

Our Guarantee of Glory Pt 5

The Groans of the Spirit

Romans 8:26-27

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Introduction

Security is something we all desire. And to live without it is most undesirable.

We hope and pray for security in our Jobs —-something that last and provides for the family

Investments— for them to do well and not be lost

Retirements—for us to have some sense of a future

Insurances —to be ready if a health crisis or accident occurs

Home security— to be sure and safe as we close our eyes at night, or leave our home for a time.

But, all of these are very temporary.

And frankly, in some cases people have lived without most of these for centuries

But what really matters is what most people Don't think about. **Eternal Security.**

What we are not talking about is the, walk the isle, sign the card, get baptized and leave the church and live like an unbeliever

But the genuine believer, who has genuine saving faith.

1 Peter 1:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Romans 8:29–30 (NKJV)

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

This has been called Eternal Security, or the Perseverance of the Saints

1 John 3:9 (NKJV)

⁹ Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

1 John 2:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you... and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

John 10:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 6:37–39 (NKJV)

³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. ...³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

Hebrews 9:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

God the Father is involved in this security

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

2 Corinthians 1:21 (NKJV)

²¹ Now He who **establishes** us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God,

to strengthen ⇔ **solidify** v. — to strengthen a personal quality or aspect; conceived of as making something solid or more solid.

31.91 βεβαιόω^a: (derivative of βέβαιος^b ‘dependable, reliable,’ 31.90) to cause someone to be firm or established in belief— ‘to cause to believe, to establish in belief.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 376). New York: United Bible Societies.

2 Timothy 2:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” ...”

God the Son is involved in this security

1 Corinthians 1:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ (you are) eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will also **confirm** you to the end, *that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Hebrews 7:23–25 (NKJV)

²³ Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. ²⁴ But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Holy Spirit is involved in this security

Ephesians 1:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

2 Corinthians 1:21–22 (NKJV)

²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, ²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Not only the fact that the Entire Trinity is involved
in this work of security
but also
Jesus always has his prayers answered

John 17:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*.

Jesus who is the Judge will not condemn us because He is the one who paid the penalty we deserved.

Romans 8:33–34 (NKJV)

³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

The Father assures His work will be done

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 (NKJV)

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and

body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*.

Although secure we grieve because of the remaining presence of sin.

Psalm 38:4–10 (NKJV)

- ⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my head;
Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
- ⁵ My wounds are foul *and* festering
Because of my foolishness.
- ⁶ I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
- ⁷ For my loins are full of inflammation,
And *there is* no soundness in my flesh.
- ⁸ I am feeble and severely broken;
I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.
- ⁹ Lord, all my desire *is* before You;
And my sighing is not hidden from You.
- ¹⁰ My heart pants, my strength fails me;
As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.

Romans 7:14–25 (NASB95)

- 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, **but I am doing the very thing I hate.**
- 16 But if I do the very thing **I do not want to do**, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law is good.
- 17 So now, **no longer am I the one doing it**, but sin which dwells in me.
- 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; **for the willing is present in me**, but **the doing of the good is not.**
- 19 For **the good that I want**, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that **I do not want.**
- 20 But if I am doing the very thing **I do not want**, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.
- 21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the **one who wants to do good.**
- 22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,
- 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, **waging war** against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.
- 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

v. 15 I hate what I am doing

v 16 I do not want to do what I am doing

v. v17 not the new man doing it.

18. I have the desire to do what is right

v. 19 I desire what is good.

v.20 I don't want the bad

v. 21 Evil is with me and the desire to good is with me.

v.23 There is war raging in me

v. 25. I am with my mind a slave to the law of God and with my flesh a slave of sin.

Puritan pastor Thomas Watson said,

The godly may act faintly in religion, the pulse of their affections may beat low. The exercise of grace may be hindered, as when the course of water is stopped. Instead of grace working in the godly, corruption may work; instead of patience, murmuring; instead of heavenliness, earthliness.... Thus lively and vigorous may corruption be in the regenerate; they may fall into enormous sins....

