

## **The Power of Accumulative Prayer**

A.B. Simpson (1844-1919), founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, presented a wonderful example of the power of accumulative prayer in his movement's journal, *Alliance Weekly*. He excerpted this from a tract by an anonymous author.

The writer saw a very striking example of this principle (Mt 18:19; Lk 18:1-8; Rev 5:8, 8:3-5) in the city of Rangoon, where the largest and finest temple bell in the East had been sunk in the river during one of the battles in the Anglo-Burman wars. Efforts by various engineers failed to raise it. At last a clever priest asked to make the attempt on condition that the bell be given to his temple.

He had his assistants gather an immense number of bamboo rods. These hollow, light buoyant rods can scarcely be kept from floating on the water. The bamboo rods were taken down one-by-one by divers and fastened to the bell at the bottom of the river. After many thousands of them had been securely fastened, it was noticed that the bell began to move; and when the last bamboo rod had been added, the buoyancy of the accumulated rods was so great that they actually lifted the enormous mass of bronze from the silt and mire of the bottom, and bore it to the surface of the river.

So faith-filled prayer can lift the heaviest burdens and the highest of mountains. Every whisper of believing prayer is like one of the little bamboo rods. For a time they seem to be in vain, but there comes a last breath of believing supplication, and lo, the walls of Jericho fall, the mountain becomes a plain, the host of Amalek is defeated! It is the hand upon the Throne.