

week and had made man's constitution as requiring the day of rest one in seven. The 10 day week did not work. But in those early days of the French Revolution they were trying to get away from everything Christian as far as they could, and they say that one day in the Chamber of Deputies a man stood up and he said, If there is a God in Heaven I defy Him to strike me dead. And he said, If there is a God in Heaven within the next minute He'll send a thunderbolt and he'll ~~strike~~ strike me dead. And although those people were talking in such an atheistic way, most of them had a background with a certain amount of Christian training, and people just held their breath. They all thought that's wonderful, this man can talk this way. That's an old superstition about there being a God, but underneath it in their hearts they thought there probably is a God. And they were scared, and suppose there is. And they held their breaths for about 2 minutes waiting, wondering whether that thunderbolt would come. And after about 2 minutes they all let their breath out and laughed and said O No. of course not. That's all superstition about a God that would strike a man with a thunderbolt because he defied Him. But then they say that the next day as the man was on his way to the Chamber of Deputies that a little insect flew into his eye and poisoned him and he died in a short time. God didn't have to waste a thunderbolt on him (Laughter) God can work in ways that we never dream of, and he can accomplish His purposes as He chooses. He doesn't have to tell us how he is going to do them, but he can and will do what He chooses. Let us pray:

O God our Father. we thank you that your power is beyond our imagination. We Thank you . our father . that you were able to satisfy the people's strong desire and you did but you sent leanness into their souls. O God purify our desires. Help us to fix our eyes on the Lord. Help us to have your desires be our desires. And ~~we~~ we know that if your desire is our desire it will be to the best in every way. But our God give us faith to see it, give us faith to trust the Lord, not to complain, not to murmur but to work and toil and to push forward with our eyes on Him who gave his life that we might live. In Jesus Name, Amen.