[But] though their grace may be drawn low, it is not drawn dry; though grace may be abated, it is not abolished.... Grace may suffer an eclipse, not a dissolution.... a believer may fall from some degrees of grace, but not from the state of grace. (*A*

Body of Divinity [reprint, Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 1974], pp. 280, 284–85)

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 1, pp. 459–460). Chicago: Moody Press.

SO We groan

2 Corinthians 4:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 5:1–4 (NKJV)

5 For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, .

⁴ For we who are in *this* tent groan, being **burdened**, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

to be burdened v. — to be or become characterized by bearing a physically heavy weight or load.

Luke 9:32 (NKJV)

³² But Peter and those with him were **heavy** with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

But even with all of that war an groaning and burden

WE are not condemned.

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit

Review.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

sufferings all related to sin

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in

hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Lesson

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

²⁶ **Likewise** the Spirit also **helps** in our **weaknesses**.

Likewise

hósautós: in like manner

Original Word: ὡσαύτως

Part of Speech: Adverb

Transliteration: hósautós

Phonetic Spelling: (ho-sow'-toce)

hōsaútōs (an adverb, derived from [5613](#) /hōs, "as" and [846](#) /autós, "the same") – properly, **in the same way as**; "likewise, in like manner" (J. Thayer).

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

23 Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body

²⁶ **Likewise** the Spirit also **helps** in our **weaknesses.**

helps

Original Word: συναντιλαμβάνομαι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: sunantilambanomai

Phonetic Spelling: (soon-an-tee-lam-ban'-om-ahee)

synantilambánomai – properly, to give assistance with full initiative because closely-identified – supplying help that exactly corresponds to the need. [Note the prefixes: 4862 /sýn ("closely identified with") and 473 / antí ("corresponding") which each nuance the root (2983 / lambánō, "**aggressively lay hold** of"). 4878 (synantilambánomai) **is always in the Greek middle voice in the NT to further underline the high personal (self) interest motivating giving the help (which is personally shared).**]

συναντιλαμβάνομαι is found again in the New Testament only in Luke 10:40. **Robertson** brings out the meaning of the picturesque double compound:

“The Holy Spirit lays hold of our weakness along with (σύν) us and carries his part of the burden facing us (ἀντί) as if two men were carrying a log, one at each end” (p. 573). We should, however, not press this, for Paul speaks of a divine work, not of one half-divine and half-human.

Morris, L. (1988). *The Epistle to the Romans*. Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press.

Luke 10:40 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.

weaknesses.

astheneia: weakness, frailty

Original Word: ἀσθένεια, ας, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: astheneia

Phonetic Spelling: (as-then'-i-ah)

Definition: weakness, frailty

Usage: want of strength, weakness, illness, suffering, calamity, frailty.

Cognate: 769 asthéneia – properly, without strength (negating the root sthenos, "strength"). See 772 (asthenēs).

769 /asthéneia ("weakness, sickness") refers to an ailment that deprives someone of enjoying or accomplishing what they would like to do. 769 (asthéneia) focuses on the handicaps that go with the weakness.

74.23 ἀσθένεια^a, ας f: a state of incapacity to do or experience something – ‘incapacity, weakness, limitation

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 677). New York: United Bible Societies.

The later MSS often have the plural (cf. KJV, “our infirmities”), but Paul is referring to the overall weakness of human nature rather than to particular manifestations of that weakness

Morris, L. (1988). [The Epistle to the Romans](#) (p. 326). Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press.

Because of our remaining humanness and susceptibility to sin and doubt, the Holy **Spirit also helps** us in **our weakness**. In this context, **weakness** doubtless refers to our human condition in general, not to specific weaknesses. The point is that, even after salvation, we are characterized by spiritual **weakness**. Acting morally, speaking the truth, witnessing for the Lord, or doing any other good thing happens only by the power of **the Spirit** working in and through us despite our human limitations.

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1991). [Romans](#) (Vol. 1, p. 466). Chicago: Moody Press.

Romans 5:6 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

2 Corinthians 12:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

2 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)

⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a **thorn in the flesh was given to me**, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

2 Corinthians 12:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ And He said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”**

Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

Hebrews 5:2 (NKJV)

² He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.

