

THE SECURITY WE HAVE IN PRAYER - Romans 8:26-27

Lesson 9

THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS WE HAVE REGARDING PRAYER.

A. What are some of our questions?

1. **How** should I pray?
2. Can I pray with **confidence**?
3. Are there things I **shouldn't** pray for?
4. Will my prayers **change** God's mind?

B. We have the promise of help.

C. What is the HOPE we are linked to?

1. The HOPE of the **future**

"The greater the groan, the greater the glory."

Charles Swindoll

2. The HOPE of the **help** of the Holy Spirit in **prayer**

WHY DOES PRAYER SEEM DIFFICULT?

A. We are weak.

1. **Physically** weak
2. **Spiritually** weak

B. It is part of our human condition.

WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF TO HELP US.

"The point of this passage is that the Spirit 'helps us' in our weaknesses."

James Montgomery Boice

A. What does the word "help" mean?

1. Someone coming **alongside**
 - a. Helping with a **heavy load**
 - b. A **comforter**
2. Someone who **pleads** our case
3. Someone who **"groans"** for us

"But when human vocabulary proves insufficient, the language of the Spirit does not. When we feel we have no words to pray, we do not need to feel that we cannot pray."

Tim Keller

B. The whole Trinity "helps" in our praying.

1. We **cry** to the Father.
2. Jesus **gave** us the Holy Spirit.
 - a. He **paid** for our **privilege** to stand before the Father.
 - b. He sent the **indwelling** Spirit.
3. The Holy Spirit **intercedes** on our behalf.

"The Holy Spirit says those things we want to say but cannot mouth. How beautiful! May we appreciate our wealth."

Kent Hughes

- a. He enables us to **pray** in line with God's **purposes**.
- b. He is the **link**.
- c. He helps us to **pray** in God's **will**.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7 ESV