

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”

Text: Romans 8:26-27

Scripture reading: Luke 11:1-13

I. “Standin in the need of prayer” – vs. 26a (American spiritual)

A) Weakness (Jn. 14:16; Matt. 11:28-30)

B) Ignorance

II. “In the Garden” – vs. 26b (hymn #425)

A) Interceding – vs. 19

B) Groaning

III. “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” – vs. 27 (hymn #252)

A) Unity with God – vs. 27a

B) According to God – vs. 27b

1. Intercession for the saints

2. The will of God

Conclusion:

1. _____ and _____

2. _____ and _____

3. _____ and _____

“God’s Word must be the guide of your desires and the ground of your expectations in prayer; nor can you expect that He should give a gracious ear to what you say to Him if you turn a deaf ear to what He saith to you.”
-Matthew Henry

SERMON QUOTES:

I. “Standin in the need of prayer”

John Murray,

“In the preceding verses, (18-25), the accent falls upon the suffering and the support afforded in these; in verses 26, 27 the accent falls upon our infirmity and the help given for its relief. As hope sustains us in suffering, so the Holy Spirit helps our infirmity.”

A) Weakness

Martin Lloyd-Jones,

“...we are not told that the Spirit intends to do everything for us, and that we have nothing to do. The Spirit helps us. He does not take the whole of the burden from us. ...The Apostle is not teaching a doctrine of passivity.”

Charles Hodge,

“It represents the condescending Spirit as taking upon Himself, as it were a portion of our sorrows to relieve us of their pressure.”

III. “Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”

B) According to God

Martin Lloyd-Jones,

“To tell people to start praying as they are, is virtually to deny the whole of the Christian gospel. ...The Spirit makes intercession for the saints, and for no others; and it is our duty to warn people that they may be deluding themselves and merely treating themselves psychologically by imagining that they are praying, when in reality they are but talking to themselves. ...The Spirit helps the saints because they are the only people who have any standing in the presence of God.”