had turned and said, "Now are ye CLEAN through My Word which I have spoken to you." So He was distinctly saying, "There is a CLEANSING in the Blood which has to do with SIN." Every SIN problem, any ramification of SIN is always dealt with in the REDEMPTION IN HIS BLOOD. But any error or anything that has to do with Truth that needs correction is always done with His WORD. There's a two-fold cleansing going on all the time. We're cleansed by His precious Blood, relative to SIN and it's ramifications. But my IGNORANCE is never dealt with by the Blood. My ignorance is dealt with by HIS TRUTH. You get that or don't you get that? And that's why He said, "Now are ye clean through MY WORD which I have spoken. CLEANSING through MY WORD, which is TRUTH." And then He turns to them and He said, "My Word....," He said, "MY WORD is this!" And He held up a Schofield Bible! No, He didn't. Well, He said, "My Word....," and He held up a scroll! He did not. He didn't. That's the vehicle. He said, "My message, My Word, the Truth that you hear, My Word that I pour out to you is SPIRIT AND LIFE." How many see two abstractions right away? Do you see anything concrete? No. Well, that bothered me. I said, "I see that, Lord, but how can I do it? What will I do?" He says, "In essence, ALL TRUTH IS

SPIRITUAL REALITY. Abstract, but you have to have a VEHICLE through which it will penetrate, push, and move. And so He has given this Word; this is His Truth, this is His Word. But you know what it is? It is a collection to everything that pertains. He has used everything in sense and time. Have you ever noticed in it? He has dealt with everything that pertains to this earth with which we might be conscious. He has saturated it with Truth, saturated it with life, use all the symbols, types, pictures, and allegories that He can from national life to personal life, and gathered it together. Nobody in the world could ever make this. No, it's DIVINE. It's divinely breathed. It is assembled. And He BREATHS the Spirit of LIFE into this strange instrument, and He uses it as a vehicle through which Spirit and life may vibrate and come up to us. Do you get me or don't you get that? Now, that's the way He works. You can sense it in this way. How many know, sometimes there's a reading of the Word, and it's purely mechanical? Well, what are you doing? You are dealing with His WORD, of course! And it's a HOLY WORD! No one else could have ever made it in the world! He MADE it! He caused it to be assembled. He caused it to take the form. It is His holy Word, and THE Truth. BUT THE LETTER OF THE WORD KILLETH. And has to have SPIRIT to give it meaning and life. So I said, "That's right, Lord. That's right. That's right. Your real message is SPIRIT and LIFE." It's conveyed to us through a most marvelous instrument. It's a vehicle, which is the Word of God. Now can you see why...I'm a student. I know all of that field. But can you see the danger of being enamored by and caught in the meshes of this, without Spirit? How many know you can be defeated? Our great scholars today, these European scholars; I get so tired of reading their essays, or what we call their dialog. You know what I mean. Do you know why? They have become enamored by the LETTER OF THE WORD. And they appreciated it as a message from God. But they have lost the interpretation and the Interpreter: SPIRIT AND LIFE. And He says, "My Truth, what I have, what I'm giving, is in essence Spirit and life, because those are the things which were sacrificed and brought to ruin through SIN." "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." DEATH. "Now I have come to counteract it." And I'm glad that He told us the purpose of His visitation. "I have come to save you out of hell."? He didn't say that. However, that's true, but that isn't what He said. "I have come that ye may have LIFE, and that more perfectly, more of it's fullness. For if you have My life..." How many know if you have life in HIM, you don't have to worry about hell? No. But you see, you put the strange objective; most evangelism today, most teaching today, vibrates between those ideas of heaven and hell. "Escape hell and go to heaven. Escape hell and go to heaven." Jesus never talked that way. All the magnificent Truth that He had to give us vibrated and moved through two strange and opposing forces: LIFE and DEATH. Find out how many times He preached on hell. How many times He preached on heaven. They are realty's, but He didn't preach on them at all. He preached concerning LIFE AND DEATH! Now, I'll prove it to you if you want it! You can go in those gospels, and...get away from your TRADITIONS! And you'll find something fresh and new. The whole message that He had vibrated between these two opposing things. LIFE AND DEATH. Life and death. "Behold, I have come to give you LIFE! Over and against DEATH." Not, "I have come to save you out of hell." He WILL do that! But get your things in right perspective! "I have come that you might have LIFE." Because that was the element that has been destroyed through SIN. So He has come as a Redeemer and a Saviour. Now, you'll have to keep these things in mind. Keep them in mind. And look at it when He teaches. He only refers to heaven and hell a couple of times, and those were in illustrations in something He talks about. He never makes them issues. But He makes life and death issues every time. Everytime. He makes life or death the issue, and He does yet. He's not looking at a person to see if they are fit for heaven or fit for hell, He sees them either alive or dead. "And even though she is alive, she's still dead." Do you remember it? That was what ailed her. Not, "She is alive but she's a sinner," No, "She's alive but she's dead." Can you see that, or can't you see that? It takes some time to get through some of these funny traditions and into Truth. It takes some time to dig us out. No, His great, marvelous revelation of light and Truth vibrated continually between those two strange moving things. Either you're alive or you're dead! Not, you've got sin, and you're washed...that's IN there! That's in, but that's not the thing that He is after. It's not; that's included. But He was speaking about things past that.

3. And so when we sing this, "Beyond the sacred page..," which I love very much. And I love when the Holy Spirit illuminates it, but beyond that sacred page, which is the vehicle, the instrument, I want to see what it really brings. Don't you? I think that's what should be the real objective in all of Bible study, in all our reading. It is a fuller revelation and understanding of our wonderful Lord, through this. This is the MEDIUM. It is God-breathed; God made it. But He never said, "THIS is My Word. My Word is in essence Spirit and Life vibrating through a vehicle which is just as inspired." This is an inspiration; this is inspired. Nobody made this. This is a DIVINE arrangement. He made it as the VEHICLE, as the INSTRUMENT through which Truth can push. So He uses stories, people, personalities, histories, nations, everything that has touched the earth, He includes it. Because it takes all of that to become an instrument. Do you get that or don't you? The Word is so terrific, that it needs everything that He could put ever together to interpret it. So that's when we read it, we read Truth, surely, it's Truth. But his is a very strange book. It's only known and understood when we see it, and Truth pushing it's way up through it by the power of the Spirit. That's why when we read it, sometimes when we read a passage we've read and read; all of a sudden what happens? It becomes alive. That's the real Truth that's coming to you, THROUGH this instrument. Don't be too instrument-conscious. It's good. But it's so much better to be alive to the Spirit that's vibrating through that. You've had that experience, so have I. How many have read passages, passages, and passages, and sometimes when you're reading, all of a sudden you see and understand something that you've never sensed before, and yet you have read that a hundred times. Why is it? That's the TRUTH coming up through the vehicle. Do you get me or don't you? It pushes it's way through. And yet, this is the holy thing. Born in heaven. And His Word is above all; it's His Truth. So I got off on that line this morning. Do you see some things? I want you to keep seeing. You've got a wonderful God, and a wonderful Lord, and a wonderful Spirit, and a wonderful Word. And I want us to get into it with Him. Don't be disturbed if you don't know too many things that we'd like to know. Don't let it disturb you. Take the simplest things here, and let Him make it life to you. Sometimes He only takes a word; and I've lived for days and days and days on maybe one, little word, maybe a phrase, because it's so dynamic. These marathon readers. They always scare me. Because they say, "Have you read?" I say, "I read..." There is a bondage, you know. A "polite" bondage. It's like, "saying prayers." Some people get underneath the thing, they just as so much get in bed, and they can't sleep all night. They got to get up, you know, it's just like, yes, kind of like a "taboo." They got to get out of bed and get on their knees and, "Pittle-dee-dee, mumble, mumble...now I've said it! ZZZZZ, I go to sleep..." How many know that period? Well, I suppose the Lord is amused with it. He must be. Because that's almost like superstition, it's like seeing a black cat, you have bad luck, now take the curse off by doing so and so. "And I'll have a flat tire if I don't pray just so long and say so and so, I'll have a flat tire." Well, people are like that! He gets a flat tire and he says, "I knew it! It's because I didn't get on my knees last night and get through!..." How many know, people are buying and selling all the time that way? It's ridiculous! Don't degenerate into that pattern. Please. But I meet people all the time who do. I meet "pious" people. Well, "pious" people I'm always afraid of, because I'm not "pious!" They get me scared. I say, "Lord, do You see?" He sees them too. You can't fool the Lord. I know He is amused at things. Well, somebody says, "Well, you never hear it recorded that He laughed..." Think of Him being a normal human being and not laugh! I think He has laughed more than once. How many believe He sneezed!?! Well, how many know that it is not recorded in the Word that He sneezed? Well, how many believe He did, anyway? Well, of course because He's human. And some people say, "Well, where's the verse that ever said He smiled?" Oh, brother. Are you ridiculous as that? He is a PERFECT example of human life. In it's purity and loveliness. And man was born with a faculty of release in laughter. GOD laughs. And then must the Lord walk around like that? Or hey, I never could stand it. I couldn't. I say, "Let's kind of do that and see if He's alive." Oh, a sweet, little Christmas card I got this winter. I enjoyed it as much as any I got. Three hundred and eighty-five Christmas cards. I had a basket full of them with more than that. And among them is one where the little Christ child lies, so sweet and