1 Peter 3:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

We should notice further that Paul does not say that the Spirit removes our weakness; it is still there, and we live our whole life in conditions of weakness. What the Spirit does is to help; he gives us the aid we need to see us through

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26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know
what we should pray for as we
ought,

For: γάρ

Part of Speech: Conjunction

Transliteration: gar

Phonetic Spelling: (gar)

Definition: for, indeed (a conjunction used to express cause, explanation, inference or continuation)

Because

this next sentence explains what the weaknesses he is referring to. Our human frailty and very limited capacity with all being affected by our sinfulness has the result of us not being able to pray effectively

we do not know

οἶδαμεν

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είδō (oida) – properly, to see with physical eyes (cf. Ro 1:11), as it naturally bridges to the metaphorical sense: perceiving ("mentally seeing"). This is akin to the expressions: "I see what You mean"; "I see what you are saying.

For we do not know

what we should pray for **as we**

ought,

ought,

dei: it is necessary

Original Word: δεῖ

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: dei

Phonetic Spelling: (die)

Definition: it is necessary

Usage: it is necessary, inevitable; less frequently: it is a duty, what is proper.

1163 deí – properly, what must happen, i.e. what is absolutely necessary ("it behooves that . . .").

to be obligatory v. — to be **required by obligation**, compulsion, or convention.

71.21 δεῖ^b: to be *something which should be done* as the result of compulsion, whether internal (as a matter of duty) or external (law, custom, and circumstances) — ‘should, ought, to have to do.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, pp. 669–670). New York: United Bible Societies.

We are so weak, that we don't know and continue not to know what the real needs are.

We are praying for sickness and job loss, but our real trouble is that sin is crouching at the door.

We are praying for strength and protection from a flu while the devil is trying to destroy us.

We are the man on the beach sitting relaxed in his lawn chair praying not to be sun burned while a category 5 hurricane approaches.

We are the child sitting on floor in his bed rooms play with his toys while the next room is on fire.

We are weak and incapable of praying for what we really need.

Moses

Deuteronomy 3:24–26 (NKJV)

²⁴ ‘O Lord God, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god *is there* in heaven or on earth who can do *anything* like Your works and Your mighty *deeds*? ²⁵ I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.’

²⁶ “But the Lord was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the Lord said to me: ‘Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter.’

Jeremiah

Jeremiah 14:20–15:1 (NKJV)

- ²⁰ We acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness
 And the iniquity of our fathers,
 For we have sinned against You.
- ²¹ Do not abhor *us*, for Your name's sake;
 Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory.
 Remember, do not break Your covenant with us.
- ²² Are there any among the idols of the nations that
 can cause rain?
 Or can the heavens give showers?
 Are You not He, O Lord our God?
 Therefore we will wait for You,
 Since You have made all these.

15 Then the Lord said to me, “*Even* if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind *would not be* favorable toward this people. Cast *them* out of My sight, and let them go forth.

Paul

2 Corinthians 12:7–9 (NKJV)

⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh

was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, **but the Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with **groanings** which **cannot be uttered.**

Ωσαυτως δε και το πνευμα συναντιλαμβανεται ταις ασθενειαις ημων το γαρ τι προσευξωμεθα καθο δει ουκ οιδαμεν αλλ αυτο το πνευμα υπερεντυγχανει υπερ ημων στεναγμοις αλαητοις

but— ἀλλά

the Spirit Himself —-αυτο το πνευμα
makes intercession for us **Pres. Act Indicative**

υπερ εντυγχανει υπερ ημων TR
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critical text does not have υπερ ημω

33.347 ἐντυγχάνω^b; ἔντευξις, εως *f*: to speak to someone on behalf of someone else—‘to intercede, intercession.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 427). New York: United Bible Societies.

Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Romans 8:34 (NKJV)

³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

stenagmos: a groaning

Original Word: στεναγμός, ου, ο

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: stenagmos

Phonetic Spelling: (sten-ag-mos')

Definition: a groaning

Usage: a groaning, sighing.

