

## How Far Will God Go to Bless Us?

### Romans 8:26-39

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. *For* those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him *freely give us all things*?

Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, for Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered. But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am *convinced* that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able

to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He will go so far as to take all things we face in life, all things our actions produce, all things others do to harm us, all things that life has to offer, the good as well as the bad - and work them into His plan for our good.

He has already provided everything for our complete salvation while we were His enemies. He proved His love by helping us when we couldn't help ourselves. How much more will He do for us now that we are His very own children, fully forgiven, created in His image? He will freely give us all other things we could need along with Him. Nothing was too big to keep Him from helping us when we were helpless, now nothing is too big to Him to work into His plan for our good and help us to overcome!

### V. 31 - If God is for us, who can be against us?

Jeremiah 20:11 – The Lord is with me like a dread champion (a mighty warrior); therefore, my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

1 John 4:4 – He is greater in me and for me than any force set against me.

Isaiah 54:14, 17 – In righteousness I will be established; I will be far from oppression, for I will not fear, and from terror, for it will not come near me...no weapon that is formed against me will prosper, and every tongue that accuses me in judgment I will condemn.

Psalms 118:5-9 – From my distress I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a large place. The Lord is for me; I will not fear; what can man do to me? The Lord is for me among those who help me; therefore I will look with satisfaction on those who hate me.

### V. 32 – He gave His Son, how much more all things?

Ephesians 1:7-8 – In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us in all wisdom and insight.

Matthew 6:33 – But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all of these things will be given to you as well.

### V. 33 – Who can bring any charge against us?

Romans 5:6-10, 17 – You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:4-7 – just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgive-

ness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

God loves us so much that He will even take our mistakes and work them into His plan for our good. He will take things meant for evil and turn it around so that they become for our good.

### God desires good for us:

Isaiah 30:18 – Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion.

Living (V15, 18) – For the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel says, only in returning to me and waiting for me will you be saved; in quietness and confidence is your strength, but you were not willing. Yet the Lord still waits for you to come to Him so He *can* show you His love...

3 John 2 – Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

Psalms 35:27 – ...And let them say continually, the Lord be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity (well being) of His servant.

John 10:10; - ...I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly, to the full. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.

1 John 3:8 – The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work – to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus will undo all of the stealing, killing and destroying the enemy has done in our lives.

Acts 10:38 – Jesus was anointed with power to go about doing good and heal all who were under the power of the devil or oppressed by him.

Luke 12:32 – The Father has been pleased (chosen gladly) to give us His kingdom.

James 1:12-18 – God doesn't tempt, test or try anyone. Do not be deceived. Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

Faith in His love activates it towards you. Trust in His mercy releases it in your life. All these things are provided for all of us – but we must believe them and apply them for them to work for us.

The blessings are to those who trust in Him.

Psalm 28:7 – ...my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped...

Psalm 32:10 – ...the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trust in Him.

Psalm 147:10-11 – The Lord favors and delights in those who fear Him and who put their hope in His unfailing love, who wait for His loving-kindness, who expect Him to be loving and kind.

Psalm 31:19 – There is goodness stored up for those who fear the Lord, for those who make Him their refuge and trust in Him.

1 Peter 1:5 – We are protected by the power of God through faith...

Ephesians 6:16 – The shield that extinguishes every fiery arrow of the enemy towards us if faith.

Some examples:

Matthew 1 – Jesus bloodline

V. 3 - Perez (Tamar) - Genesis 38:1-30.

V. 5 – Ruth – A foreigner.

V. 5 – Rahab, a prostitute.

V. 6 – Bathsheba – 2 Samuel 11:1-2; 12:1-12, 15-19, 24.

Genesis 45:5-8 – Joseph – They meant it for evil, but God worked it to good.