lovely in his crib, near a window. Coming over to the window is a little boy, you know, he's reaching in...to see if he's alive! And the little boy's eyes, like that, you know, and I thought, "Oh, Lord, that's so sweet." Don't you think that would be cute? Yes. I mean the humanity of it. The humanity. The little child wasn't coming....  
 ...(piously). He didn't do that at all! He just reached in the window like that, and he had his little fingers on the little baby. I thought, "Little humanity touching humanity." Yes, little humanity touching humanity. It was so marvelous and so sweet. So natural. No. He's the PERFECTED human being, in all of His purity and loveliness. But in all of it's ORIGINAL MANIFESTATION.

4. Well now this morning what's on my heart, I want to talk to you a little while...I guess what I want to say is probably on a tape, because you got around on tapes. So you don't have to take this at all on tape, isn't that nice? No? No, you don't. No, you don't. Frank, you be a good boy! NO, but you can listen this morning because I have spoken this somewhere but I don't know where I've given it because it's in my notes. I want to talk to you on PRAYER. I think we can stand a little more illumination in that field. I can, I know. How many know you're prayer life can be helped? How many know that sometimes it needs ransacking? Yes. And then how many know it needs a new impetus of Spirit and life. So I want to help you in your prayer life by some teaching that the Lord opened to me as I was reading, but He didn't give it to me in a day, because He doesn't generally give me things like that in just a moment. He gives me the key to it in a moment. Then I may be days and weeks and months working with it afterwards, but the key of it comes like that. And sometimes I work for three or four days on one word. I'm awful "slow." But I get through finally, but I'm slow. I admire these "quick" people who read it and it's all pure. How do you get that way? I'm not. No. He'll give me one little flash of Truth, maybe one WORD. And I'll have that for days and weeks. So I was open to the Lord and I was reading, and I came to this passage over in Matthew where He talks to them about PRAYER. And He had already just given them a lovely message on the Sermon on the Mount. If you remember. Now...where is this? I've got notes here somewhere. He had given them the Sermon on the Mount, and remember the Sermon on the Mount. Get that thing straight too. How many know what that is, really? Is that for the general public? For the world, and to help the nations get straightened out? And humanity? No. No. No. When you read the Sermon on the Mount, remember it's a MANIFESTO of the kingdom privileges that are to be found in the CHRISTIAN heart, HERE, but fully manifested in a millennial set-up for Israel. It projects itself from the present over into the ages yet to come. Now, where is my...it's in here somewhere... now where is it? (Matthew) 7:7-8. Matthew 7:7-8. Now remember what has just happened. He's up in the mountain. And here is something too, that I was telling you about the other day. The POSTURE; do you remember I spoke of the POSTURE of the body? I never knew this either till He got me up in the night telling it to me, right out of the clear sky. I wasn't thinking about it anymore than the Brooklyn bridge. But He gets me when my mind is clear of anything so I know my imagination isn't working. Isn't He nice to do that? He puts me to sleep so I am completely barren and empty; I'm not thinking something through and striking something. And He was showing me something of these postures of the body with their scripture verses indicative of a certain mood of my spirit. And when I came to the SITTING posture, He gave me these illustrations from the Word, and everytime you find the SITTING posture, that is TEACHING or RECEPTIVITY. And whenever He's in the TEACHING mood like that, usually it will say it, without even thinking about it, "and He sat," or "He sat down." He's always SITTING. Now you don't HAVE to sit. But He is SHOWING us something. The RELAXATION. How many get that or don't you? How many sense RECEPTIVITY? It's the place of the Teacher with the student. We SIT together in heavenly places. SITTING is RECEPTIVITY. It's the teaching, it flows. And wherever Jesus is doing any teaching, it will repeat it over and over that He SITS. He SITS. Now, in this message on the Sermon on the Mount, how does it begin? "And seeing the multitude," that's down here, the MULTITUDE, He leaves them. "And He went up into a mountain, and when He was sat, when He had found His resting place, in that sense, His disciples came unto Him, He opened His mouth and taught THEM, saying..." How many can see that the message is distinctly to the DISCIPLES? Out in the valley,

down below the hill, He had a message which was becoming the MULTITUDES. They were always PARABLES, and stories, and things of that kind, and healings and miracles. But He never takes the disciples alone to tell them how to do a miracle. No, no, no. That's for that general circle of COSMIC CURIOSITY, I call it, of the people who moved about Him. Don't tell me they were "so hungry!" No, no. They were CURIOUS. It's still so today. These "great multitudes!" They go. You can't tell me they are all so terribly hungry! They're not. It's a cosmic curiosity for something that's different, and new, and sensational. And they'll go, and as soon as they're satisfied, they'll turn around and walk out. Over and over and over. So don't be alarmed. It only a normal reaction in the human set-up.

