

Ephesians 6 (5-6-12)

PERSISTING IN PRAYER!

The Spiritual Warfare Series

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TEXT: Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

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

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray **without ceasing**.

Colossians 4:2 Continue in prayer...

Romans 12:1...continuing instant in prayer;

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, **always labouring fervently for you in prayers**, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, **and not to faint**;

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet because this widow **troubleth me**, I will avenge her, **lest by her continual coming** she weary me.

Isaiah 62:6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: **ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence**,

7 And **give him no rest**, till he establish...

Luke 11:5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet **because of his importunity** he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, **Ask, and it shall be given you**; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Mark 10:46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, **he began to cry out**, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

48 And **many charged him that he should hold his peace**: but **he cried the more a great deal**, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

Matthew 26:44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed **the third time, saying the same words**.

Mark 4:38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, **carest thou not that we perish?**

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

2 Corinthians 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord **thrice**, that it might depart from me.

Isaiah 1:5 Why should ye be stricken any more? **ye will revolt more and more**: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

Isaiah 9:13 For the people **turneth not unto him that smiteth them**, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.

Jeremiah 2:30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction...

Jeremiah 5:3...thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock...

Numbers 11:1 And when **the people complained**, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.

4 And the mixt multitude that was among them **fell a lusting**: and the children of Israel **also wept** again, and said, **Who shall give us flesh to eat?**

5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel...

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh...

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20 But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails...

33 And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

Psalms 78:18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation...

29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

30 They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.

Psalms 42:3 My tears have been my meat day and night, **while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?**

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; **while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?**

Job 21:15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? **and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?**

Job 27:10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? **will he always call upon God?**

"By 'praying always,' we are exhorted to the daily constant exercise of the duty of prayer...By 'praying with perseverance,' we are pressed to bear up against discouragements...and not to give over though we have not a speedy answer...Indeed perseverance crowns every grace and commends every duty...This God highly commends. It got Jacob the name of a prince, so nobly he behaved himself in this duty, holding it out till break of day with God, and then would not let him go till he had blessed him...While the carnal heart prays for deliverance, he hath other projects in his head how to wriggle himself out of the briers in which he is caught, and on these he lays more stress and weight than on God to whom he prays; therefore, at last, he leaves praying..."

(William Gurnall)