

I Thes. 3: 1-13



SUBJECT: Paul's Prayer For
Thessalonica

Praying Prayers
"Prayer in the Growth of the X^{ty}"

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Prayer and the Growth of The Christian

The burden on the heart of Paul for his new converts.

2: 7, 8c, 11 a mother for the child, a father for his children

2: 18 sought to visit them twice, but "Satan hindered."

3: 1-5 unable to go himself, and his dearly beloved son in the faith, Timothy. Left alone in Athens.

3: 6-8 - Act 18: 5 Paul in Macedonia in Corinth, in affliction, much discouragement. But Timothy's report: gospel soundly preached, new converts, grows in grace, matured in the faith. Paul filled with gladness, comforted.

3: 7, 8 "... now we live..." not exaggeration. His life full of new joys, strength, victory.

Paul in Corinth, unable to go to Thessalonica, gives himself to prayer for them. If could not go, yet he could directly influence them by his prayers.

NOTE: The changing, moving, unreaching influence of prayer.

(1) At home, incapacitated, limited in activity, cannot go to church, cannot do what others would do. However, that could become a great means of helping the work of X by reaching out of the arms of intercession. Many a minister, one intercessor behind him, his work intercessor.

(at T. J. Wilson's, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000)

(2) After we are gone, God remembers that prayer. (as Corinthy Wiggins: "O mother, do you see your beams? your prayers have been answered.")

(3) * Those far away.

(a) Leader of an infidel club to Moody, "Pray for me!"
(b) George Muller, 5 men laid on his heart to pray for them.
18 months, 1 converted
5 years more, another converted
12 1/2 years more, another converted
40 years, said felt encouraged, sure of seeing an answer for the work done.

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that ye may grow thereby." But we cannot grow in
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We must have the two.

If study the word, do not pray, become puffed up with knowledge
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The modern pulpit.

Educated, learned, many times brilliant, but weak in prayer. The 'rich' learning is against the dependent humility of prayer. The learned young graduates of Union Seminary... G. S. Jones, Paul Sawyer, with holy Scriptures, quietly demanding to pray--

- Quote "... Richard Cecil --
- Quote "... Richard Newton ...
- Quote "... Wm. Plummer ...
- Quote "... Wm. Carey ...

1. Submission

They will be done.
(a) Woman said, asked, willing to die, die, which? Answered "which God please?" "But," said one, "I should refer it to you, which would you choose?" "Truly," replied she, "I would refer it to her again."

2. Waiting in faith.

(a) Teacher, "said a bright earnest young lady, why is it so many prayers are unanswered? Billy says God ... send ... hand ...?"
"Did you sit by for some way. hand down, answer nobody, hand down, mission by ... hand, my away. Ask, do not expect, hand and do not mean to enter."
(b) Moody, the leader of the infidel club
(c) Henry Muller
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(d) Conalty Hoagess
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1/ Richard Cecil: 1748-1810 English preacher of great ability.

"There is a manifest want of spiritual influence in the ministry of the present day. I feel it in my own case and I can see it in that of others. I am afraid there is too much of a low, managing, contriving, manœuvring temper of mind among us. We are laying ourselves out more than is expedient to meet one man's taste and another man's ^(dislike) prejudice. The ministry should find in us a simple habit of spirit and a holy but humble indifference to all consequences."

2/ Richard Newton: 1813-1887. Episcopalian, English born
minister of Baltimore. brother of just justice

"The principal cause of my
leanness and unfruitfulness is
owing to an unaccountable
backwardness to pray. I can
write & read & converse &
hear with a ready heart; but
prayer is more spiritual and
inward than any of these,
and the more spiritual any
duty is the more my carnal
heart is apt to start from
it. Prayer and patience
and faith are never
disappointed. When I can
find my heart in peace and
liberty for prayer, everything else
is comparatively easy."

3/

1644-1713
American possessing several *Baronships*
at the *restoration* of the *king*, *largest* *landowner* in the *world*
1624-1691 Founder
of the *Society of Friends*
"Quakers"

William Penn of George Fox:
"But above all he excelled
in prayer. The inwardness and
weight of his spirit, the reverence
and solemnity of his address and
behaviour, and the fervour and
fulness of his words have often
struck even strangers with
admiration. The most awesome,
living, reverend frame I ever
felt or beheld, I must say,
was his prayer. And truly
it was a testimony. He
knew and lived nearer to
the Lord than other men, for
they that know him most
will see most reason to
approach him with reverence
and fear."

4/ Wm Carey's Brotherhood, Serampore

"Let us often look at David
Bainard in the woods of America
pouring out his very soul
before God for the perishing heathen.

Prayer - secret, fervent,
believing prayer - lies at the
root of all personal godliness.

A heart given up to God is
^{closest}
~~closest~~ religion - this, more
than all knowledge, or all
other gifts, will fit us to
become the instrument of God
in the great work of human
redemption."