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SUBJECT: Paul's Prayers for the
Thessalonian Christians

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PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE
THESSALONIAN CHRISTIANS

The text & prayer

Paul wishes for them a gift he himself cannot bestow.
If we could like him to - just, he points out a country it
which he cannot go; channels that lead far into the heart of
the sacred Promised Land. He has been with these dear brethren
to see in the place where the Lord said all our sins & transgressions;
had been with them of the storm of our affliction which with us
we more appear. But how pilot through it was, he could
not pretend to guide them in all the wild experience, fears,
shock, & the great loss, many, years, and. But, therefore, of
having to be that pilot, he bowed his head - prayer
He would as the solid water, rivers & by us which these seas
may sail into the center, that's wonderful love . . .
Paul gave his converts many lessons, directions, we go then
to abound in the grace, when that will avoid that folly. But
how he felt his powerlessness - so he left the great adventure
upon the Lord

I. direct your hearts into the Love of God
of a palace, look at it, admire it, but to be visited in -
of a beautiful mansion, in a garden - "
on journey on the new way.

1. The immeasurable greatness
little word "so" of John 7:16 . . .
Surveyor's chain - the constant
Ocean, Egyptian plumb line, sounding lead . . .
Astronomer's telescope . . .
yet love you as though you alone

2. His eternal character
In the beginning, chaos, love, before foundations, world
with Him always. No beginning, no end.

3. Infallible consistency.
Unchanging God, never cease to love his people.
Jn. 31:3
No man came to God, first his love, for justice only of the great
alone in a far country - yet not alone, but . . .
sick, ready to die, the far man by
a mission - values without strength, in des pairs & died for many
Never changed - ^{at} grows used, in different, justified.

4. The constraining power
so II Cor. 5:14

- (1) Our conversion.
Like a marriage, if compelled, man... must be 7th heart
- (2) Our life of devotion, dedication.
cf. Th. 7:36-47

- (3) Our good works
3:6 "... in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..."
- (4) James Van Meter, father present, ch. 7 vs. 7 second paragraph
His mother died. Raised by father with a blind wife, servants. One
day, Zipporah came to, gave us little gift. Somehow, to father's 40th
birthday request. Father in house of daughter's maid. Admitted with us
she with lady - Bureau before father to give out suit. Father explains.
My mother put child in room in bed. Left, requested for work.
returned to maid.

II. "the patient waiting for Christ"
ὑπομονὴν τοῦ χριστοῦ a bearing up under
endurance, steadfastness, patience

Tr. in the margin, "94" which shows that the early translators
felt that "of Christ" did not come out all that Paul meant. They
felt that he meant our patience towards Christ, which manifests
itself in the patient waiting for Christ.

We should follow the text both ways, objective and subjective grounds.

- I Subjective
- 1. The wonderful example of our Saviour.
 - (1) Patient for us.
Nazarath carpenter who
Trained by the devil (think of their previous meetings before with us)
Suffering - laid upon him the iniquity of us all
- legion, anguish at last command
- Father, forgive them: know not what they do.
 - (2) Patient with us
We need your work men. Discharge us! Refuse us!
ret. draw us. Love us still.

4. Objectives

2. Our patient serving and waiting (at intending 7 Paul a word; 7 the only two.)

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We know not when he comes, but faithful to our tasks; when he comes, for a well doing. Not well ^{resolving} ^{conquering} ^{withholding} ^{truly} "What is 'well-doing'?"

(1) The common acts of daily life
5: 10-12 So daily bread a part of well doing. Not just purely, but the father, the mother, the carpenter, the doctor, the mother, her after a retirement
Every one daily - every day - every act a part of service to others
Christ had called us.

Continuing

(2) Forbearance in criticism, lack of aggressiveness
Sometimes, just disregard, passing by.
Sometimes interpret hostility.

Remember, the dirt people can fly will break off when they remember, we so much fault, could have said worse, but true
7. our leaving Father. Surely rain, sunshine, harvest, get whole medicine never dark, 7 like black gold, silver, gold, stone, iron 7 the great things. Other, than his blessing its course.
8. grace, prayer.

(3) Not wearying, ceasing, when busy divine commands
disrupting, toppling, tearing, serving, with so little result.
Gal. 6: 9. Sowing, we are sowing? why, no response?

Let us go back to work with joy, sowing, seed, reaps, fields, labor 7 sowing

Chicken Economics

WORK of Plan. 5.16

Once upon a time there was a farmer who raised two chickens, took them to the city and sold them to a factory worker, then bought two shirts with the proceeds. So the farmer had two shirts and the city worker had two chickens. Later, the local "liberal" politico told the farmer he could get more money for his chickens by making them scarcer. He also told the worker that he should work fewer hours and get more for his labor. So the next time the farmer brought only one chicken to market. He got as much money for the one chicken as he formerly got for the two. But when he went to buy shirts, he found that the price had doubled, so he got only one shirt. Now the laborer has one chicken and the farmer has one shirt, whereas if they hadn't listened to the politico-economist — but had produced as they knew how — they would both have had twice as much. Thus endeth our lesson in basic economics.