

PRAYER UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP

**When Moses came down the mountain . . .
he wasn't aware that his face glowed because
he had spoken to the Lord face to face.**

Exodus 34:29

Close and continual prayer fellowship with God will in due time leave its mark and be evident to those around us. Just as Moses did not know that his face shone, we ourselves will be unaware of the light of God shining from us. The sense of God's presence in us may often cause others to feel ill at ease in our company. However, true believers will prove by humility and love that they are indeed persons like those around them. And yet there will be the proof that they are people of God who live in an unseen world.

The blessings of communion with God can easily be lost entering too deeply into communion with people. The spirit of inner prayer must be carried over into a holy watchfulness throughout the day. This continuance of the morning watch can be maintained by quiet self-restraint, by not giving the reins of our lives over to natural impulses.

When the abiding sense of God's presence has become the aim of the morning hour, then with deep humility and in loving conversation with those around us, we will pass on into the day's duties with the continuity of unbroken fellowship. It is a great thing to enter the inner chamber, shut the door, and meet the Father in secret. It is a greater thing to open the door again and go out to enjoy God's presence – which nothing can disturb.¹

¹ Andrew Murray, Teach Me To Pray