

Finding the Power of *Prayer* in the Sanctuary Message

In the Courtyard - Christ changes the heart. With the continual surrender of your will to him; he will work in you to will and to do according to HIS good pleasure.

Step 1 At The Door come to Christ and with a heart of reverent praise and thanksgiving confess (*Admit*) your sins to Him.

Step 2 At the Alter of Burnt Offering crucify self by surrendering to God.

Step 3 At the Laver repent and cleanse self from all ungodly habits.

In the Holy Place - Sanctification through the Truth

Step 4 At the Candlestick pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

There is a wide difference between the spirit of the world and the spirit of Christ. One leads to self-seeking, to striving for treasures that will be destroyed by the fires of the last day; the other leads to self-denial and self-sacrifice, to striving for the treasures that never perish. The Holy Spirit, received by faith, breaks stubborn hearts. {PUR, February 23, 1905 par. 2,3}

Step 5 At the Table of Shewbread study the Bible & pray for wisdom and understanding.

It is not enough for us to read the Word of God. The Scriptures are given for our instruction, and we are to search them carefully and diligently. We are to study the Word of God, comparing one portion with another. Scripture is the key that unlocks scripture. As we read and study and pray, there is beside us a divine Teacher, the Holy Spirit, enlightening our understanding, that we may comprehend the great truths of God's Word... Knowledge of God brings power. It is by the virtue of the Word of God, as we put its truths into practice, that we are enabled to accomplish any good thing... {PUR, February 23, 1905 par. 4,8}

Step 6 At the Alter of Incense through prayer intervene on behalf of others. ..."Prayer and faith are closely allied, and they need to be studied together... He makes it plain that our asking must be according to God's will; we must ask for the things that he has promised, and whatever we receive must be used in doing his will. The conditions met, the promise is unequivocal (Leaving no doubt). ..."The temptations to which we are daily exposed make prayer a necessity. Dangers beset every path"... "Through faith in Christ, every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed... {RH, November 11, 1915 par. 13,17,11}

In the Most Holy Place - 'O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.'

Step 7 At the Ark of the Covenant pray for victory over sin through faith in Christ

...The condition of eternal life is now just what it always has been,--just what it was in Paradise before the fall of our first parents,--perfect obedience to the law of God, perfect righteousness"... Since we are sinful, unholy, we cannot perfectly obey a holy law. We have no righteousness of our own with which to meet the claims of the law of God. But Christ has made a way of escape for us... He lived a sinless life. He died for us, and now he offers to take our sins and give us his righteousness. {RH, November 11, 1915 par. 1,2}

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Find *Nature's* Power in the Sanctuary

In the Courtyard

Step 1 Energy from the **Sun**

Step 2 **Carbon dioxide** in the air

Step 3 **Water** from the soil

During the process of photosynthesis the plant uses sunlight to synthesize (combine) food from carbon dioxide and water.



In the Holy Place

Step 4 Produces **Oils**

Step 5 **Stores** Energy (Power)

Step 6 Goes through the process of **Respiration**: Breathes oxygen back into the air & **Transpiration**: Gives moisture to the air.

After producing carbohydrates the plant either 1) uses them as complex energy compounds such as oil (Found the roots, stem, bark, leaves, flowers, seeds, and fruits) and proteins 2) Stores the sugars/starch in fruits and vegetables using the carbohydrates as energy (powering the plant's growth and development). Respiration & Transpiration is where the plant gives back to its environment and the living things around it.

In the Most Holy Place

Step 7 The **Seed**

The Parable of the seed *found in Mark 4:26-29* reveals that God is at work in Nature. The seed has in itself a germinating principle (law), a principle that God Himself has implanted; yet if left to itself the seed would have no power to spring up. Man has his part to act in promoting the growth of the grain. He must prepare and enrich the soil and cast in the seed. He must till the fields. But there is a point beyond which he can accomplish nothing. No strength or wisdom of man can bring forth from the seed the living plant. Let man put forth his efforts to the utmost limit, he must still depend upon One who has connected the sowing and the reaping by wonderful links of His own omnipotent power. {COL 63.1}

There is life in the seed, there is power in the soil; but unless an infinite power is exercised day and night, the seed will yield no returns. The showers of rain must be sent to give moisture to the thirsty fields, the sun must impart heat, electricity must be conveyed to the buried seed. The life which the Creator has implanted, He alone can call forth. Every seed grows, every plant develops, by the power of God. {COL 63.2}

The germination of the seed represents the beginning of spiritual life, and the development of the plant is a beautiful figure of Christian growth. As in nature, so in grace; there can be no life without growth. The plant must either grow or die. As its growth is silent and imperceptible, but continuous, so is the development of the Christian life. At every stage of development our life may be perfect; yet if God's purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be continual advancement. Sanctification is the work of a lifetime. As our opportunities multiply, our experience will enlarge, and our knowledge increase. We shall become strong to bear responsibility, and our maturity will be in proportion to our privileges. {COL 65.2}

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