

Enter Into The Secret Closet And Pray



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Matthew 6:5-6

5. *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*

6. *But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*



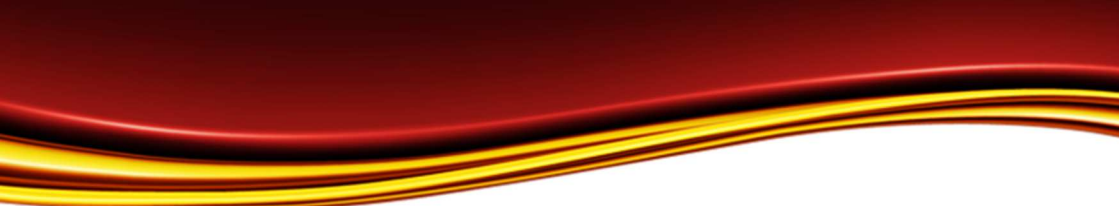
*Listen what the Prophet of God
said about it:*

These quotations were taken from the
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William M. Branham.

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46 Now, as Elijah laid upon the bed and was resting, then the Spirit came to him and said, “Go, ask this Shunammite woman what we could do for her for all this kindness.”

Now, if you want to find a favor from God, be a favor to God. Come to Him. If you're a sinner and you want to be healed, come first and give your life to Him. Come first if you're just a church member and want to be a Christian, come first to Christ, then you can be a church member after that.

So, see, Elijah found a place to rest, and then the Spirit come on

him; He said, “Go, see what we could do for this woman.” And he said, “Could I speak to the chief captain, could I speak to the king? In other words, they have me down to see them. I’ve pray for them or so forth, and I’m acquainted with them. Could I speak to them?”

She said, “No, I just dwell among my people. I’m a Gentile, so not very much to me, but I...”

See now, a lot of people, when you do something for the Lord, you want to, oh, you want to sound a trumpet about it. See? “You know what caused that church to have those nice windows, you know what

caused this? You know, I was the one done that.”

Keep it to yourself when you do. Jesus said so. “When you do your alms, don’t sound a trumpet before men, ’cause you’ll be reward of them. But soun...But keep it in your heart, ‘He Who seeth in secret what I—will reveal to you, openly reward you.”

47 Now, watch. I love this. Oh, it’s just the plain simple old Gospel, but its story will never wear out. And notice. As she was in this condition and this...No, didn’t want it. And Eli...Gehazi came through him and said, “She’s without a child, and her husband’s old.”

So he said, “Go back and tell her that about the time of life this year she’ll embrace a—a son in her arms.”

Well, I imagine the woman thought, “What about this? The greatest thing could happen to me, that I’ll bring life myself, so how could this be? But I won’t question.” And when it come to pass, when a man is speaking under the anointing of the Holy Ghost it will happen. That was the prophet.

And it happened just the way he said. She brought forth a child, and she was in...She loved it and so forth.

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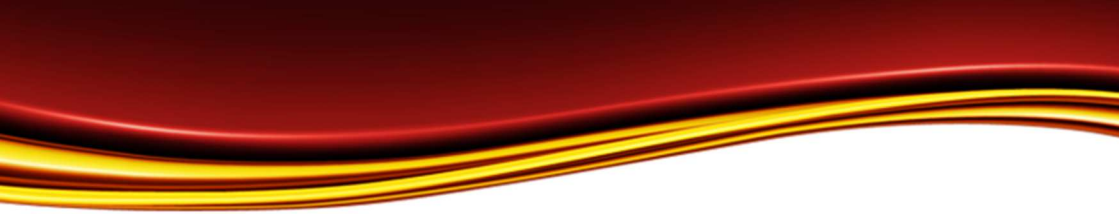
56-0128 - Inspiration



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9 You know there's something about getting alone to yourself. Many people never pray until they come to church. Many people thinks that the only place to pray is at church, but the Bible said for men to pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands. And then when we get by ourself, we'll usually pray different than what we would if we prayed in church. It's the secret prayer that Jesus spoke of, saying, "Enter ye into a secret closet, and close the door, and when you have did so, pray to your Father Who sees in

secret; and He that seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”

And when we're praying like that, there seems to be something to the prayer that takes all the hypocrisy out of it. It seems like that we get in a better connection with God, to get alone. And there's been many times in my life, as perhaps in your life, that you just have to get alone once in a while with Jesus. I've took my car and drove down the road and just studying. After I got to the highway where it was free, or off on some country road, till I would become so filled with His mercies and goodness, till I'd just stopped

the car and held the wheel and wept like a baby.