5. Now, He's with His disciples alone up in this mountain. And it says, "And when He was sat..." When He is relaxed from the pressure of that multitude business. He finds an intimate relationship with the disciples. He can talk to them and tell them things that He can't tell to those public, because it doesn't belong to them. "And He opened His mouth and taught THEM..." What did He teach? The Sermon on the Mount, which is a manifesto of the principles relative to that kingdom, in the heart, in miniature millenium. In it's outworking, it will be Israel restored under a kingdom with all these things involved. But how many know you have your own millenium in every heart? Yes, we do. How many know the wild beasts have to be tamed? If it really takes place in us. Those are the ragged edges of our humanity. They have to come in under the control and the power of the Lord, when He takes His kingdom over. That's why He said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." He's not talking about Paradise, He's talking about the kingdom that God wants to reign in and rule in. And He said it is "ente," your Greek preposition, not, "en," ENTE. "In you," is a vast kingdom that He has come to redeem and win back again to God, that it may offer back again to God the GLORY that is was designed to give. We were made to offer back to God a CONTINUAL REVELATION of the potential of the human heart, in touch with God, directed by the Holy Spirit, that God's heart could be satisfied and pleased to see in humanity a vast kingdom in which His WILL WOULD BE WROUGHT. A manifestation of all that that held potentially. Do you see that? That's what He wanted. That's what He wanted. And that's what He got in JESUS, Who is the LAST ADAM. Not the first; not the second Adam, the LAST, because there can only be FIRST and LAST. The first, the total collapse. The Last, perfectly satisfying. So, when He teaches, He is saying to them, this great kingdom, this vast kingdom, that He has come to redeem and restore. He says, "Behold, this kingdom, this phase of the kingdom is within YOU. You embrace it, you hold it. And I want to bring it under My redemption." So He has DIED to redeem unto Himself a kingdom which had been lost. All humanity, the single hearts, they are a VAST KINGDOM OF HUMANITY in which He should have been glorified, but it had been brought under the power of the enemy and it's lost and ruined. Now, when He redeems us, He redeems or brings back this kingdom. Now He says, "You have sat on you throne long enough. You can't bring forth in your kingdom what I want. You've usurped it through the power of the enemy." If He ever gets anything out of life, how many know we are dethroned? Yes, we are. Yes, we are. It's hard sometimes to climb down off your throne, brother! Yes, it is. After you've had...I mean LEGITIMATE serving! Not "getting drunk," but merely a human manifestation of your life in Him. How many know, HUMAN NATURE can be awfully RELIGIOUS too? But it can't produce what SPIRIT does. So He says, "Here's your kingdom. Now, I want to be a King in you." So the THRONE is a place of power. "I want to come in and sit on the throne of your heart and life, and I will get out of that kingdom the things that glorify Me." And God is satisfied and pleased to bring out of hearts and lives dedicated and surrendered to Him, a thing that He can't get anywhere else in the world. He can't get it in heaven, and He can't get it out of angels. But He can get it out of REDEEMED HUMANITY. And it's our privilege to surrender that to Him. We GIVE it to Him, and we say, "Come into my heart..." Into my heart. That's right. "Reign and rule in ME." That's right. Because this is a part of His great kingdom experience.
6. Now, when He gathers these disciples, He lets them know that very thing. So He begins to teach them about the principles of how that life would be manifested, what we would

expect. And do you notice, it's always beyond what any human nature can do? Always. Because...people have said, "Why did He make the standard so high in the kingdom principles?" He HAD to, because the kingdom principles do not relate to a man in flesh. They relate to a Christian who is supposed to be dedicated to God that the Holy Spirit can make alive in us, the principles that He pronounces and He speaks. That's what He's talking about. And He purposely makes the standard so high that no flesh can do it. He says, "Love your enemy." The Old Testament, you know, was so very different. The Old Testament was so very, very different. No, He says, "In this new dispensation, this new kingdom life that I am giving, our standards are entirely different." He says, "Love your enemy." Well, what human being can, in his natural flesh, love the enemy?" You can't! It takes the grace of God to do that, and so He makes the standard always beyond what the human can do. Then He does another thing that I think is beautiful. In the Old Testament, the breaking of the principle, or the disregarding it, or the law, had an IMMEDIATE effect. Do you remember it was always judged immediately? The woman was perhaps caught in adultery. What did they do? Stone her to death. How many get that or don't you? It was always IMMEDIATE. It was something ?. "Stone him!" Immediate. Because He was dealing with the ACTION. He was dealing with ACTION. But all action is MOTIVATED. All action and conduct is MOTIVATED. Now, when Jesus begins to teach and He comes into this new realm teaching us about the kingdom and the laws of the kingdom, how many know He has very little to say about the action, but He was always after the motive? He's a good psychologist. And I just love Him for it. When He's dealing with them do you know that He'd had very little to do with the ACT? He says, "It HAS been written, but that's your OLD economy, 'A tooth for a tooth,'" but I say unto you," speaking now from this new, elevated place of kingdom, very different. The Old Testament is adultery, "Stone her!" "I say, if it's in the HEART." Do you get it? MOTIVATION. If it's in the heart. If it's in the heart. Stealing--all of that; all of that in the Old Testament was immediately taken in hand and dealt with. Because they were dealing with the ACT, and not with the MOTIVE back of it. But when Jesus works and deals with them, He's not too concerned with the ACT. It's wrong, it's wrong, but He says that there's something that MADE it wrong! Go back in there and see what made that. Do you get me? Well that's why He's such a good teacher. Lovely, beautiful, and in His teaching in there He says, "It hath been said,...it hath been written,...it hath been written,...it hath been written, but you are living under that. You're living under this NEW economy now, with Me, and I'm not dealing with this conduct in the sense you do. The conduct IS wrong. I'm not excusing it; it's absolutely wrong." But He doesn't let the case rest there. He never does. He brings it up to MOTIVATION. Motivation, because that's where we are. He's looking at the HEART. "For as a man thinketh, so is he." As he thinketh in his heart, that's what he really is. Not what he has either done or wants to do, but how many know, what he thinks? His interpretation of the thing, and what he would do and could do, if he could. Sometimes I've thought... people say, "What is a good test of character?" A good test of character is this. What would you do and say sometimes if nobody in the world would ever know it? That's a test of your character. What would you do or say sometimes if nobody in the world would ever know it? Well, here's a little test. Yes, a little test. But God knows it, you see. And then when you deal with Him with that openness, how many know it clears an awful lot away? How many know, it saves you a lot of prayers? These people who keep praying, you know, they're in behind there, "Now dear Lord, Thou knowest that I wouldn't have done it if she hadn't, Lord, and Lord, I'm sorry, but You know how I am Lord, and oh, Lord..." Spending hours telling the Lord stuff He already knows about my heart. Well, sometimes I've been to an altar services when I've just been naughty. Very naughty. I'd say, "Shhh, dear. Touch God. Don't fuss around with that." "But, Brother Follette...", and they can cry real good too. You know, kind of sniffle a little while, it makes you feel better. And you know, you can feel better! Oh, crocodile tears! Lord, help us! No, that won't help. But many times I've said, "Now the Lord knows all that. He knew it before you were born. Strike fire with Him. It's something nearer than that." "Now, Lord, Thou KNOWEST..." How many know He KNOWEST!! It's good to pour it out. He wants us to confess, but how many know, a confession can be ruined by it's "confession?" Because it's lost it's power. It's lost it's intent.

By prolonging it into some kind of a morbid thing. And the REAL essence of the thing is ruined. I know it!

