

beginning . . .

Psalm 139

Pauls letter to believers in Rome

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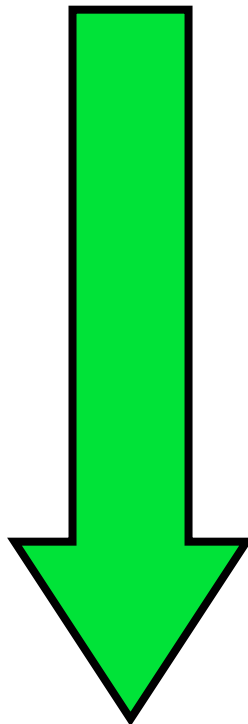
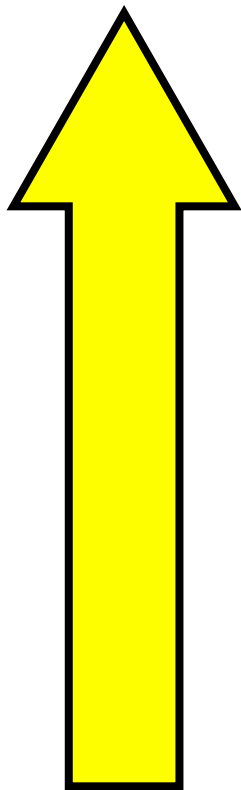




What is prayer ?

God talks to you ONLY by His Word

(read, sung, taught, or remembered)



Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Prayer is you talking to God.

(audibly or silently)

Prayer in school ???

Rom. 8:26a

In the same way ...

Rom. 8:26a Οὕτως αὐτὸς ἐδεῖ καὶ ...

(....)

now then, and, then,

connective, coordinating conjunction

In the same way

hosautos < hos (same as) + autos (this)

*1Cor 11:25

5615. ὁσαύτως hosautos; adv. from [5613](#) and a [der.](#) of [846](#); *in like manner*:—in the same manner(1), in the same way(4), likewise(8), the same thing(4).

Must hook to context somewhere.

Where are possible places ?

1) Prior verse 8:25 ?

2) Prior paragraph 8:18 ?

3) Prior Spirit verse 8:16 ?

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Greek hints at connection with unique grammar. In all of the NT, the Spirit is always referred to with a masculine gender (not sexual aspect) grammar. Only here vs 26 & 16 does the Greek use a neuter gender pronoun. Designed to catch the eye, to connect.

The Spirit

1) Confirms our relationship 8:16

2) Helps our weakness 8:26

Rom. 8:26b ... the Spirit also helps our weakness; ...
Rom. 8:26b to pneuma synantil ambanetai thos qeneia emere ...

the Spirit

TO PNEUMA The Holy Spirit, not man's spirit
*Rom. 8:2,4-6,9-11,13-16,23,26-27

also

also, even

helps

SUNANTILAMBANOMAI (1) VERB 3 sing pres mid indic

SUN (together) + ANTI (against) + LAMBANOMAI (to take or receive)
middle voice both the doer and receiver of the action

*Luke 10:40 to take up against (task, etc.) together with
(Luke 1:54; Acts 20:35; Rom. 8:26; 1Tim. 6:2)

our weakness

ASTHENIA weakness, sickness, infirmity, feeble,
impotent, sick, without strength (Eng. asthma)

769. ἀσθένεια **asthenela**; from [772](#); **weakness, frailty**—ailments(1),
diseases(1), illness(1), infirmities(1), sickness(4), sicknesses(2), weak(1),
weakness(8), weaknesses(4), what weakness(1).

Rom. 4:19; 5:6; 6:19;
8:3,26; 14:1-2; 15:1

The Spirit

- 1) without fail supports our weakness
- 2) involved from start to finish
- 3) continually taking up the task

Rom. 8:26c **for we do not know ...**
Rom. 8:26c ... gar ... ouk oidamen, ...

for to explain further
like "What is the our weakness?"

we do not know  we (believers) do not know fully

Examples of believers not knowing what to pray *Matt 20:22; 2Cor 12:8

Huge hole in our relationship with God !!

What to pray ?

How to pray ?

When to pray ?

Rom. 8:26d ... how to pray as we should, ...

Rom. 8:26d ... to gar ti proseuchw^{meqa} kaqo\dei ouk oidamen, ...

“FOR”

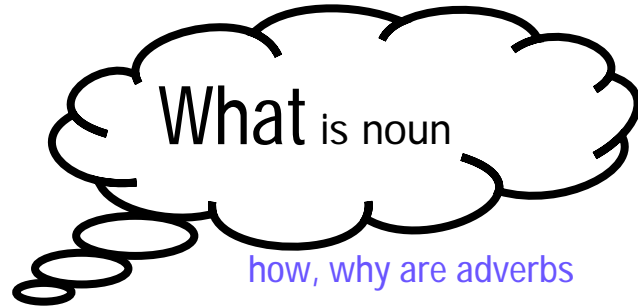
to explain further

“THE”

article - “the weakness” defined

n, in this way:
ho is in heaven,
Your name.

Matt. 6:9 Οὕτως οὖν **προσεύχεσθε**
ὕμεις· Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς
οὐρανοῖς· ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου



how

noun accusative - object of limit of main verb

*[2Cor 12:8](#) felt need

to pray

PROSEUCHOMAI VERB 1 plur aor mid subj
might pray

*[2Cor 12:9](#) actual need

*[Phil 4:6](#) felt need

*[Acts 16:6](#) restricted



as we should



DEI VERB 3 sing pres act indic it is necessary

same, just as, similar

Believers can & do pray for the wrong things !

Cannot force God with
two or more in prayer.

