

Secret Closet

Andrew Murray Alone With God

**When you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you,
And pray to your Father secretly,
Matthew 6:6**

Have you ever thought what a wonderful privilege it is to have the liberty of asking God to meet with you and to hear what you have to say? We should use such a privilege gladly and faithfully.

“When you pray,” says Jesus, “go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father secretly.” This means two things.

- 1. Shut the world out; withdraw from all the thoughts and concerns of the day.**
- 2. Shut yourself in alone with God to pray in secret.**

Let this be your chief object in prayer, to realize the presence of your heavenly Father. Let your goal be “Alone with God.”

Being alone in His presence and praying to the Father in secret is only the beginning. Come to Him in the full assurance that He knows how you long for His help and guidance. He will listen to you.

Then follows the great promise of verse 6: “Then your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you.” Your Father will see to it that your prayer is not in vain. Prayer in secret will be followed by the secret working of God in my heart.

Lord Jesus, thank you for the promise of Your presence and show me the way to be alone with You. Help me to be childlike and trustful in my fellowship with You, confessing each sin and bringing You my every need. Amen.¹

Andrew Murray The first thing the Lord teaches His disciples is that they must have a secret place for prayer; every one must have some solitary spot where he can be alone with his God. He wants each one to choose for himself the fixed spot where he

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can daily meet him. That inner chamber, that solitary place is Jesus' schoolroom. That spot may be anywhere; that spot may change from day to day if we have to change our abode; but that secret place there must be, with the quiet time in which the pupil places himself in the master's presence, to be by Him prepared to worship the Father. There alone, but there most surely, Jesus comes to teach us to pray.

William Tyndale We need a secret place of prayer. This will keep us from showing off. It leaves us free to use any words we please. If we want to make gestures that increase our devotion, no one else will know. True prayer comforts and encourages.