7. Now, we'll come back to this, where He's teaching on the Sermon on the Mount, giving all this wonderful, wonderful exposition. And right toward the end of it, in verse seven and eight, when He comes down into...where is it? Chapter 7:7-8. Now, He's way over there. He starts in with the, "Judge not that you be not judged," and all that? That's wonderful in there. 5th verse. 6th. That's good. Seven. Now He starts in and gives a little discourse on PRAYER. Very short, but it covers the whole philosophy of our prayer life. The philosophy, I mean the under girding philosophy of our prayer life. And the whole scheme is hidden away in two verses. "Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Sequel; now this is the sequel. If you do that part; that's your part, there's a sequel now. "If..., if you do that, if you ask, if you seek, if you knock, FOR everyone that asketh receiveth, he that seeketh findeth, to him that knocketh, it shall be opened." Now, I don't want to treat it from the angle of the technical idea of "ask," although there is a technical side, and I'll get into that in a few minutes. I want you to understand this teaching that He gives and these two verses from this stand point. When we pray, and I don't care when, or how, or what, how many know there is always an attitude of Spirit in it? Now, He's after ATTITUDES. That's what He's after, the ATTITUDE OF THE HEART. Why? Because there is a SEEKING ATTITUDE which will release and receive many things. Now, in prayer, that is set aside, and your attitude is that of a SEEKER. How many know that is different from ASKING? I'll show it to you in a few minutes. Well, then that phase of prayer goes on and finally settles down, there is a KNOCKING ATTITUDE. These are HEART ATTITUDES. The ASKING ATTITUDE, the SEEKING ATTITUDE, the KNOCKING ATTITUDE. They describe the attitude of the heart in this prayer life. So in our prayer life, be sure you know your attitudes. Because there are certain things which are responsive and will come because of a correct attitude which cannot come from this attitude. For instance, there are some things which will only come from a seeking attitude and a seeking process which cannot come by asking for it to be GIVEN to you. Why? Because they are all different levels of your prayer life with this governing. Your attitude governs it. So remember these pictures of asking, seeking, and knocking are primarily to let you know...remember the ATTITUDE OF YOUR HEART in your prayer. You don't have to be so technical that you say, "Now, Lord, I am asking! This thing I am seeking. And that I know will come..." Don't be too technical in there! That isn't it, it's the attitude of your heart, whether you are asking, seeking, knocking, it's your attitude.
  
8. Now, He does that, because in our prayer life, there are so many things which can come to us purely from an ASKING ATTITUDE. And when He gave it to me, and I'm going to give you the scripture verses, because I haven't time while I'm here, two or three days, it would take to go through this thing, because it's too heavy, it's too long. But I'll give you just a general outline, kind of an overall pattern; a picture of it. And you can take it home and work it out for yourself. I want to give you some of the scripture verses which pertain to this, when it comes to asking. Well, we'll find it's always a surface interpretation of the thing, then we'll get down to the real, basic, interior meaning of the thing. Hidden in the text we find this law of a progressive development of our prayer life in the order of it's unfolding. ASK. Now, this asking is your simplest and easiest form of prayer. Every babe in Christ can ask, when he has no seeking powers yet developed, and knows nothing about knocking. Every babe in Christ, because it's merely the, "Uhhhh,"--ask. There's no effort on his part of penetration. There's just, "Aaaassskk, and it will be given. Ask...and He will give." But he's going to come to a place where he will NEED something that won't come from that technique at all. It can't. Because he's on another level. So, we'll begin with, "Ask, and it will be given to you." Now, I have at least twelve scripture verses that I want to open this morning. Imagine it. So we can't get in it. But those who are taking notes, I'll give you the scripture verses that may help you understand what He means when He says, "Ask...ask...ask." He always uses this relative to the things which are perfectly

manifest. Now when you come to that, get your scripture to back you up. "Christ was MANIFEST to do...Christ was manifest..." How many get Calvary with an open, arms stretched out? He was MANIFEST to do; He was manifest...OPENLY. Lifted up high so they could see it. Now all that we have in the ASK system relates to that unveiling, where He is manifest to do. Now some of you want the scripture verses. Let's take them down. Turn to I John 1:2, I John 3:5, and I John 4:9. Now John rings the changes on the idea that there is MUCH to be obtained, much to be received, purely on the fact of His manifestation, say, at CALVARY. You don't have to SEEK your salvation as if it were some "hidden" ministry. No, you don't. He is ALREADY manifested. We need to come to His feet to take it. But there are things hidden in Him that you will never get (that way.) Unless the heart takes another attitude entirely, and there is a SEEKING penetration. So, keep this in mind. The first has to do with that which is already manifest. He has made it manifest.

9. Now, take these verses. Matthew 7:7, Matthew 18:19, Matthew 21:22, John 14:13, John 15:7, John 16:24, Eph. 3:20, James 1:5, James 4:2, I John 3:22, I John 5:14. At least this is enough to start you off on the right line, because you will find in these scripture verses the things that He promises are things which are already manifest so that all you have to do is to reach up your little hands in faith and receive. And as I looked at that, I didn't know until He opened it to me, He said, "Do you see something in here?" It's possible for a Christian to live and move and serve God and die and go to heaven, purely on the basis of ASKING AND RECEIVING because in His economy, He has given us everything that is needed PURELY on that basis. Because the first is on what I call the GIFT level. He will GIVE. "Ask, and ye shall receive," that is, He will GIVE. ASK and He will GIVE. SALVATION is a gift. Isn't it? It's a gift. The blessing of the Holy Spirit, He speaks of it as the gift of the Father. It's a gift. Healing, it's a GIFT in the Atoning work. Your ministry; the GIFTS by which they are ministered; they are GIVEN to you. You can get from here to heaven, and live purely on that first level of receiving because it's your gift. Now, these are movies that I have, and you'll get used to them. So, I put here, the first level. This is ASK, and it's on the GIFT level. Because, "Ask, and I will give." That's all you have to do, open your mouth. "Open your mouth and ask for it, and I'll give it." There's no penetration, there's no effort, there's no work; there's nothing that we could do. We just ask and hand, and He will GIVE. But that's not all. After you have found that out, you will find in your experience that there are so many things that seem open to you that you want, and the Holy Spirit intrigues you, He gives you a hunger for it. The Holy Spirit will work in you so that you think, "Now, that's what I want." And how many of you know, you have found a lot of things you cannot get on that level at all? By asking. Because it is not on the GIFT level. Now, here, I make this a Christmas tree. These are all GIFTS. Christ is a tree, laden with lovely gifts that He GIVES to us. And our first experience is always on the GIFT level. We, I like to think of us as very happy children in our first experiences in prayer. How the hand hands and we go dancing around this tree and picking off the tree whatever they want. One go around and says, "I've got salvation, what did you get?" "Oh, I got the Baptism! What did you get?" "I got the healing! What did you get?" They are all GIFTS! They are all gifts. You never brought one of them. You had nothing to do with it but to open your heart and reach out your hand in faith and take it. Take it. It's a gift. So you have here asking on the GIFT level, because it's all on that, "Ask and I will give." That's the gift. That's the easiest, and that's the level where so many Christians find their first contact with God and PARK there! They actually do. I deal a lot with souls and I find people, matured, supposed to be, who haven't any idea of anything in their prayer life past that level. But He doesn't end there. He says, "Ask...and there are hundreds of things I can give you purely on the gift level because they are gifts. Salvation, baptism, healing, all of that; enough to get you to heaven." And you don't move off of that. But that isn't all. He says, "SEEK, and it will be given?" No, no. "Seek..." Now what is the answer to that, the sequel? "You will find or discover." Why? Because



now, you're here on another level. That is, another phase of your experience in Him.

