

We often don't realize how big a part prayer has in the Bible. Of course in the early part of Genesis, we don't find it called prayer much. We find Adam and Eve simply talking with God and God speaking with them. Then we find the time came when God looked for Adam and Adam was hiding among the trees of the garden. How easy it is for us to get into an attitude where we have allowed our zeal to become cold. We've allowed ourselves to let our minds be filled with other things than God's Word and will and God has to call as he did to Adam, Where are you? He has to call to us, Where are you?

I think in a way that our day of prayer is His calling to us, Where are you? Of course God wants every one of us to be His messenger to give this call: Where are you? Are you headed for eternal destruction? Are you going on as most of the world seems to be thinking only of personal pleasure, personal advantage, thinking only of the temporary things of life.

I met a man at Lake Louise one day. I looked up at the beautiful scenery and I was thinking of the glory of God. A man stepped up to me and he said, This is pretty but remember these words: When you're living, live in clover; when you're dead you're dead all over! I don't think that's anything to laugh about. I think it's sad, very sad.

But we are thinking today not just of the call to those who are lost. We're thinking of the call to us who are saved. To those who have truly received Jesus Christ into their hearts, and believed on him. How easy it is for us to slip back. To forget to give our devotional life the place it should have. To forget to draw apart with God each day, to meditate upon His greatness, upon His goodness, upon His glory. To look to Him to enter into our hearts and use us as He would.

So I believe that even though we know Christ as our Saviour, He wants us to hear Him say, Adam where are you? I think He said that to Adam even after he had been saved. Adam, where are you? Are you drifting away from your original zeal? Are you forgetting after all that which is most basic?

When Elijah stood before King Ahab, here was this wild man of the desert; a man dressed in a way people would ask, What business has he got here in the king's palace? He began his words, As the Lord lives before whom I stand. He wants us to make sure that we stand before the Lord and are constantly living as in His presence.

So one of the big purposes of our day of prayer is that we shall draw apart for a little and think on this question, Where are you? Are you truly going on in your devotion to Him as you should? Are you truly putting God first in everything? Are you truly moving forward to know Him better and to be such that He can really use you as He would like. So it should be a day of spiritual quickening for each one of us.