

***Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, so we  
may sing for joy to the end of our lives.***

***Psalm 90:14***

I'm sure you are familiar with the oft quoted maxim,

**"Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today.**



**Teach a man to fish; and you have fed him for a lifetime"**

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Isn't it interesting how we learn from others? I remember distinctly from my childhood watching a neighbor fishing with a new-fangled kind of attachment on his fishing rod – a Zebco close-faced fishing reel. While I fished either with a cane pole or a rod with an open-faced reel, (one you controlled with

your thumb so as not to be bothered by backlashes in your line,) this new kind of reel was encased in a metallic cover, and somehow the fishing line never got tangled! How I dreamed of someday owning a Zebco fishing reel!

Here is what it looked like:



1949 Zebco "Standard"

Eventually I got one, and have forever since been grateful to the man who invented it, and also to my neighbor who showed it to me. Mind you, I caught fish with my cane pole and also with my open-faced reel, but this closed-face beauty so enhanced my fishing experience! Ah, the joys of fishing!

About four years ago, I attended a workshop in Kansas City. The speaker taught on prophecy, but sometime during this one-day seminar, she shared with us a way of meditating on and praying the Scriptures that deeply impacted my prayer life. This was not unlike my transition as a child from a cane pole to a Zebco reel! As my neighbor man shared with me something that forever enriched my life, I hope what I learned at this seminar might be a blessing to you, so here it is as a follow-up to our last consideration on prayer.

I suggested in the previous study that we should "break down" these prayers and make them our own. It dawned on me that I what I really did was offer you a fish, rather than "give you" a spiritual Zebco reel! So let's develop the "how to" a bit.

How do I break this prayer down? How do I make it my own? Let's give it a try with the first Apostolic prayer we looked at. Here it is again:

**Prayer for the revelation of Jesus' beauty and the Bride's destiny for transforming our heart.**

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has*

***called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Eph 1:17-19***

First of all, notice that Paul says ***"I keep asking."*** Think about what that means: Rephrase the meaning of these three words. Write them down as many ways as you can think of, and as you do so, talk to the Lord about these phrases. It might look something like this:

Lord, what does this mean, when Paul said **he kept asking** you for something?

***I keep asking*** – I continue to ask – I remember to ask – I remind You, Lord, again and again

***I ask*** without demanding – I ask with confidence – I ask, knowing that as I know Your will, I can be confident of Your answer. Oh, yes, Lord, I will continue, I will keep on asking You.....

Paul must have continued to ask for things. He must have asked repeatedly. Paul's continual asking must have been a regular sound in Your ears, Father – one You heard a lot. I want to become one whose voice You are intimately familiar with. ***Lord, I will keep asking You.....***

***that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father,...***

Father, it is amazing to think that Jesus called You His God – and He called You His Father..... and then, Father to realize that You know Jesus as Lord, as Messiah, as Savior King, as Your Beloved Son, as Your only Son..... Oh God, what an incredible relationship You and Your Son Jesus have..... ***Oh Father God, Oh Jesus***, it is to You that ***I keep asking***.

***.....may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation....*** Father, thank You for Your indwelling Spirit! Thank you that Your Spirit is living in me. Oh Holy Spirit, pour out upon me Your divine wisdom. Pour out, ***I keep asking You***, Your wisdom. Father, give to me Your Spirit of wisdom, I ask. I repent of leaning upon my carnal mind. Father, You are all-wise; I need Your Spirit of wisdom. Let Your wisdom transform my mind. Let the Scripture, "but we have the mind of Christ" become a reality in my life. (1 Cor 2:16)

***so that you may know him better.*** Father, You are the One. You are my One. You are the only One for me. I keep asking that You, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that I may know You better.

***I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...*** Father, the eyes of my heart are so often blind. Bring light to my spiritual eyes. Give me eyes to see, Father. I ask You, I keep on asking you, to bring light to the eyes of my heart. I reject a darkened heart within me; cause Your light to shine in the eyes of my heart.

***that you may know the hope to which he has called you,...*** Oh the hope, Father, to which You have called me! I want to really know this hope! I want to know it more than just in my head!

Father, what is this hope? Oh, it is a sure hope! It is an absolutely sure hope! It is a hope which does not disappoint. You are my hope! Your plan is my hope! I rest in You, my Hope who does not disappoint. I want to know You!

***the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,...*** how rich are Your riches, Lord? Where are Your riches? What are Your riches? Father, how rich, how inestimably rich are Your saints, we who are Your gift from the Father..... we who are Your Bride, we who live in You, we who have died, and whose lives are now hidden with You, Jesus, in God. (Col 3:3) Wow!

Who is Your inheritance? Who is Your glorious inheritance? In the saints? Who are the saints? Could it possibly be that **we** are the saints? that **I** am one of the saints? Father, could it be that **I am Your inheritance**????? If I am Your inheritance, from whom have You inherited me, Lord, Jesus? Yes, open the eyes of my heart to grapple with this great truth!

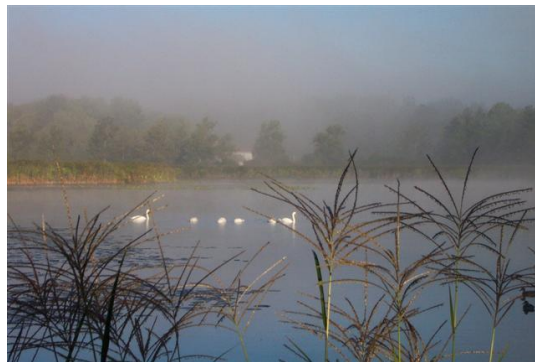
***his incomparably great power for us who believe.*** Indeed, Father, I want you to open my eyes to know you better, so that I can begin to get a grasp on how incomparably great, how enormous, how immeasurable is Your power. What does this mean when You say in this prayer, Lord, through Paul, that your incomparable great power is **"for us"**?

Father, ***I keep asking*** You to open the eyes of my heart to know You better so I can get hold of, so that I can embrace in some manner the magnitude of Your power **for me, for us** who believe.



My friend, this is my little gift to you of one of the spiritual "Zebco reels" I have discovered to enrich my own prayer life. Of course I am not suggesting your prayer life is lacking. I only wish to share with you a tool to make your "catch" even more satisfying as you go fishing in the morning and experience His love in ever new measure!

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