10. SEEK. I want to give you a definition of that word as it's used in the scripture here. The meaning of that word. Did you ever really look it up, or did you just read it? Seek. "Seek," as He uses it, "to go in search of." How many see something on your part, your spirit moving out? Agitation, alive, moving. Seek, "go in search of, to try to FIND. To inquire for, to solícite, to beseech, to try to gain, to aim at." Now, all those are the elementary meanings used for that word, "to seek." Seek. Now, how many of you can sense this: There is an EFFORT. Do you get it? How many can sense there's a difficulty of some kind that we'll have to push through or penetrate through? Sure. Supposing I had...this is all supposition; supposing I had twenty silver dollars here this morning. This is supposition of course. Well, I have twenty silver dollars here. And I say, "These are gifts. Ask, and you can receive it." Now you would come up and get one, wouldn't you, if you weren't paralysed. Yes, ask, and you shall receive it. You don't do a thing but come up and get it because it's a gift. Now, supposing tomorrow I come in and I say, "I have 20 silver dollars here for you. They're not in my hands; they're here. SEEK and you will find them." How many know there would be an agitation? Wouldn't there? How many know, it requires some EFFORT on your part to discern where under the heavens did he put them? Some would be on the floor, and up here and...how many get the idea right away of something that WE have to offer on our part? There is a SEEKING PROCESS that begins. It's generated in us. And although we don't find the first dollar, how many know, that seeking thing pushes? Well, why does it push? Because we have a word that there is something in here that can only be obtained by that process. How many know you'll seek to find it? Then you DISCOVER it. Then you DISCOVER it. And so that is another phase of this prayer life that God has involved us in. Maybe it's not always analysed, but do you like this analysis so far? This is the way He gave it to me. He's awful good; He makes me have movies like this. He showed me how to make this thing, and it helped me, and I say, "Thank you." Maybe somebody else needs it too! Because it appeals to me; I can sense it. Yes, now He says, "Seeking involves a difficulty. There are some things that will only come to you through a prayer with the attitude of a seeker, who by faith, projects, penetrates, pushes through, pushes through, and you will FIND." How many get that as the end? Now, I want to give you some of the things in the Word. Scripture verses which He gave me. Some of them He has opened and some of them He has left, but I'm always glad when He strikes one, in which He will use that VERY WORD. SEEK. And everyone of them involves some kind of a difficulty, either a darkness, or a hinderance, or something you push through, and there are things you CAN'T get unless you do it. Now, you can just sit down and cry, and pray, and fast, and pound on the chair by asking. You'll never get it, dear. No, you won't! Because you don't understand your prayer patterns; you don't understand life. "Well, I've been saved, I've got the baptism....!" I know that, but listen. That's not going to carry you very far; you'll be defeated before you know it. How many ever found you're defeated? And you don't know why. Well, we're defeated because we're not taught. Don't you think our people need teaching? They need teaching. They have plenty of other things, but they need teaching to help them live just the ordinary life. Just the ordinary prayer life. It needs an overhauling, a recasting, a reshaping. Fresh definition.
11. Now I want to give you some of the scripture verses which He gave me under this idea of seeking, and when He did it, this is what He gave me as my     ?    . (on blackboard-drawing) That isn't very good. How many see a chest or a box? Yeah. This is the lock on it. How many know sometimes that's locked? Well, where are the treasures? They're always HIDDEN. Treasures are never hung on a Christmas tree. No. You get all of those other gifts, "Glory, glory, glory!," we get them, till we're almost suffocated with them. Now, I'll tell you something. IN HIM ARE HIDDEN THE TREASURES. Light and Truth. Do you now where they are? They're in the very Christ that you're carrying with you. He's in your heart this morning, but He's a treasure chest. The real treasures of wisdom, revelation, light, and truth; they're not hung on a Christmas tree, they're hidden away in the chest in your heart and you carry it. Yes, you do. Now, we have to learn some-

thing. We have to learn that hidden in this chest are all these lovely gifts, are hidden these gifts, and we have to learn how to dare to open the chest, and sometimes the lid doesn't come up too high, because we would see too much. I knew that. Then what do we do? We put in our hand, like that...how many know that's faith? That's FAITH pushing into the chest. And God says, "Put your hand in. I have a treasure for you." And our faith penetrates and pushes in and we find something. We haven't seen it yet; but we're conscious of it, touched something. "I sense something, Lord." How many ever had that with God, and never had it unraveled so that you could really possess it? How many know what I mean by intimations of Spirit? Well, sometimes that comes by your hand being put in the chest in the dark. By FAITH. Then you take it out and you FIND. How many remember that lovely one in Isaiah? "He gives me the TREASURES OF DARKNESS." Is that a Christmas tree? Oh, no. No. The treasures, He says, "He giveth me treasures of darkness." "Well, I want some of these treasures!" Well, I'll tell you something, dear. You've just got to go in where they are, and they are in DARKNESS. They're in DARKNESS. Now, let's take some of these scripture verses for you to work on when you go home. Take that good one in Colossians 2:3. "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Isaiah 45:3, the treasures of darkness. In the Psalms, the 27th Psalm, do you remember? "One thing have I desired of the Lord." That's desire. "That will I do," ah, ha. That's it. "One things I have desired." Well, what a tremendous work in the heart of a Christian to have all of his DESIRES, all of this reaching out, have them to be CLEANSED AWAY, and marked out, dropped off, and dropped off, and dropped off, until ONE desire possesses you. And he said, "ONE desire have I." And what was it? A Godly, Spiritual desire. "To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." Well, what is that? That's our REAL CHRISTIAN HABITATE, is that we dwell in Him, in His house, His economy. "That I may dwell in this grand and glorious Spiritual thing that God has involved me in, it's my life." To do what? "To behold His beauty," Reaction. "And inquire." How many get, "to behold His beauty," is first? Why? Because God is to be worshipped first, before we start asking much. We get it all wrong. We come asking, praying, begging, beseeching; once in awhile we worship Him a little. That's right. He knows that. We all know that. Why? Because the WORSHIP CONSCIOUSNESS isn't strong enough in us. The NEED, the "want consciousness," is there, so we have, "Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord!" He says, "Yes...yes." When we get all done, "We praise You, oh Lord, we worship You...let's go home..." Well He hasn't had any worship at all. Not at all. All heaven this morning is alive in worship. They're not begging Him for a thing, but He's receiving the WORSHIP, the glory, all that's becoming Him. And so here the Psalmist has had a great experience, a work of reduction has come. He too had been almost cursed with the fact of DESIRE. How many know, He had everything? This Psalmist. He experienced everything. And he said, "I've had all of those. But Lord, You've reduced me; you've weaned me away from them. You've taken them down; You've let me see through them. They don't possess me anymore. They used to possess me." Don't let anything POSSESS you! I used to say to the students, "Don't pray for money or anything; you'll have the money for just about so long, possessing it, then it will possess YOU." Ambition. How many know ambition can POSSESS a person? Not the person trying to have his ambition satisfied, but how many know, it becomes very possessive? How many know even SUCCESS can become very possessive? I know people who have been successful and their success is a prisonhouse that they got caught in. That's right. What a strange philosophy, but it's real. The very success that they've laid their life down for, they have a    ? come in, and it is nothing but a prison house! They can't get out of it. So I often say to the students, "Don't be afraid of poverty. Don't be afraid if you don't have too much. Maybe a couple of cars, and maybe three houses; is that all right?" But you know, you smile, but how many know, the more they get the more they want? I've known people; I have friends who are millionaires. Had one visit me not... funny, just since Christmas, for prayer. Between three and four million. And she wants the baptism. But you see, money has possessed them. It has possessed them. I don't want to tell this because it's on tape, you see...oh, no...don't bother with it! Don't bother with it! (Turning off tape) I won't tell it. That's why I don't like them. I want to tell you something intimate and friendly. But somebody would hear that tape and say, "Hummmmm, I know who HE'S talking about!" And I get in a hole and I say, "We

won't talk about it." How many can appreciate that, or can't you see that? It isn't that I don't want them to hear, but because somebody else does, and then it goes around. So somethings I just leave out of the message that I could tell you I think would be very helpful, but I can't. People are human. They're just horribly human. So it shuts me down. No, I won't! I won't do it! No, I won't! Let's not be naughty! No. But you see how I mean. There's things like that that we should regard. Money, success, any ambition that has obsessed you, becomes a most dangerous thing. They are very POSSESSIVE. Possessive.

