

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 1: 29-45



The Lord is near to those who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him faithfully.
Psalm 145:19

Praising:

Here, O my Lord, I see face to face;
here faith can touch and handle things unseen;
here would I grasp with firmer hand thy grace;
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Reading:

Mark 1:29-45
Jesus in Capernaum

After worship at the synagogue, Jesus' healing of Simon's mother-in-law dramatically illustrates one strand of His new kingdom ministry. News of what has taken place privately spreads quickly however. Jesus' response the next morning is also the shape of things to come. Wherever your chair is, you probably won't prove as difficult to find as Jesus did

when He took Himself off to be with God! That the disciples had to hunt for the Lord so earnestly is revealing. Evidently time alone with the Father was so crucial for Jesus that he had to put himself as far beyond reach as possible. The fact that he also made a point of getting up before everyone else would also suggest that he knew full well how hard it would be to steal time with God once the day properly got going.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we see the necessity of personal, private prayer.

- make us strong to carve out the time from our day to be alone with you
- make us thankful that the Maker of Heaven and earth longs to commune with us
- make us humble for on our own we can do nothing, with God we can do everything

Father: as I come to you in the corner and the cubby-hole, you come to me: draw me ever nearer to your voice, ever closer to your will, ever deeper into your everlasting love. Amen

Doing:

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