Matt. 18:20 “For where two or three have gathered
together in My name, I am there in their midst.”
(prayer request, prayer chains, etc.)

stop praying then...

never know what to pray for

hopeless to pray,

let's not make a mistake,

can not get thru on a static connection

God is clear !

(17) commands to pray

especially. 1Th. 5:17 Pray without ceasing;

*Matt. 5:44; 6:6,9; 24:20; 26:41;
Mark 13:18; 14:38; Luke 6:28;
22:40,46; 1Cor. 14:13; 1Th.
5:17,25; 2Th. 3:1; Heb. 13:18;
James 5:13-14*

(113) verses in NT mentioning prayer

I pray for gold cadillac

HS changes

Come Soon Lord Jesus

*The Spirit does not eliminate or transform believers' total inability to maintain the proper dialogue between God and man; rather the Spirit works in and through that inability. *James Dunn Romans 1-8*

Prayer is the dual priority along with intake of the Word

Rom. 8:26e

but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us

Rom. 8:26e

αὐτὸς τὸ πνεῦμα ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ...

but

ALLA

strong contrast to our ignorance, is the perfection of the Spirit

the Spirit Himself

TO PNEUMA himself

intercedes for us

HUPERENTUGCHANO (1) VERB 3 sing pres act indic



HUPER (above/beyond) + EN (effectively) + TUGCHANO

(to obtain, get, happens on, to hit the mark)

Dan. 6:13; Acts 25:24; Rom. 8:26-27,34; 11:2; Heb. 7:25

ἐντυγχάνω to turn to, appeal, converse = 5

ὑπερτυγχάνω to intercede = 1

The Spirit

- 1) Insures effective prayer for believers
- 2) Results exceedingly surpass expectations
- 3) Assists infallible prayer results
- 4) Meets God the Father on our behalf

Rom. 8:26f

...with groanings too deep for words;

Rom. 8:26f stenagmoiß al al etoiß;

with groanings

desire, mentality, longing (inaudible) *Rom. 8:23,26

too deep for words

ALALETOS (1) ADJECTIVE masc plur dat noDeg

Rom. 8:26; 1Pet. 1:8

ἀλάλητος	unutterable = 1	not + speakable
ἄλαλος	speechless = 3	not + spoken
ἀνεκλάλητος	unspeakable = 1	not + EK + spoken
μογιλάλος	mute, with speech impediment = 1	difficulty + spoken

not same as 2Cor 12:4 which is speechless

Not sign gift of tongues since it is a spoken known language *1Cor 12:30, Acts 2:6

Rom. 8:27a

and He who searches the hearts ...

Rom. 8:27a o de eraunoætaß kardiaß ...

and

DE same as began vs 8:26

God

He who searches



ERAUNAO VERB pres act part masc sing nom

1Sam 16:7; 1Kings 8:39; Ps 44:21; Ps 139:1-2; Prov 15:11;
John 5:39; 7:52; Luke 16:15; Acts 1:24; Rom. 8:27;
1Cor. 2:10; 1Pet. 1:11; Rev. 2:23

the hearts

our inner man



Psa 44:22 used in Rom 8:36

God knows our hearts, minds, thoughts, desires, ambitions, and more

Rom. 8:27b

...knows what the mind of the Spirit is, ...

Rom. 8:27b oiden ti to fronh̄ma tou pneumatou, ...

knows



to know fully

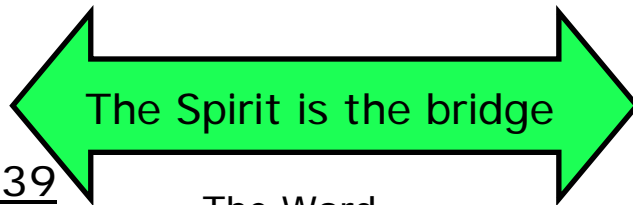
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the mind of the Spirit is

PHRONEMA mindset, mentality *Rom. 8:5-7

Believer



God the Father

Psa 139

1Cor 2:10-11

John 14:16
a helper forever

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Spirit from God
Spirit from Christ
Rom. 8:9,14-16

Rom. 8:27c ... because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Rom. 8:27c ... ὅτι καταρχὸν ἐν τῷ κατὰ θεὸν ἀγαθῷ.

because

purpose or result



according to the will of God.

according to divinity or diety

*2Cor 7:9-11; Rom 15:5; 2Cor 11:17

He intercedes

HUPERENTUGCHANO (3) VERB 3 sing pres act indic

EN (effectively) + TUGCHANO (to hit the mark, to obtain, to get it, to happen)

Dan. 6:13; Acts 25:24; Rom. 8:27,34; 11:2; Heb. 7:25

for the saints

on behalf of

saints - kinds

*Rom 1:7

The Spirit meets with God the Father on our behalf.

PARAKLETE(S)

PARAKLETE	PARAKLETE
Helper	Advocate
Rom 8:26-27	1 John 2:1
The Spirit	Jesus Christ
intercedes for us	intercedes for us
helps our successes	helps our failures
forever <i>Jo 14:16</i>	never ever leave <i>Heb 13:5</i>

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oujmh/se egkatal ipw

OBSERVATIONS

- 1 Union with Christ is the source of all our blessings of justification (Rom 4,5) , sanctification (Rom 6,7,8), and glorification (Rom 8).
- 2 Believers are the sons of God, objects of His affection, partakers of His moral nature, & joint-heirs of His Glory.
- 3 Suffering and afflictions are not inconsistent with our being sons of God.
- 4 Resting on God's Word in the present is faith, resting on God's Word in the future is hope. Both are sure.
- 5 God is our helper (PARAKLETE) here and in heaven.
- 6 Prayer is always answered, assisted, and conforming with the will of God.

The End