

169 ¶ TAU. Let my cry come before You, O LORD; Give me understanding according to Your word.

Ringling cry

We crave audience of none else, for we have confidence in none beside

Pr 2:3-5 Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *And* lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, *And* search for her as *for* hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, *And* find the knowledge of God.

This was the prayer of Solomon (1Ki 3:9), and we are told that it pleased the Lord

170 Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.

Supplication for favor

Luke 11:5-10 And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’? “I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

The sincere worshipper cannot be content with anything less than actual communion with God

Approach God according to His word (Lev 10) profane fire

171 ¶ My lips shall utter praise, For You teach me Your statutes.

Ps 50:23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; *And* to him who orders *his* conduct *aright* I will show the salvation of God.”

We learn the music of heaven in the school of holy living. He whose life honours the Lord is sure to be a man of praise. David would not only be

grateful in silence, but he would express that gratitude in appropriate terms: his lips would utter what his life had practiced.

172 ¶ My tongue shall speak of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.

When we are done singing we should begin preaching

Men will gather together to listen to such talk, and they will treasure it up in their hearts. The worst of us is that for the most part we are full of our own words, and speak but little of God's word. Oh, that we could come to the same resolve as this godly man, and say henceforth, "My tongue shall speak of thy word." Then should we break through our sinful silence; we should no more be cowardly and half hearted, but should be true witnesses for Jesus.

Eph 4:29* Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

We have got to be aware of the things we say the tongue catches forests on fire we cannot take back our words

Jas 3:8 But no man can tame the **tongue**. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Ps 34:13 Keep your **tongue** from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.

Col 4:6* *Let* your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

173 ¶ Let Your hand become my help, For I have chosen Your precepts.

Are we seeking God's help?

Isa 41:10 Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Notice the confidence due to the resolve

A good argument: A man may fitly ask help from God's hand when he has dedicated his own hand entirely to the obedience of the faith

Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

174 I long for Your salvation, O LORD, And Your law is my delight.

Ge 49:18 I have waited for your salvation, O LORD!

This longing arises,

- 1. From a painful consciousness of the need of salvation.**
- 2. From a perception of the glories of God's salvation.**
- 3. From the promises which give assurance of the possibility of obtaining this salvation.**
- 4. From the gracious promptings of the Holy Ghost.**

175 ¶ Let my soul live, and it shall praise You; And let Your judgments help me.

Isa 38:19 The living, the living man, he shall praise You, As I *do* this day; The father shall make known Your truth to the children.

- 1. Our petition for life (more life)**
- 2. Our Goal for Life (worship)**
- 3. Our grounds for hope (He is with us)**

176 ¶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

David in God's presence is undone confession comes forth from the man of God

Eze 34:16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

Lu 15:4-5 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is

lost until he finds it? And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.