

**EMBRACING GODS POWER VS OUR WEAKNESS IN PRAYER**  
**Romans 8:18-27**

**A. Seeing God's Perspective on PRESENT SUFFERING & FUTURE GLORY (Rom. 8:18-25)**

**1. Future glory compared to present suffering (8:18-21)**

a. for the Believer In Christ (8:18)

18 "For I \_\_\_\_\_ that the sufferings of this present time are not \_\_\_\_\_ to be compared with the glory which \_\_\_\_\_ in us"

b. for the Natural Creation (19-21)

19 For the \_\_\_\_\_ (anticipation) of the (natural) creation (which remains under the curse of – Rom. 5:12) \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ (the revelation) of the \_\_\_\_\_ (of the time of their revealing for all to see).

20 For the (natural) creation was \_\_\_\_\_ (by God b/c of Adam's sin) to \_\_\_\_\_, (depravity/weakness/corruption) not willingly (not based on what they wanted), but because of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) who subjected it –(yet He subjected it) - in \_\_\_\_\_ (with a confident expectation of future blessing – namely the lifting of the curse one day);

21 because the (natural) creation itself also \_\_\_\_\_ (future, passive, indicative) from the \_\_\_\_\_ (slavery) of corruption into the glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of the children of God. (when will this occur?)

**2. Present groaning in light of future glory (8:22-25)**

a. the natural creation's present groaning (8:22)

22 For we \_\_\_\_\_ that the whole (natural) creation \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ together until now.

b. the present groaning of believers in Christ (8:23-25)

23 Not only that, but we (believers) also (groan & labor) who have the firstfruits of the \_\_\_\_\_, (2 Cor 4:16-5:5; Eph. 1:13-14) even we ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ within ourselves, \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_. (When does this occur?)

24 For we (believers) were \_\_\_\_\_ (aorist, passive, ind.) in \_\_\_\_\_, (of future glory & bodily redemption) but \_\_\_\_\_ that is seen is not \_\_\_\_\_; for why does one still \_\_\_\_\_ for what he sees?

25 But if (1<sup>st</sup>) we \_\_\_\_\_ for what we do not see, we \_\_\_\_\_ for it with \_\_\_\_\_ (hang in there ability via the HS of God).

**B. Seeing GOD'S POWER vs. Our WEAKNESS in Prayer (8:26-27)**

1) the power of prayer – what can it do?

- a. It \_\_\_\_\_ your heart & relieves your \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Pt. 5:7; Psa. 55:22)
- b. It reflects your \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 7:7-8; Mark 21:22)
- c. It addresses the \_\_\_\_\_ in the universe that can truly meet your need (Heb 4:16)
- d. It's what God wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ engage in (1 Thess. 5:17)

2) The perplexing factors in prayer & the groaning of God (8:26)

- a. What does Prayer look like? (P-A-R)
- b. Must Prayer be long, yea for hours, in a certain place or posture?
- c. What difference do my prayers make if God is sovereign & already has a plan? (Jeremiah 33:3; James 5:16; Matt. 9:38; Rom. 10:1)
- d. Why don't I get more answers to prayer? ( James 1:3-4; 4:3-4)
- e. Is it permissible to pray for things that God has not specifically promised?
- f. What about when we don't know what to pray for (James 1:5; Prov. 3:5-6; Romans 8:26)

**Romans 8:26** Likewise the \_\_\_\_\_ (HS) also \_\_\_\_\_ (comes to our aid) in our \_\_\_\_\_ (we are weak but He, the Holy Spirit, is strong) - (our weaknesses may include physical, mental, or spiritual inability). For we do not know \_\_\_\_\_ we should pray for as we ought, but the \_\_\_\_\_ Himself (here the pronoun is used for emphasis) \_\_\_\_\_ (present, active, indicative) for us (on our behalf – this means we have an advocate in heaven who is J.C. & another advocate in our hearts who is the H.S.) with \_\_\_\_\_ (mentioned in 8:22, 23, 26; Acts 7:34) which cannot be uttered (not “tongues” – these groanings are too deep for words NASB, or inexpressible groanings ESV or with groans which words cannot express NIV).

3) The promised intercession in prayer (8:27)

- a. the intercession of others (1 Tim 2:1)
- b. the intercession of the Holy Spirit (8:27)
  - Are the groanings & intercession effective in meeting these needs? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? 3 Reasons:
  - 1) Now \_\_\_\_\_ (God the Father) who \_\_\_\_\_ the heart (the inner most part of man where he thinks & feels)(present active, part.)
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (perfect, active, indicative – has knowledge of - in contrast to us in vs. 26) what the \_\_\_\_\_ (thinking) of the \_\_\_\_\_ is (and is requesting)
  - 3) Because \_\_\_\_\_ (the H.S) \_\_\_\_\_ (prayerful requests) for the \_\_\_\_\_ (believers) according to (kata - in keeping with) the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.