

Lesson 111 Answers and Comments

Always	thank	saved	always	prayers
Continue	always	come	all	perfect
Prayer	you	knowledge	things	complete
Pray	cease	truth	thanks	zeal
Ceasing	pray	this	wise	
Continuing	you	thing	God	
Instant	pray	besought	honor	
Prayer	always	thrice	glory	
Ceasing	you	depart	ever	
Prayers	always	me	ever	
Night	prayer	grace	supplication	
Day	you	strength	supplication	
Night	pray	perfect	request	
Day	your	weakness	supplication	
Praying	heart's	praying	supplication	
All	desire	open	requests	
Every	prayer	door	request	
Thing	Israel	utterance	peace	
Prayer	saved	mystery	God	
Supplication	supplications	me	keep	
Thanksgiving	prayers	utterance	hearts	
Requests	intercessions	open	minds	
Cease	giving	mouth	Epaphras	
Thanks	thanks	boldly	fellowprisoner	
You	kings	mystery	Epaphras	
Mention	authority	gospel	always	
You	all	thanksgiving	laboring	
Prayers	men	thanks	fervently	

Too often we leave off or quit praying for various reasons. Let us keep praying, on every occasion, for the saints, thanking and praising God and bring everything to our Heavenly Father. Prayer will constantly remind us of who we are and the reality of our faith.

Lesson 112 Praying in the Spirit

Eph. 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

This point regarding praying “in the Spirit” is where we want to study in regards to our verse in Eph. 6:18. Paul has much to say about the Holy Spirit in his epistle to the Ephesians.

In Eph. 1:13, 14 we learn that the Holy Spirit sealed us and is the earnest of our inheritance.

In Eph. 2:18 that by the Holy Spirit we have access to the Father and in vs. 22 that through the Spirit we are built together for an habitation of God.

In Eph. 3:5 the Spirit has revealed mystery truth.

In Eph. 3:16 the Spirit strengthens our inner man.

In Eph. 4:3 the Spirit has a unity that we are to keep and in vs.6 there is but one Spirit.

In Eph. 4:30 the Spirit can be grieved and we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

In Eph. 5:9 that the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness and truth.

Eph. 5:18 tells us to be filled with the Spirit.

In Eph. 6:17 the Spirit’s sword is the word of God.

As we can readily see, the book of Ephesians is full of information about the work and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer is such a wonderful, powerful, provision God has made for every believer. We are to pray “in the Spirit”. We can’t say enough about the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

- The presence of the Spirit is the earnest of our _____ according to Eph.1:14. The “earnest” is a part or portion of the purchase money given as security that the remainder will follow. In Eph. 2:7 all the exceeding _____ of his _____ that all believers will inherit in the ages to come is assured because of the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- The indwelling Spirit gives constant and all assurance that we belong to God. Rom. 8:16 “The _____ beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the _____ of _____.”
- The indwelling Spirit gives power to our inner man. Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be _____ with _____ by his _____ in the _____.”
- The indwelling Spirit teaches the believer. I Cor. 2:13 “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the _____; comparing _____ things with _____.”

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- The indwelling Spirit confirms the love of God to us. Rom. 5:5 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the _____ of _____ is _____ abroad in our _____ by the _____ which is _____ unto us.”
- The indwelling Spirit sanctifies the believer. Rom. 15:16 “...that the offering up of the _____ might be _____, being _____ by the _____.”
- The indwelling Spirit provides access to the Father. Eph. 2:18. “For through him we both have _____ by one _____ unto the _____.”
- The indwelling Spirit is one feature that makes the believer what he is. Rom. 8:9 “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the _____, if so be that the _____ of God _____ in you. Now if any man have not the _____ of Christ, he is _____ of his.”
- The indwelling Spirit is the seal by which believers have assurance of the redemption of their body. Eph. 4:30 “And grieve not the _____ of God, where by ye are _____ unto the _____ of _____.”
- The indwelling Spirit makes the believer’s body the temple of God. I Cor. 6:19 “What? know ye not that your _____ is the _____ of the _____ which is _____ you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”
- The indwelling Holy Spirit makes intercession for the believer. Rom. 8:26, 27 “Likewise the _____ also _____ our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the _____ itself maketh _____ for _____ with _____ which _____ be _____. Vs. 27 And he that _____ the hearts knoweth what is the _____ of the _____, because he maketh _____ for the _____ according to the _____ of _____.”

The Holy Spirit who indwells every believer is God’s perfect provision for our prayer life. Just as Gal. 5:16 exhorts us to, “This I say then _____ the _____...” Eph. 6:18 tells us to pray in the _____.

But just because the Spirit indwells every believer does not mean that we will automatically walk or pray in the Spirit. Each of us must live in dependence on and in sync with the things the Spirit wants to do in our lives.

To pray “in the Spirit”, is to pray in accordance with the things that the Spirit desires for us. And do we do that?? Probably not, at least not all the time! So, what or how does the Spirit interact in our prayers?

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God has so graciously provided for the needs of the praying saint! Paul includes himself in this need for help, "for we know not..." The Spirit is said here to help, not to leave us out but to help us in our infirmities. Very wonderful and amazing things happen for believers when they pray.

1. The Spirit makes intercession for us. Intercession – to plead or represent or go between parties. The Spirit intercedes for us. We see that in Rom. 11:2 that Elijha made _____ to _____ Israel. In Acts 25:24 that a multitude of Jews had "dealt with" Festus or besought, interceded against Paul that he "ought _____ to _____ any longer." We need not worry that the Spirit will ever intercede against us!
2. With groanings which cannot be uttered. Groaning – cry, sounds of sorrow, pain, lamentation. These groanings are not uttered here but are known by God the Father. In Rom. 8:23 we read "...even we ourselves _____ within ourselves..." Rom. 8:22 "For we know that the whole _____ and _____ in _____ together until now. Israel groaned in their captivity. Ex. 2:24 "And God _____ their _____..." the Spirit groans on our behalf and what happens?
3. God knows, hears what is the mind of the Spirit. Rom. 8:27 "And he that _____ the _____ what is the _____ of the _____..." Who searcheth the heart? I Chron. 28:9 "...for the _____..." What precious communication is going on during our prayer! How we should rejoice and praise God for this loving provision for us! What is on the mind of the Spirit?
4. The will of God. Our prayers are brought to the Father perfect! The Spirit makes all the right adjustments! He intercedes on our behalf exactly in keeping with the will of God.

Praying in the Spirit is the blessed, loving, provision of God for the saints. The believer has unhindered access to God on the ground of the blood of Christ. The Holy Spirit undertakes a ministry of intercession on our behalf according to the will of God! Just a side note: If someone is praying "in the Spirit" identifying the noises he is making as the "Spirits" remember, the Spirit's groanings cannot be uttered.