10 That being alone...Many times I've climbed up into the mountains. Where every man thought (was with me), I was going hunting. Go up there, and set down on a rock, and just look up to the sky until looked like that my whole innermost being become filled with something that you could just feel...Oh, everything of the world seemed to pass away. Oh, for those precious hours alone with God.

And it's there that when the greatest revelation and inspiration comes, is when we're alone with God. We'd take more time on that,

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I'm sure, that we would live a better
life, more victorious life in Christ.

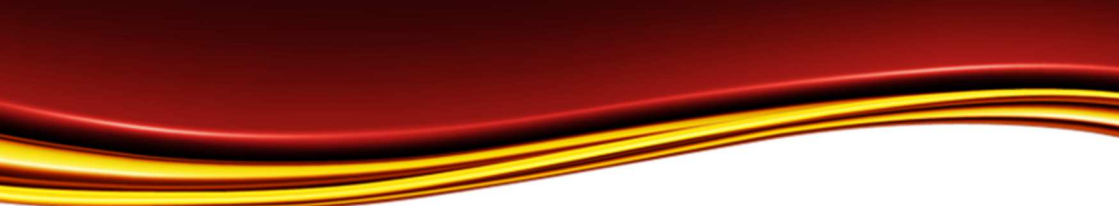
57-0301 - Blind Bartimaeus



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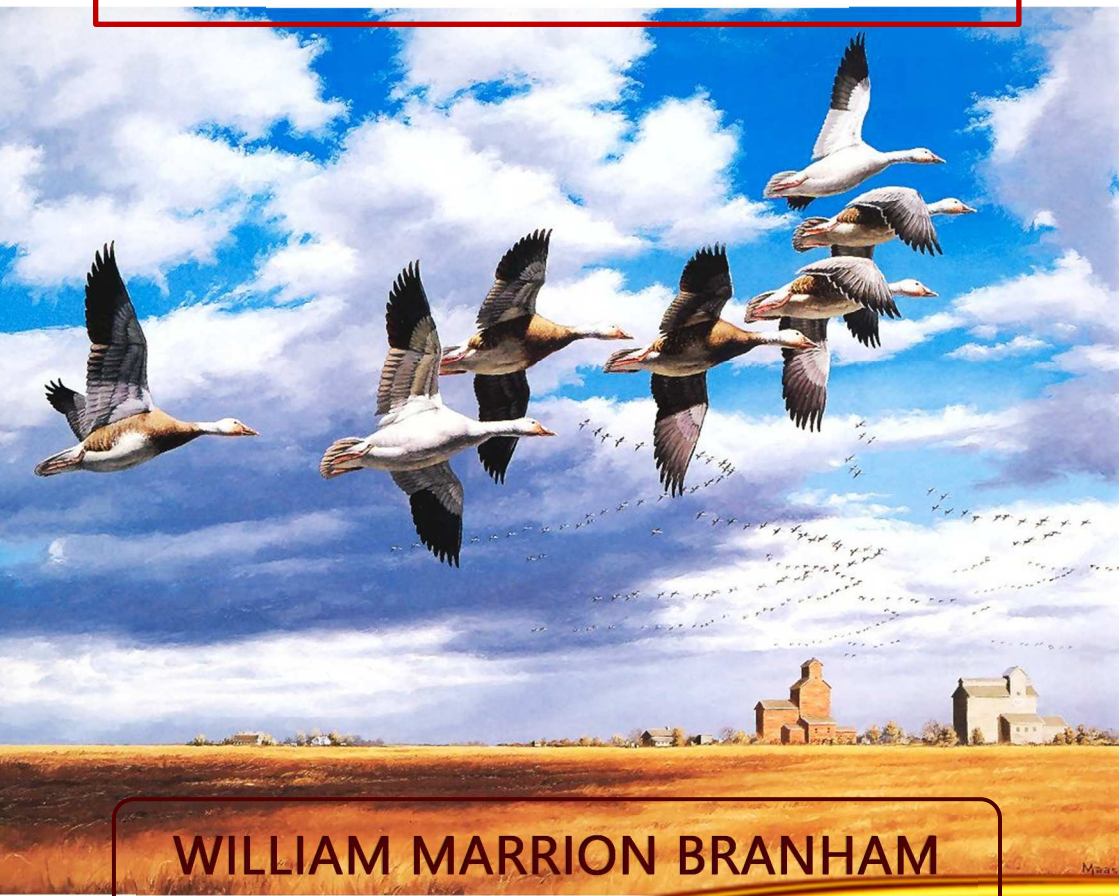
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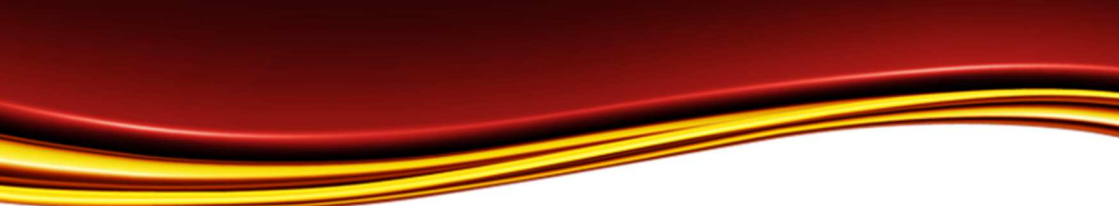
8 And I—I'm just kind of a simple-minded person, as you already know. And I went into a little closet, because, well, and God will hear your prayer anywhere, but He said, "Enter into the secret closet," too. And oh, I guess there's just enough about me that I haven't grown up good yet in all these forty-seven years, so I just went into the closet and pulled the door together. And I was just weeping for joy.

