

## ROMANS 8:26-27

### INRO:

- These 2 verses close out this long section on the Spirit and our Sonship.
- They also mention the final statements about the direct work of the Spirit which began in vs. 1
- The Holy Spirit is Mentioned 20X in these verses and the human spirit 2 more times.
- No chapter in the Bible mention the Spirit more often.
- Notice also the title of saints, the only time used in this chapter, and by its use deepen the description of believers from children or sons to saints adding the thought of separation.
- Here is a list of questions that should arise in our minds as we carefully and observantly read these two verses.

### **READ ROMANS 8:26-27**

- VS. 26:
  - What is the "weakness?"
  - We do not know what to pray
  - As we ought.
  - The Spirit makes intercession.
  - For us: The great privilege also repeated in similar form in 27 with "for the Saints."
  - Groanings.
  - Unutterable.
- VS. 27
  - He Who searches, hearts.
  - The mind of the Spirit.
  - He makes intercession, who is HE? (The Holy Spirit)
  - According to the will of God.

### WEAKNESS:

- It would seem that the weakness mentioned here in Vs. 26, is answered by the phrase found in this very verse, not knowing what to pray for and as we ought.
- We do not know, nor how to pray as we ought. A terrible weakness.
- He God, knows what the mind of the Spirit is in prayer because He, the Spirit intercedes according to the will of God.
- God knows what is in the Spirit's mind because they are in unity, they think in unity and harmony, always. And they alone know all things fully, the end from the beginning.

### **HE WHO SEARCHES:**

- Scripture teaches that the Godhead searches men's hearts.
  - **God; Ps. 139:1-6,**
  - **Jer. 17:10; I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind,**
  - **Jesus: Rev. 2:23**
  - **Jn. 2:25,**
  - **1 Cor. 4:5**

### **HE MAKES INTERCESSION:**

- Our Great High Priest makes intercession for us in the Heavenly Holy of Holies above.
- While the Holy Spirit makes holy intercession here in the inner temple of the believer on earth.
- It is the work of the Spirit to inspire, guide and mold our thoughts and prayer, and intercede here, while it is the work of our High Priest Jesus to be our Mediator in the presence of God our Father above.
  - **Heb. 7:25, 1 Jn. 2:1**
  - **Eph. 6:18a**
- How blessed are the Children of God for they have not one, but w intercessors. Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- These groanings are place in our hearts by the brooding of the Holy Spirit. **Gen. 1:2**

### **CONCLUSION:**

- In verse 27 we learn that the limitation, the weakness of our natural dullness and inability does not hinder us or disqualifies us from fruitfulness in prayer, in asking,
- because the Holy Spirit graces us within our hearts with burdens and unspeakable groanings according to the will of God, and so He intercedes.
- And He who searches the heart knows what the Spirit has placed there and as the Godhead is one, He knows what the mind of the Spirit is, as they are one in the same.
- What encouragement this brings to us, our weakness, lack of understanding, this limitation does not prevent fruitful praying for we have resident within an Omnipotent, an Omniscient Paraclete, leading, brooding, and bringing answers to our cries, and all things are possible. (**Jn. 14:16-18, 26**)
- He, the Holy Searcher knows our hearts, we are so blessed that it is God who completely knows our hearts, He does not miss-read where others do.
- Our hearts at times are even misread by ourselves, we ourselves cannot be always trusted.
- Jeremiah the prophet tells us the heart is desperately wicked, who can know it. (17:9-10)
- But God sees and knows perfectly and fully. (**Heb. 4:13**)

- **The faintest whisper in the heart of man is clearly known by God, even before we assemble the words. (PS. 139:4)**
- **God alone can interpret the unuttered groan; it is the Spirit who has created it. (Gen. 1:2)**
- **And so, our weakness is overshadowed by the Spirit praying in us, through us, for us, according to the will of God.**
- **What comfort and encouragement for us to pray.**

**Let us Pray... Phil. 4:6-7**

**<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**