



Spiritual Awakenings

in the Bible and Church History
 Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, Building D

Class 12, March 20

Tonight – An Old Fashioned (1857 Style) Prayer Meeting

The only place you will ever find power coming before prayer is in the dictionary."

McDow and Reid, Quoting an "elderly saint" in Firefall, page 256

We studied the powerful businessmen noon time prayer meetings led by Jeremiah Lanphier in 1857 that led to the Layman's Prayer Revival—a very powerful work of God. Tonight, we duplicate that prayer meeting, using his rules for the prayer meetings:

1. Open with a brief hymn.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Read a passage of Scripture.
4. A time for requests, exhortations, and prayers.
5. Prayer follows each request or at most two requests. Each person is limited to no more than five minutes of comments and prayer.
6. No controversial subjects are to be mentioned.
7. At five minutes before the hour, a hymn is sung so the meeting can end promptly on time.

The flyer he used said that the prayer meetings "will continue for one hour; but it is also designed for those who find it inconvenient to remain more than 5 or ten minutes, as well as for those who can spare a whole hour. Necessary interruption will be slight, because anticipated." Those in haste often expedite their business engagements by halting to life their voices to the throne of grace in humble, grateful prayer."

His prayer meetings were completely different than other prayer meetings which lasted for hours—and even days. Obviously, then, it is not the format but the prayer that leads to a movement of God.

FRIEND

What a Friend We Have in Jesus 182

Greater love has no one than this — John 15:13 NIV

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; Take it to the Lord in prayer:

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a so - lace there.

WORDS: Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

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