57-0127A - The Impersonation Of
Christianity

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49 Now, be faithful. Have faith in God. Now reverent, just as reverent as you can be, for the Spirit of God is very timid. Everyone knows that. Sometimes if you're moving around, it interrupts. You see? You can—You're conscious. Every one of you in a—in a unit of yourself is a supernatural being. You know that?

You say, "Brother Branham, that's psychology." It is not. If it is, Jesus Christ used it. Why, He took the people out of the multitudes, took—led a man out of the city to get give him his sight again. Is that right?

And when He went up to Jairus' house to raise the—the daughter of his—his little girl that was sick and died, they all began to lament and go on, and He said, “She’s not dead. She’s sleepeth.” Why, they laughed Him to scorn, made fun of Him. You know what He done? Put them every one out of the house. Is that right? And then He raised the girl. Is that true?

50 When Peter come down, when they come from Joppa down, sent Peter down to pray for Dorcas...How many knows the story? All the widows was standing around crying and lamenting because they’d lost Dorcas. You know what Peter done?

All that unbelief, he just put them every one out of the house, knelt down and prayed. Is that right? Went and brought Dorcas up.

Look at the Shunammite woman when her baby had died, and she got on this mule and rode to see Elijah; and Elijah...I think there's where Paul got putting handkerchiefs on the sick. Elijah had the staff in his hand. He knowed that everything he touched was blessed. He knew that, if he could get the woman to believe it.

And he told Gehazi, said, "You take my staff and go, and don't you talk to anybody, but lay that staff on the baby." But the woman's faith wasn't in the staff. It was in the

prophet. She said, “I’m not leaving you, as your soul lives and never dies,” said, “I’m not leaving you.”

51 So Elijah just girded up his own loins, got his big old piece of—of leather and girded around him and away he went. When he got to the house there, the yard was full, screaming and crying, but the woman took the baby and laid him on the prophet’s bed, very good place to lay him (That’s right.), in the little chamber where she had done him a favor. And in other words, she give him an offering and put it out there and a place where a little candlestick and a bench and a bed

and so forth, and she laid the baby in the prophet's chamber.

52 And then Elijah, when he walked in, he walked up and down across the floor, never took any of them with him. He went by himself. He prayed and prayed, and then went and laid his face upon the baby's face, and the baby sneezed seven times and come to life. Isn't that right? Sure.

