

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"The Lamb and Prayer"

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The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Rev. 5:18

We learn here that the prayers of the saints in the Old Testament concerning the promised redemption were preserved in heaven. These prayers were offered as incense at the throne of the Lamb, so that He may lay them before the Father. Later, in Revelation⁸ we also read of the angel who stood at the altar before the throne with a golden censer filled with the prayers of all the saints.

What profound and heavenly thoughts do these words awaken within us! The prayers of the saints are not answered at once. Just as people on earth accumulate money and allow it to increase as capital for greater undertakings, so the prayers of the saints are stored up in heaven until the measure is full and the answer can

descend. Remember this: You do not pray alone. God's children all over the world are also praying to the Lamb with perseverance and faith.

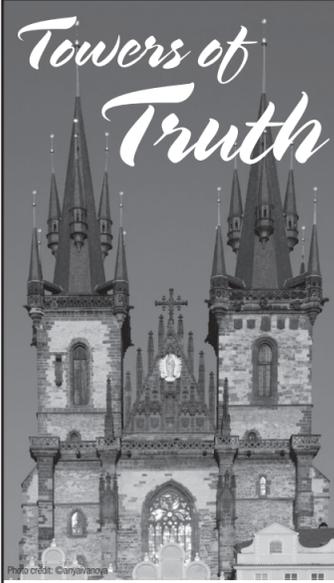
In His own good time God will graciously send the answer. Do not think your prayer is in vain because you do not receive the answer at once. The Lamb

on the throne keeps our prayers in safety to lay them before the Father at the right time.

Persevere in whole-hearted prayer. Pray for the church of God all over the world, pray for preachers and teachers, pray for all believers. Pray in love and fellowship with others who are also praying. By means of daily fellowship with God and the Lamb you will receive abundant grace for your own need and the needs of those around you in the church and the world.

Here, before the throne of grace, we are again aware of the power of prayer. Give us the strength to persevere in prayer and to faithfully seek fellowship with our Lord. Amen

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and His love for us. In Psalm 122:7, David said... "Peace be within your walls and security within your towers." *Find God's peace and security at your house of worship this week.*

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Job	Job	Job	Job	Amos	Jonah	Jonah
39.1-40.2	40.3-24	41.1-34	42.1-17	5.1-27	3.1-10	4.1-11

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