

the problem comes (in) is prayer. We are taught to pray ; that is very important. Prayer makes a tremendous difference. We are taught that it is very important, and yet we are taught that God has planned all things in accordance with His will. Why does He require us to pray when He's going to work His perfect will anyway. Well, it's part of His plan. ^{The two} ~~They~~ fit together, but I don't understand. But I know it makes a difference, I know case after case where a missionary has been very situation and his friends in this country have just received a compelling feeling ^{that they must} ~~that~~ to pray for him and they have prayed for him in response to their prayers. God has saved him out of a terrible situation. And they find out later they prayed ~~out~~ at the same time, though on opposite sides of the globe. God worked things through prayer. At the same time, the prayer was ordained. I had a friend who when went to Mod Moody Bible Institute. He got ^{thoroughly} ~~bitterly~~ disgusted. Oh, He thought it was terrible, because those men would pray for financial help and then they would go right to the men- and- mail and pull out an envelope that had been sent to them, ~~xx~~ answering their prayer immediately. To him , it seemed awful that they didn't realize that that envelope had to be mailed three days earlier. But I believe God can answer prayer a week before you make it, ^{easily enough.} He knows from the very beginning about your prayer. How could He know it. I couldn't do something three days before somebody else. But God's power is far different from mine. (I guess the ~~g~~ biggest difficulty is ~~xxx~~ with my way of thinking, gee, I don't know, Clay, ~~x~~ why don't you speak up here, ^{I've been monopolizing.} (I think the biggest problem, in my mind anyway, is , if there ^{is} this contradiction and on the other hand, there ^{the scriptures} is the indication that we should be capable of understanding.) But, not fully. Understand as far as we can, yes, and we will ^{increase} ~~seek~~ to understand. (Yes, by our efforts, but ^{we} ~~it~~ should have the capability of being able to understand the scriptures. I feel that two things like this are incompatible. If they are incompatible , it makes in ~~end-o~~ our own minds a great difficulty and