Praying ALL-ways With ALL Perseverance For ALL Saints

Ephesians 6:18-20

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Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

A. Praying ALL-ways...with ALL prayer...with ALL perseverance...for ALL saints

- Mat 28:18 ... All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach **all** nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe **all things** whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you **alway**, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.
- 2Co 9:8 And God *is* able to make **all** grace abound toward you; that ye, **always** having **all** sufficiency in **all** *things*, may abound to **every** good work:

B. Prayer and supplication

- Est 4:14 ...who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?
- Est 4:15 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,
- Est 4:16 Go, gather together all the Jews...and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.
- Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death...

C. Praying in the Spirit

- Luk 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray...
- Luk 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
- Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

D. Watching

- Mat 26:40 ... What, could ye not watch with me one hour?
- Mat 26:41 ...the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

E. Praying with perseverance

- Luk 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
- Luk 18:2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:
- Luk 18:3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.
- Luk 18:4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;
- Luk 18:5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.
- Luk 18:6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.
- Luk 18:7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Luk 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

F. Praying for all saints

Jas 5:16 ...pray one for another...

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

A. And for me—Paul said to first pray for all the saints—Then don't forget me

Rom 15:30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me;

2Th 3:1 Finally, brethren, **pray for us**, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:

B. That utterance may be given unto me

Col 4:3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us **a door of utterance**, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

Col 4:4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Isa 50:4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

Isa 50:5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.

Isa 50:6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Isa 50:7 For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded (ashamed): therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed (blush).

C. That I may open my mouth boldly...that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to...

1. As we try to serve the Lord—Our boldness is oftentimes still mixed with fears

Mar 15:43 Joseph of Arimathaea...went in boldly unto Pilate...

Joh 19:38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus...

2. Though we are called to boldness—Jesus allows us to use a level of wisdom

Mat 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Mat 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

3. Yet, there are times when boldness calls for totally forgetting self-safety

Act 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Act 5:29 ...We ought to obey God rather than men.

Php 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel...

4. Through prayer—It is possible to receive Holy Ghost power and boldness

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

5. Mighty things can be done by the fearless words of a God-called preacher

Jer 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jer 1:6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

Jer 1:7 But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Jer 1:8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

Jer 1:9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

Jer 1:10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

6. May I publicly preach what Jesus gives—Fearing God more than men

- Mat 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.
- Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

D. To make known the mystery of the gospel

- Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
- Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery...
- Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men...
- Eph 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
- Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

E. For which I am an ambassador

- 2Co 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
- 2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- 2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

F. An ambassador in bonds

- Php 1:12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;
- Php 1:13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;
- Php 1:14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
- Php 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:
- Php 1:16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:
- Php 1:17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.
- Php 1:18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.