Cognate: 4726 stenagmós – groaning (sighing), especially brought on by circumstances creating great pressure. [See 4727 \(stenazō\)](#).

alalétos: inexpressible

Original Word: ἀλάλητος, ον

Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: alalétos

Phonetic Spelling: (al-al'-ay-tos)

Definition: inexpressible

Usage: unutterable, that baffles words, unexpressed.

Word Origin

from [alpha](#) (as a neg. prefix) and [laleó](#)

indescribable adj. — defying expression or description.

33.202 ἀνεκδιήγητος, ον: pertaining to that which cannot be fully related or communicated — ‘indescribable, beyond words

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 410). New York: United Bible Societies.

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift!

1 Peter 1:8 (NKJV)

⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

This is not some unknown tongue given to Christians, or a heavenly prayer language that you pray that no one knows except God.

That is a total misrepresentation of the text.

COMPLETELY

²⁶, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Reasons

1. The Spirit himself does it, not us.
2. It is expressible wordless un utterable groaning.
3. It is communication of the Spirit with the Father.
not us to the Father.
4. It is intercession... The Spirit does it for us. We don't do this for ourselves through the Spirit.

27 Now He who searches the

hearts knows what the mind of the

Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

ο δε ερευνων τας καρδιας οιδεν τι το φρονημα του πνευματος οτι κατα Θεον εντυγχανει υπερ αγιων

Now He who searches the hearts

ο δε ερευνων τας καρδιας

The one searching

ἐρευνῶν Pres A Part

ereunaó: search.

Original Word: ἐρευνάω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: ereunaó

Phonetic Spelling: (er-yoo-nah'-o)

Definition: search

Usage: I search diligently, examine.

to examine (analyze) v. — to consider in detail and subject to an analysis in order to discover essential features or meaning.

1 Chronicles 28:9 (NKJV)

⁹ “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

1 Chronicles 29:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these *things*; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV)

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the Lord* does not *see* as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Psalms 139:1–4 (NKJV)

¹ O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*.

² You know my sitting down and my rising up;

- You understand my thought afar off.
- ³ You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ For *there is* not a word on my tongue,
But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

Proverbs 15:11 (NKJV)

- ¹¹ Hell and Destruction *are* before the Lord;
So how much more the hearts of the sons of men.

Acts 1:24 (NKJV)

- ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen

1 Corinthians 4:5 (NKJV)

- ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

Hebrews 4:12–13 (NKJV)

- ¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and

Transliteration: phronéma

Phonetic Spelling: (fron'-ay-mah)

Definition: the thought (that which is in the mind)

Usage: thought, purpose, aspirations.

Cognate: 5427 phrónēma (a neuter noun) – properly visceral opinion (the innermost, personal level of opinion); **inner perspective** as it determines (regulating) outward behavior, especially as it bears on the outward results (i.e. of exercising personal insight). Note the suffix, -ma, pointing to the result of the verbal idea. [See 5429](#) (phronimos).

mindset n. — a habitual or characteristic mental attitude that determines how you will interpret and respond to situations.

1 Corinthians 2:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

27 Now He who searches the

hearts knows what the mind of the

Spirit is, because He makes

intercession for the saints according

to *the will of God*.

ο δε ερευνων τας καρδιας οιδεν τι το φρονημα του πνευματος ΟΤΙ ΚΑΤΑ
ΘΕΟΝ ΕΝΤΥΓΧΑΝΕΙ ΥΠΕΡ ΑΓΙΩΝ

because, according to God, he is making
intercession on behalf of the Holy ones
(saints)

There is some dispute as to whether we should introduce the second part of the sentence with *because* (as NIV) or “that” (as JB). The Greek could mean either. If we take it to mean “because”, Paul is telling us why it is that God knows the Spirit’s mind; if “that”, he is giving us the content of the Spirit’s thought. Those who favor “because” maintain that Paul is clearly giving us the reason and further that “that” would tell us very little (“God knows that the Spirit intercedes”; how could it be otherwise?). Those who argue for “that” hold that the following is insufficient as a reason; God cannot be said to know the mind of the Spirit only because he intercedes. There seems no way of deciding the point, and both possibilities must be kept open

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1 John 5:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

If this is true of us who are weak and unable to pray effectively,

How much more of the Spirit who knows perfectly the mind of the Spirit.