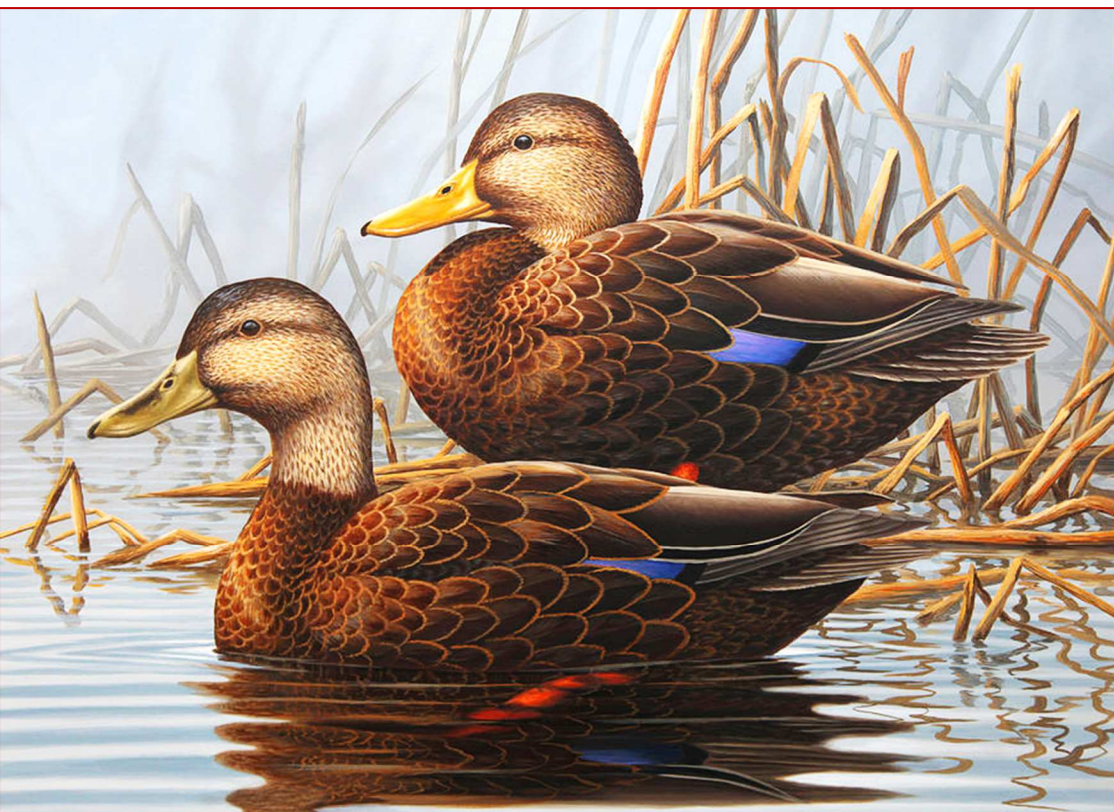
Not psychology, friends, but the power of God alone. Jesus said, "When thou prayest, be not like the hypocrites, stand and make great big lovely prayers that's taught." He said, "Go into a closet, close the door, and pray your Father Who seeth in

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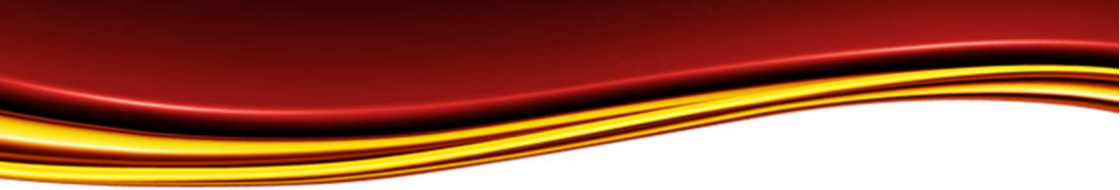
secret.” It’s always that way. Have faith in God.

53-0904 - Healing (What Cancer Is)

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public show, this time.”***



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107 Now, here is something. Notice close. There's a difference between the Angel of the Lord and that Light. Because, I heard something moving, as It does when It comes here at the platform, at night, kind of like a "Whew! Whew! Whew!" and like a Fire whipping around, licking blaze. And It left me, and It went right down over the top of that audience, and went and stood over the top of that little building, then settled down on top of it. And then, when It did, this One that was standing by me, behind me, the same Voice, the Angel's Voice, He said, "I'll meet you in

there. And this is the Third Pull, but nobody will know nothing about it.”

And I said, “Well, I don’t understand. Why in there? Why there?”

He said, “It will not be a public show, this time.”

And I said, “I don’t understand, going into that closet like that.”

108 And He said, “Is not It written by our Lord, ‘When thou prayest, be not like the hypocrites who like to be heard before men. But enter into the secret closet and pray to the Father Who seeth in secret; and He Who seeth in secret shall reward thee

openly’?” It’s perfectly to the Scripture. Every time, it is.

And I said, “I understand.”

