

## HINDERED PRAYER

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LET'S EXAMINE THOSE THINGS  
THAT MAY HINDER OUR PRAYER -  
SOME OF WHICH ARE OBVIOUS  
OF SOME, WE'RE UNAWARE.

THE FIRST ONE IS EASY,  
OR AT LEAST, IT'S NOT TOO HARD -  
IS THE THING YOU'RE PRAYING FOR  
WITHIN THE WILL OF GOD?

ARE YOU STANDING ON THE OUTSIDE,  
PERHAPS JUST PEEKING IN -  
WITH ONE FOOT IN THE CHURCH,  
AND THE OTHER STEPPED IN SIN.

DO YOU "WAVER" IN YOUR ASKING?  
"STAGGER" WITH DISBELIEF -  
CREEPING TO THE PORCH OF GRACE  
AS NERVOUS AS A THIEF?

AN "UNFORGIVING SPIRIT"  
WILL RENDER VOID YOUR PLEAS -  
A HARDENED HEART RENDERING VOID  
THE TIME SPENT ON YOUR KNEES.

DO YOU APPROACH THE ALTAR  
WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST YOUR BROTHER?  
THEN YOUR PRAYER AND YOUR GIFT  
IS IN VAIN, AS YOU WILL DISCOVER.



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"ASK, and you shall receive,"  
"SEEK, and you shall find" -  
THAT PART'S EASY TO BELIEVE  
IF WE ARE SO INCLINED.

"BUT THAT'S WHAT HIS WORD SAYS!"  
YES - AND WE'RE SO QUICK TO SAY IT -  
BUT THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT,  
I.E., DID YOU OBEY IT?

"IF" YOU LOVE MY FATHER  
AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF -  
IT IS THEN YOU'LL TRULY PROSPER,  
AND GAIN FAR MORE THAN MERE WEALTH.

WHEN YOU SAY "OUR" DAILY BREAD,  
BUT YOU REALLY MEAN JUST "MY" -  
THEN MY FRIEND, DON'T BE SURPRISED,  
WHEN THAT "BREAD" HAS BEEN DENIED.

THOSE THINGS THAT WE KNOW WILL HINDER OUR PRAYER,  
AND KEEP US OUT OF THE THRONE ROOM OF GRACE -  
WILL BECOME THE BURDENS THAT WE WILL BEAR,  
AS WE TRY TO RUN "THE GOOD RACE."

SO PLEASE - BROTHER - PRAY FOR ME,  
AND I WILL PRAY FOR YOU.  
THAT WE BOTH MAY WALK IN GRACE,  
AMONG THE CHOSEN FEW.

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Let us SHUTTER  
THE HEAVENS OF  
HEAVEN!