

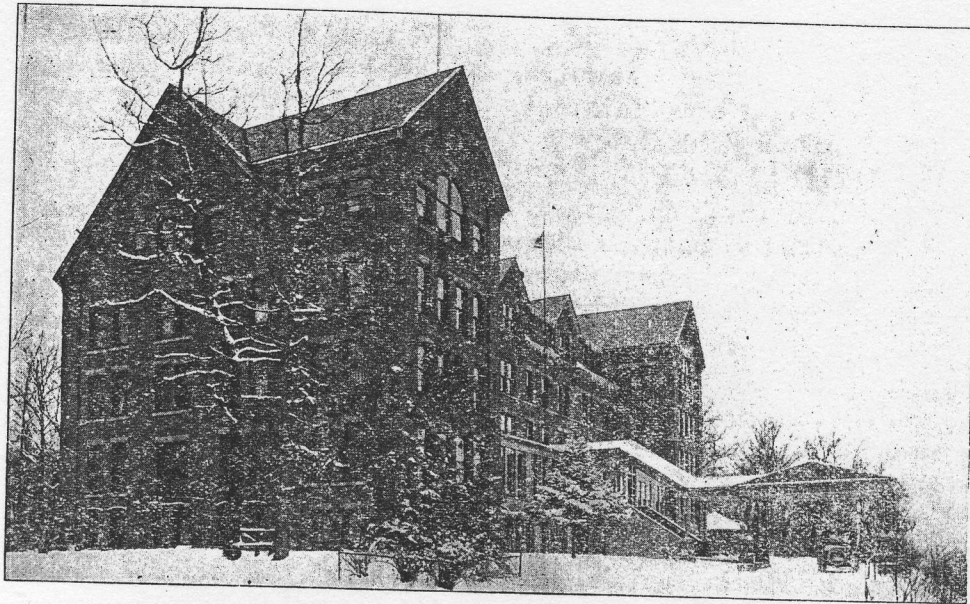
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## Business With the King The How

How do you obtain?

What is the way of approach?

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No business could possibly be of so great importance as those affairs which concern the Kingdom of Heaven. Should we not then expect that the business of the King of Kings would have clear plain rules and methods that would enable one to approach the King so as to obtain audience, and have Him extend the golden sceptre and say, "What wilt thou, Queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be given thee." Esther 5:3.

There appears to be, often times, articles and sermons which vividly describe gracious spiritual experiences, privileges and attainments, yet lack a setting forth of the manner, means and method of attaining to these states of blessing and favor of God. It has, therefore, come upon my heart to present some general suggestions that may be applied in most or all efforts to gain a higher spiritual state, or transact any business with the King or in His Kingdom.

A first principle to be grasped is that natural human effort, method or formula cannot be effective in these spiritual matters. Natural means are not availing in the spiritual state, according to God's Law of Kind. A great gulf is fixed

between realms and species. Natural means fail in the supernatural realm. Only effort, directed, sanctioned and energized by the supernatural power of God, is effective. Even Jesus Himself said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself." John 5:19; 8:28. So also must we be divinely moved.

Man in himself is spiritually blind and impotent, wherefore Paul by the Spirit says, "I know nothing by myself." "Even so, the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." So the things God has prepared for us have only been found out by revelation. I Cor. 2:9-11; 4:4.

Just here sometimes occurs a mistake. Man thinks, since he is so impotent, he would better do nothing. But not so. Again, man is not to originate activities. God is the Originator. He is also the Director. Man is to take orders from God and act by divine direction. "The Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey Him." Acts 5:32.

The Bible abounds in examples illustrating this divine order. Moses was very active in the realm of miracles. But always by Jehovah's direction. So also were Joshua and Samuel. Naaman was healed of leprosy by obeying a command to dip in muddy Jordan. David was miraculously directed and given victory many times. Jehoshaphat went to battle with a band of prophetic praisers at the forefront. Many times



victory and deliverance accompanied some act of obedience. "Whatsoever He saith to you do." Jno. 2:5. Alas! how great the wreckage among God's people because of disobedience to the Spirit's voice. With these preparatory suggestions we proceed to the essential steps:

1. The first and main position in spiritual warfare, business, attainment or obtainment, is to come into the most essential state, that is, BEING IN THE SPIRIT. For the Spirit is man's proper sphere of life in which he should dwell; and certainly he must rise to the plane of the Spirit if he is to obtain any answer from God.

So also it is often taught in Scripture: "The Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we do not know what prayers to offer nor in what way to offer them. But the Spirit Himself pleads for us in yearnings that can find no words." Rom. 8:26 (Weymouth).

Therefore, to approach God with requests, first get up in the power of the Spirit. He, the SPIRIT, is called the "PARACLETE", usually translated "COMFORTER", but literally meaning "ADVOCATE, one who pleads the cause of another." Jno. 16:7-14. When you are in the Spirit, He pleads and intercedes for and with you.

2. Again, we are shown that HUMAN EFFORT, without divine direction, aid and energy, is of little avail. The supernatural working of the Spirit is waiting for us—the Spirit-energized prayer avails much.

3. We need REVELATION. An inward illumination from Christ shining upon our request increases our sense of its importance, fires our desire, and floods the subject with divine sight and sense of His will. This is a great favor coming from the inward movings of the Paraclete. It is for us. Ask and receive.