12. So this man has gone through that. He's been reduced, and reduced, and reduced, and reduced, and so he says, "Oh, God, there is only one thing that I really desire. One thing. That I will...what?" Seeking. Here's where you get your SEEKING. Now your seeking is going to be focused. How many see upon a very necessary thing? "That will I SEEK after, that I may---do what? Dwell in Thy house forever." That's SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT. And your adjustment being made complete. You have the qualification for inquiring. And so we INQUIRE in the mysteries of the things of God and in the Spirit. "To BEHOLD THY BEAUTY," that's first, "AND inquire...AND inquire." I ask Him about that, and I found this. To behold the beauty of God, to know the love of God, to walk under the impact and the power of the love of God, how many know that will react in you until the desires down here will be brought in proper place. "To behold Thy beauty." And then in my in inquiring, how many know, it will adjust itself under that law? That's right; that's the way it is. "To behold Thy beauty," because it has a reflex. And the power of the impact of the wonder and the glory, and the wonder of God upon me. How many know that will qualify much in my asking. How many know much of your prayers will just eliminated? Now there are things that I used to pray about, how many know we outgrow some things; we don't pray about that? No, we don't. Because the concept of Truth and the vision that you have has provided a faith in you that doesn't have to be operated in that field. Because you understand that; that's DONE. That's true. We still pray, but I'm praying about things now that I didn't pray about before.

1. But these other things I understand now, I leave them right in the hands of the Lord. That doesn't bother me. My burden is HERE; I'm still bearing a burden; I'm praying. But I can't bear them all at once. No. You outgrow this one. Not that you're perfect. But you pray through with it. It's through; it's laid down. And then you assume a new one. And so, here are these lovely verses...do you have time to open them? Psalms 27:8, Psalms 37:4, here's one, "When thou saidest, 'Seek ye My face,' my HEART said unto Thee," not my brains! It was a HEART problem. "When You said, 'Seek ye My face,' it's only my HEART that can seek and appreciate the glimpse of it. Now, I'll give you some more. Do you want some more? Over in Jeremiah 29 is a good one, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end." This is God's side, positive, reaching us, pushing toward us. "Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will harken unto you, and ye shall SEEK Me." How many get your seeking processes right in there? It's not ASKED for; we can't get it that way. It's a SEEKING, penetrating process. "When ye shall SEEK Me and find Me, when ye shall SEARCH for Me with all your heart." How many notice there's no Christmas tree in there? You can't even smell balsam! No, there's no Christmas tree at all, the candles are all out. How many see you are in quite a different place? How many know the darkness of the chest? But when the HEART is willing to PAY THE PRICE of going into the shadow, and not crying to see the stars for 10 minutes, it says, "If you'll do that, you'll discover, you'll see it." Now, let's give you another one. I'd like to open that one, but I can't. (That was) Jeremiah 29: 11, 12, and 13. Deut. 4:29, Psalms 63:1, Phil. 2:21, this is a sweet one, this is dear Paul. This is good, "For all SEEK their own, not the things which are of Jesus Christ." Remember that? Now, I think that that's put in there for this reason too. The intensity of the human heart to seek the things of time and sense, which penetrate and live and move where we are; how strong and terrific it is that it becomes so obsessive and possessive! It is. It's obsessive and it's possessive. The SEEKING ENERGY that man will put in a material thing. Hours, nights, money, ANYTHING! To satisfy this curiosity, this seeking. And He says, "If you could only divert that, and the the intensity of your seeking powers, be as these." Now that's why Jesus spoke to His disciples as He did, when He sensed that this seeking element, which is a part of our creation; it's not to be condemned, it's to be adjusted. When things are out of order, don't throw them away. Get them CLEANSED, and put in shape. Don't throw them away just because you don't know how to handle them. There is not an item in our whole economy but what is God-given. And they belong in our creation. But they've been abused, and misused, and misdirected until we're in a mess! Because we don't function, don't throw it out the window! This SEEKING; that's in man. God put it there. Why? Because it's in that SEEKING that we seek the face of God and His will and His glory. That comes through that seeking process and it belongs to us. Now when Jesus was dealing with His disciples, He detected something. He said, "They're all seeking; they're all seeking, but they are still seeking on a level of just 'earth things.'" And He rebuked them gently. And ADJUSTED. He said, "Keep on seeking. I'm not telling you not to seek. I want you to have houses and lands and all. I want you to have them, it belongs to you. I want you to have them. That comes through your seeking. That's all right. I'm not condemning you." He doesn't condemn. Because it's part of your make-up. "BUT, get this law of SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT. Seek ye FIRST adjustment to God. A surrender, an understanding, a life in Him. Seek ye first this lovely, spiritual contact." He says, "Automatically, just like the law of gravitation, automatically all these mudane things will move in a pattern for you. They'll come to you." It's not because you are worthy, not because I laid down on the floor last night and cried and prayed that I'd get a pair of shoes. Not at all. They automatically move. You've released them. And they will come to you.
2. Now. When He spoke to those disciples, He said, "Seek ye first this Spiritual adjustment in Me, and all these things will come to you, FOR after all these things do the heathen people make their object in life." In the Greek it's "their AIM." Isn't that true? For after all these things do people who don't know God...how many know their level is

