

Him which makes it possible for Him to grant to us. Secondly it makes God seem more real to us for us to ask and to receive ~~what~~ we ask. Jesus said "Ye have not because ye ask not". And really there are many things, many spiritual blessings which we might have if we prayed and prayed in faith, which we do not have because we do not ask. God wants us to pray vehemently, intensely. He is anxious to grant us things but He can only do it as we are in a condition to receive them. Again we must remember that prayer does not consist ^{merely} in asking God for things. A very important side of prayer is that of waiting before God, of listening for His still small voice, of reading His Scriptures, and then looking to Him to speak to us through the Scriptures. Other important sides of prayer are thanksgiving and worship. Only through thanksgiving and worship do we come into that close personal relation to the Almighty God that makes it possible for Him to live through us and to use us for His Glory.

There is quite a sharp difference between faith and magic. But often our faith drops into the realm of magic. Magic rests upon that theory that there are supernatural forces in the world, which may be made to be our servants and compelled to do our bidding. The magicians of ancient days were people who thought that by the using of certain words, or the performance of certain rites the supernatural powers could be compelled to do things for them. For this reason there were all sorts of incantations and mysterious