

The Problem of Prayer in the Age of Grace:

Jer 33.3

Mt. 7:7, 21:22

How do we give the “yes,no,later” answer with a straight face?

- we give conditions that are not there.

The Apostle Paul and Prayer:

- Paul interceded for other believers: Rom 1:9, Eph 1:16, Phil 1:9, Col 1:3, 9, 1 Thes 1:2, 2 Thes 1:11, Philem 4
 - Ephaphras – Col 4:12
- Paul taught that we don’t know how to pray, but that the Spirit intercedes: Rom 8:26
- Paul used the same word for *pray* as he did for *wish*. Rom 9:3, 2 Cor 13:7&9
- Paul instructed his followers to pray: Rom 12:12, Eph 6:18, Phil 4:6, Col 4:2, 1 Thes 5:17, 1 Tim 2:1, 1 Tim 2:8
- Paul asked others to pray for him: Rom 15:30, Col 4:3, 1 Thes 5:25, 2 Thes 3:1, Philem 22
- Paul talked about times of fasting and prayer: 1 Cor 7:5
- Paul talked about the need to pray under authority: 1 Cor 11:4-5, 13
- Paul taught that we should pray with understanding: 1 Cor 14:13-15
- Paul commended widows who pray day and night: 1 Tim 5:5
- Paul prays for the removal of the thorn – 2 cor 12:8-9

Note:

- Paul is a praying man and expects others to pray.
- There is not a single *instruction* about prayer, other than “do it.”
- There is not a single *promise* about prayer given by Paul

So:

- Do we get our *instruction* from other places in Scripture?
- Do we claim any *promise* from other places in Scripture?