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PREFATORY.

THE genesis of this book is very simple. Having occasion to prepare a special address on "Prayer," it occurred to me to collate and compare all the words spoken by our Lord himself upon the great theme, as it had often been found that His teachings upon any given subject, when so combined, constitute a consistent and harmonious whole—a body of doctrine, singularly comprehensive, and symmetrically complete.

In order to present His teachings, as to Prayer, most fully and satisfactorily, three things seemed essential; First, to gather them all together, for the sake of completeness; secondly, to classify them under appropriate divisions, for the sake of analysis and synthesis; and, thirdly, to arrange them as far as possible in chronological order, for the sake of discovering and disclosing any progress of doctrine which they might exhibit.

The result of these studies has proved so surprising and so satisfactory, that it is given to all devout students of the Scriptures, in the confidence that others will find here some such help, instruction, and comfort, as the writer has found. Perhaps even the imperfection of the work, here embodied, may incite other pupils of the Great Master to a more successful search into the wonderful words of Him who spake as never man spake.

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INTRODUCTORY.

I.

OUR LORD'S OWN WORDS ON PRAYER.

I.

WHEN THOU PRAYEST,
Thou shalt not be
As the hypocrites are ;
For they love to pray,
Standing in the synagogues,
And in the corners of the streets ;
That they may be *seen of men* :
Verily I say unto you,
They *have* their reward.

But thou,
When thou prayest,
ENTER INTO THY CLOSET ;
And, when thou hast shut thy door,

Pray to thy Father,
 Who is *in Secret* ;
 And thy Father,
 Who seeth in secret,
Shall reward thee openly

II.

But, when ye pray,
 USE NOT VAIN REPETITIONS,
 As the heathen do ;
 For they think
 That they shall be heard,
 For their *much speaking* :
 Be not ye, therefore, like unto them ;
 For your Father knoweth
 What things ye have need of,
 Before ye ask Him.

III.

AFTER THIS MANNER,
 Therefore, Pray Ye :
 Our Father,
 Who art in Heaven,
 Hallowed be Thy name, } On Earth
 Thy Kingdom come, } As it is in
 Thy Will be done, } Heaven.