

# EPHESIANS 6:18-24

LESSON 37

## *Prayer and Sincerity*

### 1. Ephesians 6:18 – Prayer: Beginning and End

- a. Rev 1:11-18 cf. Eph 6:17 – The sword of the Spirit is the word of God. So speak.
- b. The armor is put on, but where is the power, how does it work in you? Prayer.
- c. *“Praying always”* – There is a function to prayer: 1Th 5:16-23
  - i. It moves you - Eph 3:14; It keeps you – Phil 4:6-7; It perfects you – Col 4:12
- d. *“prayer and supplication”* – More than talking to God, pleading with sincere desire
  - i. We all need supplied – who is going to do it? 1Ti 2:1-6, Eph 3:20, Phi 4:19, 1:19
- e. *“in the Spirit”* – a key to mystery doctrine – Rom 5:5, 8:1, 1Co 3:16, Gal 3:3, 5:25, 6:8
  - i. A key to Ephesians – Eph 1:13, 2:18, 2:22, 3:5, 3:16, 4:3-4, 5:9, 5:18, 6:17-18
  - ii. The mind of the Spirit b/c it is acc. to the will of God - Rom 8:26-28, 1Cor 14:15
- f. *“and watching”* – Looking for where and when God’s will be done – Col 4:2-3
  - i. Unanswered prayer is not an obstacle – 2 Ths 3:1, 1 Cor 16:9

### 2. Ephesians 6:19-20 – Boldness to Speak

- a. *“for me”* – Yes, we pray for others acc. to the will of God.
- b. *“that utterance may be given”* – not tongue talking here, but opportunity
  - i. Paul was in bonds and on trial - Acts 21:39, 24:10, 24:23-27
- c. *“I may open my mouth boldly”* – a pattern & product of knowledge & sincere faith -3:12
- d. Paul’s pattern of boldness - Acts 9:27-29, 13:46, 14:3-4, 19:8, Phi 1:14, 1Th 2:2, 1Ti 3:12
- e. *“mystery of the gospel”* – The importance of the mystery revealed – 2 Ti1:10, 1Co 2:7-8
  - i. You cannot be saved and not understand the mystery of the gospel
- f. *“ambassador in bonds”* – An ambassador not for Israel but Christ – 2 Cor 5:20
  - i. He was bold in bonds more than once – Acts 25:8-11, 26:1, 26:23-28

### 3. Ephesians 6:21-22 – Faithful Ministry

- a. Tychicus was from around Ephesus – Acts 20:4, 21:29
- b. There were men who gained attention for their zeal and care – 2 Cor 8:16-23
- c. Tychicus was faithful to the ministry with Paul til the end – 2 Tim 4:12
- d. Why was it important they know “how I do”? He was imprisoned with some liberty.
- e. *“the same purpose”* – the purpose Paul exhorted them to perform earlier

### 4. Ephesians 6:23-24 – A Good Conclusion

- a. Peace, love, faith, grace ← this is the good spoken of in Rom 8:28
- b. Grace and peace to all, but identifying there are sincere, and insincere – Ph 1:10
- c. Sincerity ~*def.* pure, real, unfeigned – 2 Cor 6:6, 8;8, 1 Tim 1:5, 2 Tim 1:5
- d. Like Romans, Ephesians is a good doctrinal book worth studying again and again.