here? Now, it's all right to have things. That doesn't mean I have to sit down and never have anything. NO. If He gives you a car, say, "Amen." If He gives you two cars, say, "Amen," twice! Sure. Sure. He'll give. It isn't that he strips us, but He wants the giving in HIM. And as He sees good. So He says, "Seek ye FIRST this Spiritual life and adjustment in ME. And DARE to do it, if I'm calling you thus, DARE to do that, because automatically, all these things will start loosening up and they will follow you. They'll come to you...they'll come to you...they'll come to you. Because you've RELEASED THE LAW.".....It's pretty hot in here. "You've released a law, then all these things automatically fall in line. Now, that's true. I guess most of you know I live a FAITH LIFE. And I've done this thing for 55 years. And God has made that thing operative in my life, not only for me, but for people and conditions, and schools; for putting folks in school, taking them through. On just that principle. No salaries, no income, no anything. But I have a great, big God. Lays on my heart, "You'll need this." I've learned my RULE OF THREE. I keep this adjustment, how many know you keep that adjustment and everything will come? It HAS to come. It HAS to come. That's why in teaching, I had to have a little time with Him, had to teach in school and college. yes. But I always had that understanding. Always had that understanding. Because He wanted me as a demonstration of the reality---I teach out of my heart and life! There isn't a thing that I'm telling you but what I know in my experience in God. Not always in the fullest, but I have found these principles and I know they are REAL. I know they're REAL! And that's why I'm DARING. How many think sometimes I'm rather DARING? I can't help it but I'm DARING. I have to be because these are REAL. When He called me to walk by faith, I went to school, there at Bible school, when I taught at the old Southern Cal. I had a talk with the trustees and Mr. Needum, and I said, "Now listen, I am very peculiar in some things..." Now when they contacted me and I was still in New York, and the school board, the people contact me to come out here, God saw to it that they never mentioned money. Thank You, Lord. He knew why. And when I came, I said, "Now listen. I'm not under any salary basis. I'm not asking so much a month, so much a year, so much anything. God wants me to help these students. And they're my joy. I love them, I want to help them. Now, don't "pay" me. Give me what you want to! If you give me five dollars a month, that's all right. If you don't give me anything, that's all right." Why? "Because God has other instruments in this world beside YOU. And He's made me to know; He's give me things from people I've never even HEARD OF! From the ends of the earth! Some of them are most fantastic! But they're REAL! They're REAL! They're REAL!

3. And so when He said to them, "After all these things the people in the world make their aim, they live under the power of it." He says, "I don't want you like that. I want you to have...the seeking element is within you, and as you need these things in My life with you and in My purpose, you'll have them." How many know that's real? That's real...that's real. I don't seek to boast. I say it to His glory. Without a penny, He has given me hundreds, and thousands, and thousands of dollars. Out of the clear sky. Well, why? Because you're in touch with that thing, and He wants it that way. People that I've never seen, times when I couldn't see how it could be, He'd turn right around and do it. And sometimes there are little miracles that are outstanding. Just outstanding. I remember when He was calling on me for a trip, and I knew I should go and I said, "Lord, that will involve money. It will take a lot of money." "Well, you're going. Now prepare; get ready! Get your passport; get everything ready." Well, I said, "Yes... I will..." I said, "It would be nice..." I said, "Lord, if You'd only just...if You'd let," you know, silly for us to tamper with God's business, but you know, we don't know. I don't do this anymore, but I did then. I said, "Lord, if you could just let somebody hand me five dollars, who didn't know anything about all this business going on here, then I'd have just a little token that You..." Imagine talking to the Lord like that! Oh, it's silly, but it's alright. So I said, "All right," and we had our meetings. And I remember at the close of one of those meetings, out of the clear sky, a man came moving down to pray, and I said, "Do you want to pray?" "No," he said, "I want to talk to you." I said, "All right." He said, "God knows I need prayer..." And of course I

who it was or what he needed. So I said, "Come over here where we can talk." So he opened up his heart a little and his needs, and wanted some literature, and so I said, "I'll send you some literature." He said, "A miracle's happened." He said, "About three weeks ago, I was wonderfully converted in my own room beside my bed. I had God come and I let Jesus into my heart and I know I know I'm different. I know I'm saved, but I don't know anything about these things. And I prayed a little prayer. I said, 'Lord, I need somebody to help me, to talk to me, to help me.' And I went out and that very morning somebody handed me this little card. 'Metting at such and such a place, Follette teaching so and so...'" And he says, "And you're that?" I said, "Yes, I've been here every meeting. Why that's interesting," I said, "I didn't know. "I've been here every meeting. My whole life has been revolutionized under this impact of Truth. You're a teacher, aren't you?" He was a very intelligent man. I said, "Yes, God has given me some work in teaching." He said, "Well, it's revolutionized my whole vision of Truth and I want more." "Well," I said, "I have tracts at home, and I'll send you some tracts if you'll give me your name." So he went over to write the name and I put it in my pocket. And I got home; I didn't think anything about it...I got home and I opened this name, and here was a check for five hundred dollars. And I said, "Isn't that funny?" I said, "Who was that man anyway?" Do you see how God can do things like that? Well, I felt so ashamed; I said to the Lord, "I thought if you gave me 5 dollars." Well He told me once, He said, "All the money in the world is Mine. I can break a bank tomorrow if I want to." He said, "People have money. I can take it away from them in a day. You don't have to worry about money. It's Mine. You belong to Me. Now you walk along with me and what ever is needed, here it is." That was Friday night, and Sunday, I went back to speak and there was that man again. And I thought, "Now's my chance to thank him. So I went to thank him, and he says...he wanted the address, and I said, "Yes, give me that address." So he went to write the address, and I got home and here's a check for five hundred dollars! Well, I said, "Lord, You gave me a thousand dollars in two days. I guess I can get around the world." And I went around the world! You see how he worked? We don't have to know anything! I can tell you some things here that are actually fantastic. FANTASTIC! But that's the way he works.

4. So, here's this man in this seeking business. He says, "I've sought, but after all, my seeking is reduced to one thing. And it was this Spiritual thing. And it says, here, when Jesus is talking, "Seek ye first SPIRITUAL ADJUSTMENT IN THE REALITIES OF GOD, and AUTOMATICALLY, all these things that pertain to your welfare, like a little child, they will come to you." I no more think of getting down and praying for a pair of shoes than I'd fly. Do you know why? Because I have a heavenly Father. I stick my foot out and say, like that...and a few days, knock, knock, and there's a pair of shoes. Ha. It's true. That's true! That's true! I can stand here and tell you miracle after miracle, that God has wrought with me. For my body; He's worked two miracles on my body and healed me! Two real outstanding miracles! I don't have them published in tract form. We've got so many miracles that way. You don't need my tag tell out! How many of these striking magazines of the miracle, and the miracle, and the miraculous! And I said, "I don't need mine tied on, and so I don't ever tell about them. He knows and once in a while I tell some few folks about them. No. These are all realities. All this business is more real to me than this book of paper. It's really so. I live in another world. Why should I have to be tied up with, "Do I have to have a coat?" Well, He knows I have to have a coat! "Now, please give me a coat! Ohhhhh..." I can't play around like that! I don't think about those things. If I need a house, He gives me a house. If I need twenty thousand dollars for anything, He gives it to me!! I don't fuss around with that thing, that's HIS business! But I tell you, I keep in there IN HIM. Keep that thing going and you don't have to worry about the rest of it. Just keep...how many get that or don't you? It's difficult at times, but it's beautiful.
5. Now let me give you a couple of more verses about this "seek business." Proverbs 25:2, and that one in Matthew 6:31-33 is where He speaks of the people in the world seeking all things. Then always keep Hebrews 11:6 in mind, please, because that's your key verse. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must

believe that He IS and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently SEEK Him." Not, ASK about something, but SEEK Him. Now, I think I have two or three more. Matthew 20:20, Col. 3:1, that's a good one. "If risen," that means if we come into our salvation, our Spiritual life in Him, we come out of our grave, for we have risen with Him out of the grave of sin and darkness, and come into this new creation and are risen. If we are risen people. "If we have risen, SEEK YE THEN THE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE." How many see it? Very plain. If this has happened to you and you're out of that grave, if you have come into this risen place in Him, "Seek ye then," nothing now, pertaining HERE, but "SEEK the things which are ABOVE." How many see your levels coming again? Your levels. That's where you're seeking; that's where your penetration is. Seek these things. Oh, dear...Col. 4:3...don't take that one, because I'm going to use that one in another verse. Scratch that one out. Now...is it getting dinner time? I haven't gotten quite through here. Is it dinner time? All right.