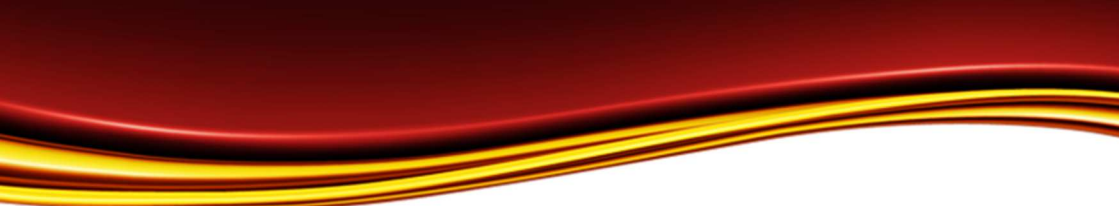
109 Then He took me to this place, and set me down in this room where I was at. And then He told me what to do for the third time. Now, Christian friends, that will, when I leave this world, that will still be in my bosom. When I...But, you mark my words, what’s going to take place.

56-0408A - What Is A Vision?

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180 Now, we believe that everybody should come to the house of God and pray, that's the—that's the place to pray. But when you're in that sanctuary, conserve your time. See? You call them all up around the altar, you'll find out there'll be somebody will be there for fifteen, twenty minutes; your time's all run out.

181 That's your, see, your praying's at home. Jesus said, "When you pray, don't stand like the hypocrites do, and—and for a long...make a long prayer, and say *this*, *that*, or the *other*, and—and

all like that for a showing.” See? He said, “When you prayer...pray, enter into the closet, secret closet, close the door behind you; pray to your Father that seeth in secret, He shall reward thee openly.” Now, that’s the way to have secret prayer, that’s what He said do.

182 But when you, somebody, when they come in, let the song leader, say, “All right...” After the first song, then let somebody have prayer, ever who it is, just a short prayer. Don’t stand up and pray for all the governors, and so forth like that. If there’s any prayer requests, let it be known, let it be sent in, have them sent in, write it. Say, “Here, for

tonight, in having prayer, we're remembering Sister *So-and-so*, Brother *So-and-so* in the hospital, *So-and-so*, and *So-and-so*, and *So-and-so*. Remember them in your prayers as you pray. Brother Jones, will you lead us in prayer. Let's stand." See? Let it be laid on the platform. Tell them, let them get used to that, "If you got a request for prayer, lay it up *here*, [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.] up *here*." Don't be speaking, "Who has a request now, would you be let it known by..." And then, the first thing, somebody get up and say, "Glory to God!" You know, and start off like that, and the first thing you

know, it's a half hour 'fore they set down sometimes. See?

183 We are responsible for this church, not others; this is our responsibility to God. These offices are your responsibility to God. See? Reason I'm saying here tonight, telling you all this, is because it's my responsibility to God; it's your responsibility: Carry it out. See?

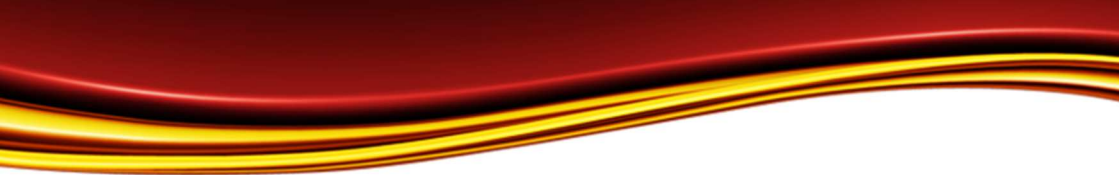
184 Now, and when something like that...let somebody lead in prayer, and when they do, that's fine, let them lead prayer, then set down.

63-1226 - Church Order

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prayer is to be in secret, your
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164 And now, many times that we ruin our services by a dragged out testimony meeting, which I know I'm guilty of doing it. And you get out when you used to have street meetings, and let some old brother stand out there, and he'll stand out...And ask him to offer a word of prayer, and he'll pray for the mayor of the city, and for the governor of the state, and for the President of the Union, and—and everybody like that, and all the pastors around, you know, each one by number, and Sister Jones that's in the hospital, and things like that; and the people standing,

walking by on the street meeting, they just, keep—just keep on walking. See? He just wore them out. We're just, though...

165 See, the main thing now, your prayer is to be in secret, your main, long prayer. Pray all...Enter into a secret closet, close the door. There's where you want to pray all day, all night, or two hours, pray there. But in here, where you've got the attention of the people, make your prayer short, quick, at it. Make all your service...And put the most of your service time into that Word. That's the main thing! Punch that Word just

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as hard as you can, see, get the
Word to the people.

