"The Path of Prayer" by Samuel Chadwick. - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2004/7/15 18:26

This is a wonderfully, simply written book on prayer that anybody can understand. Though perhaps an example or two is a bit dated, as it has been nearly 100 yrs since this book was written, so the author uses some examples that most people probably will not quite understand as easily. There is much light that Chadwick gives on prayer, and I enjoyed what he had to say. However, I do feel there are stronger books on prayer by E.M. Bounds and Leonard Ravenhill that might take one deeper than this book does. Still though, one should not pass this book up.

Re: "The Path of Prayer" by Samuel Chadwick. - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/15 18:52

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I would recommend his book on revival "The Way to Pentecost". But yes its a good read on prayer also, Chadwick was the principal of a bible college that Leonard Ravenhill went to.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/7/16 6:32

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Samuel Chadwick was principal of Cliff College, an evangelistic Methodist training college in Derbyshire, UK. He was a close personal friend of Campbell Morgan and, as has been said, one of Leonard Ravenhill's tutors. Cliff College still operates but is probably now better known for its evangelistic training that for its wesleyan holiness traditions.

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Anything by Samual Chadwick is well worth reading. You might also enjoy The Path to Pentecost.

Re: - posted by TheophilusMD (), on: 2004/7/16 8:17

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Read and reread both books years ago and, yes, it is the simplicity of the profound that makes them such a blessing. On the surface the teachings of Jesus was more simple than Paul's and yet regardless of the form, we all know the richness of God's words. Isn't it a delight when the Master makes things simple for us?
Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2004/7/16 11:10
I just ordered the Path to Pentecost. ;)

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/7/16 11:34
Thought it was short enough to post, from the excellent (http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/) Articles section:

The Church WITHOUT The Spirit

The Church is the Body of Christ, and the Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. He fills the Body, directs its movements, controls it s members, inspires its wisdom, supplies it's strength. He guides into truth, sanctifies its agents, and empowers for witne ssing. The Spirit has never abdicated His authority nor relegated His power. Neither Pope nor Parliament, neither Confer ence nor Council is supreme in the Church of Christ. The Church that is man-managed instead of God-governed is doo med to failure. A ministry that is College-trained but not Spirit-filled works no miracles. The Church that multiplies commit tees and neglects prayer may be fussy, noisy, enterprising, but it labors in vain and spends its strength for nought. It is p ossible to excel in mechanics and fail in dynamic. There is a superabundance of machinery; what is wanting is power. T o run an organization needs no God. Man can supply the energy, enterprise, and enthusiasm for things human. The real work of a Church depends upon the power of the Spirit. The Presence of the Spirit is vital and central to the work of the Church. Nothing else avails. Apart from Him, wisdom becomes folly, and strength weakness. The Church is called to be a "spiritual house" and a holy priesthood. Only spiritual people can be its "living stones," and only the Spirit-filled its pries ts.

The Church always fails at the point of self-confidence. When the Church is run on the same lines as a circus, there may be crowds, but there is no Shekinah. That is why prayer is the test of faith and the secret of power. The Spirit of God trav ails in the prayer-life of the soul. Miracles are the direct work of His power, and without miracles the Church cannot live. The carnal can argue, but it is the Spirit of God that convicts. Education can civilize, but it is being born of the Spirit that saves. The energy of the flesh can run bazaars, organize amusements, and raise millions; but it is the presence of the H oly Spirit that makes a Temple of the Living God. The root-trouble of the present distress is that the Church has more fait h in the world and in the flesh than in the Holy Ghost, and things will get no better till we get back to His realized presenc e and power. The breath of the four winds would turn death into life and dry bones into mighty armies, but it only comes by PRAYER!

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