4. We must have FAITH, without which God is not pleased. "For he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6. Here also the Spirit's aid and efficacy is necessary to energize and promote faith. A supplicant cried to Jesus, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief." Mk. 9:24. "To another faith by the same Spirit," "As God to each one divided a measure of faith." Rom. 12:3 (Rotherham); I Cor. 12:9.

5. PRAYER is God's appointed way of obtaining things from Him. It is also His way of getting His will done in the lives of His people, in the church and in the world. Prayer is constantly enjoined in Scriptures: "I say unto you,

ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." "The Spirit energized prayer of a righteous man availeth much." "Shall not God avenge His own elect which cry day and night unto Him." "I tell you that He will avenge them speedily." "Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance." "incessantly pray." Luke 11:9-13; Jas. 5:16; Luke 18:7,8; Eph. 6:18; I Thess. 5:17.

A Spirit-energized prayer will obtain a speedy answer. These passages also teach that we must bring our requests to God and present them with

6. IMPORTUNITY. The destructive effects of the fall and of sin upon our nature is dreadful indeed; for our affections and emotions have become so benumbed and disordered. It is to arouse and make us keen that the Spirit works upon and draws out our desires. So it is said, "The Spirit energized", "Be fervent", "Diligently seek", "I cried", ask, seek, knock."

7. PRAISE and rejoicing are essential to receiving from God. It is commanded, "Rejoice evermore", "Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice." They "were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." I Thes. 5:16; Phil. 4:4; Luke 24:53.

8. WORSHIP is the highest occupation of which man is capable. It draws out the heart toward God, causing one to forget self and become occupied with God. It is manifest in prayer, supplication, praise, singing and rejoicing. Worship was a large part of ancient religious services.

The book of Psalms is a treasure house of worship. Quote its passages of praise and worship and not much else is left. We quote a few of the most striking:

"Make His praise glorious." "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, Jehovah's name is to be praised." "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: Be thankful and bless His holy name." "I will worship toward Thy holy temple." "While I live will I praise Jehovah: I will sing praises unto God while I have any being." Ps. 66:1; 103:1; 113:1-9; 100:4; 138:2; 146:2. Praise and supplication, see Ps. 141, 142, 143, 134, 135. Universal praise and worship from all creation, Ps. 148.

This then is the most practical and successful  
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**In Heavenly Love Abiding**

"In heavenly love abiding,  
No change my heart shall fear;  
And safe in such confiding,  
For nothing changes here.  
The storm may roar without me,  
My heart may low be laid,  
But God is round about me,  
And can I be dismayed?

"Wherever He may guide me,  
No want shall turn me back,  
My Shepherd is beside me,  
And nothing can I lack.  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
His sight is never dim;  
He knows the way He taketh  
And I will walk with Him.

"Green pastures are before me,  
Which yet I have not seen;  
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
Where the dark clouds have been.  
My hope I cannot measure;  
My path to life is free;  
My Saviour has my treasure,  
And He will walk with me."  
(Hymns of Consecration and Faith)

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way of approach to God with petitions. Begin with worship. Continue to worship. Do not lose the spirit of worship. As you rise in worship, you come more and more into the Spirit realm. The power and anointing of the Holy Spirit flow over you, though you may be somewhat unaware of it. Faith, expectation, earnestness, insight and appropriation increase until the petition is granted. The Spirit helps our infirmities, enables to pray according to the will of God, and causes to grasp the answer. These principles will apply, whether it be for experience or for specific needs for one's self, for another or for the work of God.

**Spiritual Letters**

Madame Guyon

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**The Great Indian Earthquake**

We quote from "The Statesman" Record of the Great Indian Earthquake as follows:

"The earthquake which took place in North Bihar on the 15th of January is now known to have been one of the biggest seismic disturbances in the history of the world. The epi-center of the disturbance is reported to have been no less than 135 miles long. Within this region probably not a single masonry house remains undamaged, and twelve towns, with populations varying between 10,000 and 60,000 have been completely wrecked; all forms of communication by rail, road, and telegraph, were shattered over an area of 15,000 square miles: nearly every sugar factory, serving what is now North Bihar's chief industry, was smashed: and over the entire area the whole face of the country side has been transformed by fissuring, block-faulting, and the ejection through blow-holes on the surface of vast quantities of water and subterranean matter, mostly sand."

"From the heart of the eastern Himalayas down to the banks of the Ganges and even farther beyond, from the wooded hill sides of beautiful Darjeeling down to the sun-bathed corn fields of Champaran and Saran, is now one long panorama of desolation and ruin. Thousands of square miles of the fair and fertile plains of North Bihar, and the rich and luxurious valleys of Nepal, have been shaken, cut up, and literally torn asunder by the earthquake. In the terrific intensity of the shock, in the magnitude of the devastation brought in its train, in the appalling death roll and enormous loss of property it is without a parallel in the history of the country, probably of the world."

It is estimated that an area larger than Scotland (or our state of Maine) has been affected. About 10,500 deaths are reported in India and Nepal. Millions are left homeless. Over a large area the farmers have had their lands spoiled by fountains of water which poured out from fissures and gushers and spread over fields to a depth varying from a few inches to six feet and even more. Months after the quake, water in some places reached to the roofs of buildings. Floods and pestilence have added to the terror.

We rejoice to hear that, as far as has been ascertained, no missionaries have lost their lives through this disaster. We rejoice too, to learn that since the earthquake, in sections of northern India, heathens and pagans are awakened to give heed to the Gospel message. Truly, when God's judgements are in the earth, the people will learn righteousness.