

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-29 “That God Make You Worthy”

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2 THESS 1:11-12 “To this end we always pray for you, **THAT** our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹² **SO THAT** the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A common theme of Paul’s “So that...” prayers is that the LORD JESUS be glorified in the “walk” of the Believers. Paul’s two LETTERS TO THE THESSALONIANS are among his earliest writings. So here, we have one of the “5” prayers he offered in 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS.

In context of his Letters, **this the very first time he offers this prayer that the LORD be glorified as the believers walk in a worthy manner.**

There are “3” major petitions in this Prayer: 1) *That God may make you worthy of His calling*; 2) *That God may fulfill every pursuit for good and work of faith*; 3) *That God be glorified in you by His grace.*

TO THIS END WE PRAY

“To this end we always pray for you...” -

This opening phrase points “backwards...not forward” as many interpret it. Paul’s desire is that based upon what they have endured to this point will be a foundation for God to fulfill through them all that will lead to His being glorified in them.

- Paul’s prayer in these verses is in reference to what Paul has said in 2 THESS 1:3-10:
 - They are growing in “Faith and Love”
 - Even as they are “enduring” the hardships of persecution (vs 3-4; also 1 THESS 1:9; 2:14-16; 3:2-5)
- That GOD will **reward** all faithfulness AND **recompense** all injustice against His CHURCH at His 2ND COMING (vs5-6)

- That GOD will provide “rest and relief” for all who have suffered persecution (vs 7)
- That His “Appearance” will be accompanied by His mighty Angels and supernatural signs of Judgment (vs 7-9)
- That His “Appearance” will be praised and honored by the Saints, ...and THEY will be honored for their faithfulness and witness (vs 10)

The “Prayer” is NOT that they be relieved of the “pressure” BUT that they use the “pressure” to “glorify GOD”

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WORTHY OF HIS CALLING

Vs 16-18 “... **that** our God may make you worthy of his calling...”

- “That our God -
- “may make you worthy...” -
 - This is **NOT** about the “Believers walking in a manner that reflects what God has done in them...”

Although Paul calls upon them to do so:

1THESS 2:12 “...we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of GOD, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.”

EPH 4:1 “I therefore, a prisoner for the LORD, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called...”

- This is GOD ‘finishing a work inwardly’ ...**SO THAT** they **might be able...** (Aor/Subj)... God will provide the ability so that they may be able...
- We **DO NOT** “walk worthy **IN** our own ability”
- **W/O GOD** “providing the ability” ... there can be **NO** “walking worthy...”