

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 1 John 3:20

God sees that you pray in secret; that is, He observes your conduct, the posture and frame of your spirit, and the fervor and uprightness of heart which you manifest in prayer, is all known to Him. Mark that which is the hypocrite's fear, and binds condemnation upon the heart of a wicked man, is here made to be the saints' support and ground of comfort—that they pray to an all-seeing God. Your heavenly Father sees in secret; He can interpret your groans, and read the language of your sighs. Though they fail as to the outside of a duty, and there be much brokenness of speech, yet God sees brokenness of heart there, and it is that He looks after. God sees. What is that? He sees whether you pray or no, and how you pray. Mark that passage where the Lord said to Ananias, "Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus; for behold, he prayeth" (Acts 9:11). Go into such a city, such a street, such a house, such a part, in such a chamber, behold he prays. The Lord knew all these circumstances. It is known unto Him whether we toil or loiter away our time, or whether we pray in secret; He knows what house, in what corner of the house, what we are doing there. Second, He sees how you pray (Rom. 8:27). It is propounded as the comfort of the saints, "And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit." God knows you thoroughly and knows how you pray, whether is customary and formal or serious acts of love to God and communion with Him.

~Thomas Manton

Learn that urgency in prayer does not so much consist in vehement pleading as in vehement believing. He that believes most the love and power of Jesus will obtain most in prayer.

When God gives a promise, he always tries our faith. Just as the roots of trees take firmer hold when they are contending with the wind; so faith takes firmer hold when it struggles with adverse appearances.

~Robert Murray McCheyne

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*O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in
wisdom hast thou made them all: the
earth is full of thy riches.*

Psalms 104:24

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