Just You and Jesus

Continued from Page 1 the "Holiest of Holies," the clos-(I Timothy 2:1).

there are still many that believe sinners in need of the Mediator. they cannot go to God themselves. Going to anyone else other than These folks still, if they realize it Christ to meet a need in one's life or not, are attempting to worship or receive help from God, will not the way it was done in Old Testa- result in God's answering one's ment times. Some go to a "priest" prayers. The only one that is qualiin a confessional and tell him their fied to go to the Father on our besins. With his words, and doing half is His Son, Jesus. He is the what he tells them to do, they be- only mediator between God and lieve he can order their sins forgiv- man. en. They trust the "priest" to be their mediator between them and God. There are also those that prav to the dead, some even deceased For What Do You Listen? biblical characters, in hopes that that "saint" can be the middleman between them and God to have friend through the busy streets of a their sins forgiven or requests granted.

Sincere as those people are, what they are doing is contrary to friend. "You could never hear a the teaching of the Scriptures. I cricket with all this roar of traffic." Timothy 2:5 tells us there is only one mediator between us and God, ed the naturalist, and, turning over and that is Jesus Christ.

We no longer have to present a through the temple's curtain to the astonishment. Holiest of Holies, as in the Old Testament. When Christ died, "I spend my time listening to na-God ripped the veil in two from ture, whether I am in the forest, the the top to the bottom. Now any field, or the town. Everyone hears believer can go to God in prayer

through Jesus Christ.

Telling a person, be it priest, parent, or any other person, one's est place any could be to God, by sins will not remove the consethemselves through their prayers quences of one's iniquity from God's memory. Those people However, then and even today, may want to help, but they too are

Robert G. Lee

A naturalist, walking with his great city, stopped suddenly and asked, "Do you hear the cricket?"

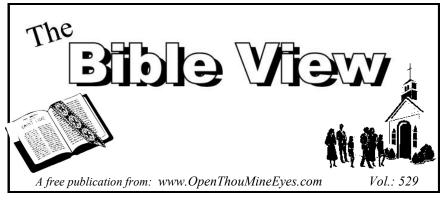
"Of course not," laughed his

"But, I hear a cricket," persista stone, he uncovered the insect.

"Did you actually hear that perfect, unblemished animal sacri- cricket chirping above the noise of fice for the high priest to take the street?" asked his friend in

"Certainly," said the naturalist. Continued on Page 3

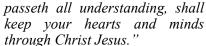
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Answered Praver

H. A. Ironsides "Be careful for nothing; but in

every thing by prayer and supwith plication thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God. which



Phil 4:6-7

We need to realize that our God takes a Fatherly interest in every detail of our lives and bids us bring everything to Him in prayer. Nothing is too small for His concern and nothing is too great for His power.

Years ago, the Free Kirk of Scotland was holding a church meeting in Aberdeen and worshippers were flocking in from all nearby towns to participate in the services. An aged man was on his way to the city on foot, when he was overtaken by a young theological student. The two walked on in company. Despite the difference in their ages, they had much in common; and so they enjoyed chatting together as they walked.

At noontime they

turned aside to a

grassy field and sat

down to eat the lunch.

brought with him; but

each

had

God first giving thanks for His gracious provision. Afterwards, the

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which

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Bill Brinkworth "For there is one God. and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

I Timothy 2:5

What wonderful news it must have been to the Jews, who were used to Old Testament worship, when they first learned they could go God themselves in prayer. Before Jesus' death on the cross, they had to have priests go to God as middlemen for them. After the sacrificial death of Christ, they could enter Contyinue on Page 4

Answered Prayer

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aged pilgrim suggested that they pray together before continuing their journey. The young theologian was a bit embarrassed, but agreed, asking that the elderly man should pray first, which he did. Addressing God as His Father in all simplicity, the older man poured out his heart in thanksgiving, and then uttered three specific requests.

He reminded the Lord that he was very hard of hearing; and if he did not get a seat up in the front, he would get little out of the sermon that evening. He asked that a seat be kept for him near enough to the pulpit, so he could get the benefit of the message. Secondly, he told the Lord that his shoes were badly worn and not fit for city streets. He pleaded for a new pair though he had not the "siller" to purchase them. Last of all, he asked for a place to stay for the night, as he knew no one in Aberdeen and did not know where to look for accommodations.

By this time, the student's eyes were wide open as he looked upon the old man with mingled disgust and amazement, thinking it the height of impertinence to burden God with such trivialities. When his turn came to pray, he delivered himself of an eloquent, carefully composed discourse, which in turn amazed his older companion, who saw in it nothing that indicated the young man's needs to God.

They reached the church just as the people were crowding in. It was soon evident that there was no longer even standing room left. The student thought, "Now we shall see what becomes of his presumptuous prayers. He will see that God has more to do than to use His time saving a seat for a poor, old, countryman.

However, someone came out, and the old man was just able to squeeze inside the door; where he stood with his hand up to his ear trying to hear what was going on. Just then, it happened that a young lady in a front pew turned and saw him. She called a sexton and said, "My father told me to hold our pew for him until time for the sermon: then, if he did not get here, to give it to someone else. Evidently, he has been detained. Will you please go back and bring up that old man who has his hand to his ear and is standing just inside the door?" In a few moments, petition number one was fully answered

Now, in Scotland, some folks always kneel for prayer as the minister leads; others reverently rise to their feet. The old man was the kneeling kind, and the young woman stood. As she

W hy wish upon a star, when you can pray to the one who created them."

"Countyour blessings, not your problems."

looked down, she could not help observing the worn soles on the feet of the kneeling worshipper. Her father was a shoe-dealer! At the close of the service, she delicately approached the subject of the need of a better pair of shoes; and asked if she might take him to her father's store, though closed for the night, and present him with a pair. Needless to say, her offer was accepted as graciously as it was made. Petition number two was answered.

At the store, the lady inquired where he was to stay for the night. In all simplicity he answered, "I dinna know yet. My Father has a room for me, but He has not told me whar it is."

Puzzled for a moment, she exclaimed, "0, you mean your Father — God! Well, I believe we have that room for you. We were saving our guestroom for the Rev. Blank, but a telegram came this morning saying he could not come; so now you must just come home with me and be our guest." And so, the third petition was granted.

The next day the student inquired as to the outcome of the prayer and was astonished to find that God had heard and answered

"Pray without ceasing, because Satan is preying without ceasing." each particular plea. He is never too busy to heed the cries of His needy people. What we all require is more confidence in His love and more earnestness and directness in prayer.

For What Do You ...

Continued from Page 4 that for which he is listening." Taking a coin from his pocket, he dropped it on the pavement, and each passer-by put his hand in his pocket to see if he was the one who had dropped it.

For what are you listening? God or gold? Your ears are tuned to listen for something, even as the receiving set is tuned to receive the program from a distant radio station. God's ears are tuned to hear our prayers. Are ours tuned to hear His commands?

Be Grateful for . . .

What God has already done for you!

"O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people." Psalm 105:1

For His mercy in not giving us what we deserve.

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

Ps. 118:29

For everything!

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thes. 5:18