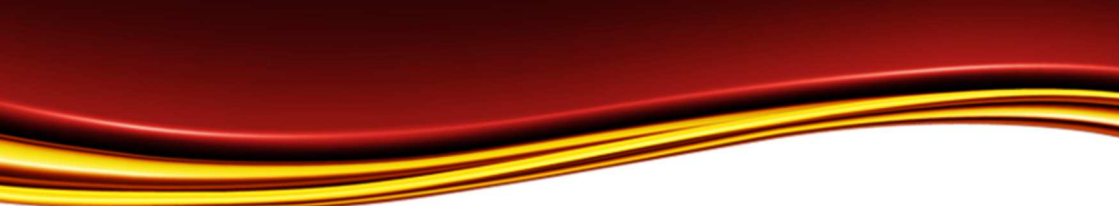
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“And pray to your Father who seeth in secret, and He that seeth in secret shall reward you openly. Ask, and it shall be given; seek, ye shall find; knock, it’ll be opened; for everyone that seeketh findeth.”



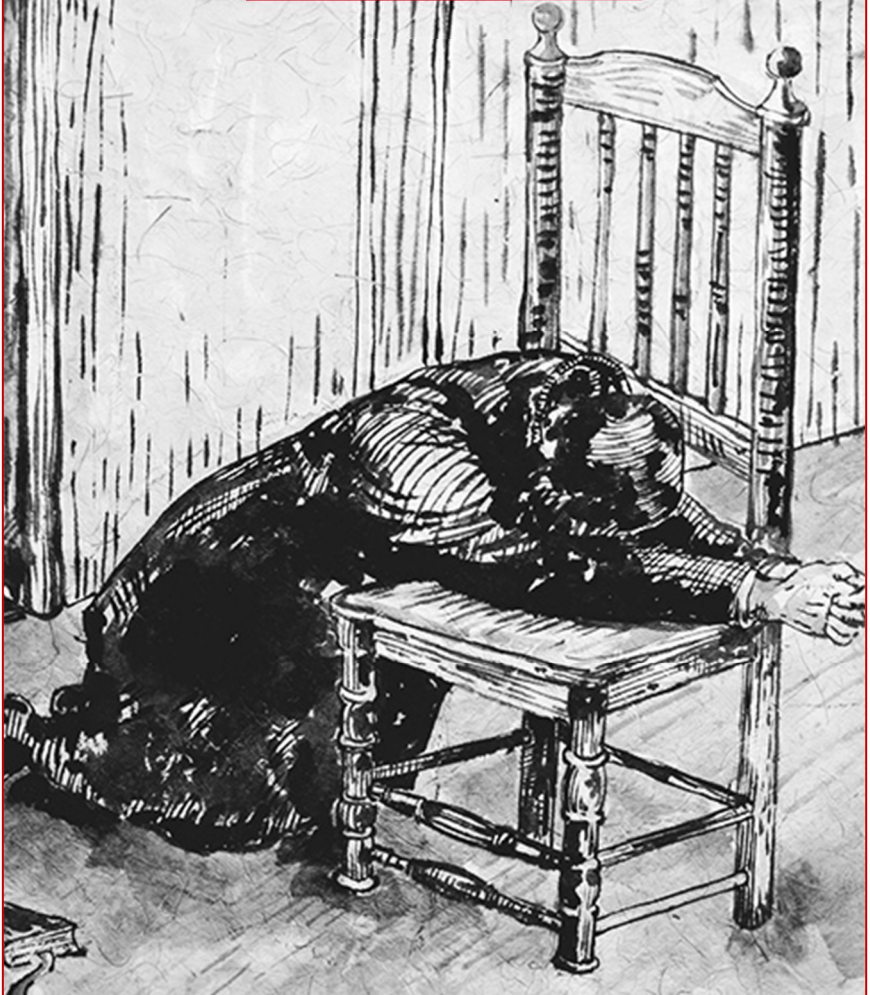
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184 I hope I'm not fanatically. But it just seems to me now just like I go into my room, pull the door together, enter into a secret closet and close the doors. I just close off all the audience from around now, see. "And pray to your Father who seeth in secret, and He that seeth in secret shall reward you openly. Ask, and it shall be given; seek, ye shall find; knock, it'll be opened; for everyone that seeketh findeth."

58-1004 - Faith Is Our Victory

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