

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS



6. Paul's Second Letter

Introduction

At times we question why God allows his children to suffer. Why was Paul, who preached the gospel so effectively to the Gentiles, confined in prison, when he could have continued to fulfill his calling? Yet it was during that time in prison that he wrote letters to the Gentile believers and prayed for them. These letters not only impacted those who received them then, but every generation of Christians since! We marvel as we read his letters and prayers, nearly 2000 years later. There are two prayers in the Book of Ephesians, and we now come to the second one.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:12-21

- † What reason does Paul give for kneeling in prayer that can encourage us to pray too? v12-13

- † What are the two main things that Paul prays for, and why does he pray for these things? See v16-17 and v18-19.

- † Spend a few minutes rereading and meditating on these verses by yourself. What verse or phrase stands out to you? Why?

Conclusion

It seems Paul had covered everything in his prayer with these two requests. What more could one ask for? However he goes on and writes: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably **more** than **all** we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..." You may feel your prayers are inadequate, but God is able to do more than you have asked for! Hallelujah.