

Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

The Power of Prayer Part 2

Prayerfulness, enables God to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ever ask or think. Prayer actually moves the hand that moves the world. It can even cause God to change His decision, as the fervent prayer and righteous life of Hezekiah caused God to add fifteen years to his life. Many Christian doctors today attest that righteous living and fervent prayers have aided patients to recover from serious illness.

Our naturalistic age might smile at the Christian's faith that God hears prayers. One poet has pointed out, however, that even the technological advances of our day confirms the possibility of our Father hearing our prayers.

If radio's slim finger can pluck a melody
From might-- and toss it over a continent or sea;
If the petalled white notes of a violin
Are blown across the mountain or the city's din;
Of songs, like crimson roses, are called from thin
blue air--
Why should mortals wonder if God hears prayers?

Christians, however, believes that God hears not only those prayers that they breathe in their hearts, but also those groaning for which they cannot find words to express (Romans 8:26). Christians have the only proof necessary to uphold this faith; the evidence found in their own experiences of answered prayers and in the **peace** that sincere, believing prayer always brings. They join the apostle Paul in exhorting fellow-Christians *"In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus"* Philippians (4:6-7)

Tonight at our mid-week services the title of my lesson is:

"IF ONLY ONE WILL PRAY"