6. Now, this is ASK, the Christmas Tree, the gift level, "I'll give, give, give, give." SEEK, that's a type of prayer in which the heart takes the attitude of a seeker. It doesn't discern fully, but the heart is in a seeking process. It pushes in through this, and through that, and through that. It isn't, "Ask, and I'll take it." You can't get it that way. Your whole heart and life is moving out in a seeking process. I use that as a symbol. You can use any of the rest, but this is the one that He gave me, and sometimes the lid is shut and you put your hand in by faith, and God gives you what He wants you to have. You have a faint intimation of it, but not until you bring it out into actual experience in life. That's when you bring it out here. Now, He says, "Knock." Well, that's something different. I said, "Now, Lord, help me. Tell me about this." And do you know how He did it? He does it very simply with me. He talks with me just like a little child. He says, "When you come where you are going knocking," He says, "Where do you knock? On a window? Do you knock on the side of the house? Do you knock up on the roof? You knock at a DOOR." "Oh," I said, "Uh, huh. Uh, huh. Uh, huh. That's the key. KNOCK...DOOR." It's like these games that they have where you suggest the word and you guess the so and so. It's like a game. So He's saying to me, "Knock, knock, knock." What does it suggest? Roof! No. Chimney! No. Knock...window!? No. DOOR! Yes. All right. Now you're getting to the key of the situation. You knock on a door. So I thought that this is some kind of prayer business that has to do with DOOR. I know that. I've got that far. Then I traced that around behind all the trees and stumps in the Bible, to chase them out. Sometimes I'm two or three days chasing this things around. It was behind a tree, and I can't find it to save me! And by and by I see him poking around behind a stump over here and go seeking there. And so I took this KNOCK and DOOR business and began to SEEK. And I'll give you some scriptures about that. Who do you know uses this language? Paul. Paul. How many remember when he is speaking concerning his ministry that he says, "An effectual DOOR has been opened?" Do you remember that? He says, "Pray with me...", that is, KNOCK, "that a door may be opened for utterance. An effectual door has been opened to the so and so, and when the Spirit fell and the Jews were frightened because God received the Gentiles, do you remember that He used the same word, that a door has been opened to the Gentiles as much as unto the Jews. Do you see what it's after? Now, to me that means a DOOR is    ?    that will not only touch the individual, but it is past the individual. It's auturistic, not egotistical or egocentric. Auturistic. "Ask and YE...Seek and YE...but in this, the YE is out and the whole general group is blessed by it. Open and KNOCK, KNOCK, and a door is opened that sweeps YOU right off of your feet with a blessing and sweeps everybody along with it! It'll take a whole nation! It will take a whole colony of people! How many know the missionaries know this? How many times you hear them say, "Oh, pray that a door will be opened in Nepal." Do you remember when that was on? Yes. Pray...why? Because there was a great blessing when that should be opened; all that lovely freshness of like thru this missionary channel, will come down and feed and bless. The great missionaries that have lived, Hudson Taylor, Terry, and all those great old pioneer missionaries. Don't you think they knew something about this KNOCKING? It din't say that you got pious one day and you prayed and you said, "Oh, Lord! Open the doors of China!" How many know it

won't come that way? Well then how many of you know that this SEEKING attitude will never bring it? But the persistent, fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much! Isn't that right? What kind of a prayer...yes, well, in your Greek it means "seething, boiling." A "boiling, seething" prayer. That's quite a strong prayer. How many know that comes with tears and groanings that cannot be uttered? That's the "seething" prayer; you know that don't you? How many know when the Holy Spirit prays through you and there are no words for it, but there is a...almost an agony at times. That's what that is. How many know that? That's the Holy ghost knocking through you at an impossible situation, at a door that's shut and the enemy holding it saying, "This shall not be." And the persistent prayer of the saint...this is where I call INTERCESSARY prayer. How many can sense it? I don't get an INTERCESSARY prayer here in ASK. I don't seem to sense INTERCESSION coming in SEEKING. But here's where I find intercession. And listen, have you noticed that when that intercession comes, that it isn't something that you have? How many know that the "you" or the "I" seems to be swept out of it? We, as individuals are swept out. We are blessed indirectly. Indirectly. But that prayer is for OTHERS. It's for others. It's auturistic. Have you ever been burdened for another soul that you would give your own soul to get them through? A situation we would say, "Lord, hurt ME, but do it..." Yes, yes, yes. Well, that's the way it is. You get anything today? I don't know where I was talking. I feel like I was in another realm. Do you feel God this morning? I want you to. Are you getting a little light? Will it help you? Will it adjust some of your problems? In your prayer pattern, needed a little adjustment? Then take it. KNOCKING. That is another phase of your prayer life. I call it, it might be called, INTERCESSARY PRAYER. KNOCK. Not only am I blessed, oh, we're all blessed when intercession goes on. The Lord delivers...you can't help it, there's an awful reaction in you...you're blessed with it. It's like this to me, like I'm awful thirsty, and when that happens it's just like I'm drinking. The thirst, the hunger, the thirst for that realization. I can drink it. I have read letters of the result of this and you know, it's just like a drink. Of water, that refreshes, because I have been exhausted through it, and have been parched out. And now I say, "Thank You, Lord." Do you know that's more than money, money..a car, oh, yes, ten cars. No, none of that. How many see, this, this. Well, I'll give you, I think I got some more verses about this knock business. I Cor 16:9 where he is speaking of doors being opened where they pray. II Cor. 2:12, Acts 14:27, and Col. 4:3. Now those are all good verses to use,...then use with that James 5:16, "The effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous, it availeth, it releases, it sets free much." Not only for you and for me. How many see that it gets beyond my little egocentric circle in which I am living? It pushes past that. That breaks down. I'm sure you must feel it. I'm sure you must. Don't you feel that burden in your heart of sharing and having it to pour out like that. Yes. Like that. I've said, "Lord, it's got to go out to someone, if I only talk to a tree!" Yeah. Well, here's your KNOCKING. Now, can you remember these are ATTITUDES? They're not to be too technical. How many know you can do this and use the word "ask," or "seek" even? You can use them. But how many know this is your ATTITUDE, not the WORDS you use. The ATTITUDE. Don't be too technical to say, "Now, Lord. I want so and so. I think I should use the words of SEEKING." Don't do that. Don't do that. How many know that's silly? Don't do that. Get your ATTITUDE right and then I don't care what WORDS you use or even groan. It's your HEART ATTITUDE that counts. "Ask..." Yes. The heart attitude is that. Where. On the gift level, for it's a gift. But He says, "Don't stay there, for there are things for you which are hidden. Seek them." That heart attitude, penetration. "And past that," He says, "here is a great, needy world, and souls who can't pray themselves through." How many ever prayed somebody else through? Has God ever put love in your heart for them? That He let you pray them through when it was too feeble? Too feeble. But He will give you a love and a prayer that goes to them just like that in prayer. You know that don't you? I think He wants us to know it more, for there is going to be conditions here as the days get heavier for us, that we'll have to know much more about prayer if we'll ever get through than we ever know now. I know that. I know that. Even God's precious people need help in this prayer pattern. They do. I've touched them. I know them.