



JOURNEY:
Oh the Deep
Love of God

The Intimacy of Prayer

A misty landscape with a large tree on a rocky outcrop. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a large, gnarled tree in the foreground on the left, its branches reaching out. The background shows a valley or a body of water shrouded in mist, with distant hills or mountains visible. The overall tone is serene and contemplative.

14 When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.

The Depth of God's Love

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Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

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“A.H. Strong illustrates it for us: ‘A student asked the President of his school whether he could not take a shorter course than the one prescribed. ‘Oh yes,’ replied the president, ‘but then it depends upon what you want to be. When God wants to make an oak tree, He takes a hundred year, but when he wants to make a squash, he takes six months.’ “Strong also wisely points out to us that “growth is not a uniform thing in the tree or in the Christian. In some single months there is more growth than in all the year besides. During the rest of the year, however, there is solidification, without which the green timber would be useless. The period of rapid growth, when woody fiber is actually deposited between the bark and the trunk, occupies but four to six weeks in May, June and July.’”

The Complete Green Letters by Miles J. Stanford

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Doxology

20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.