

“HOW SHOULD YOU PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR?”

Ephesians 6:19-20 (Part 1)

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Review 6:18

Yet, preachers need people to pray for them too! Note other requests by Paul: Rom. 15:30; I Thes. 5:25; II Thes. 3:1; Col. 4:3

Notice where Paul was when he made this request!

Yet, Paul did not ask for a removal of His trials!

He was concerned that the believers pray for **Two** things:

- A message when he opens his mouth
- Courage at all times to deliver it in a worthy manner

I. A MESSAGE WHEN HE OPENS HIS MOUTH (19)

A. Two possibilities here:

1. Preaching and witnessing opportunities
2. His official defense to the Roman authorities

Cf. other references to this imprisonment of Paul (3:1; 4:1; Acts 28:16, 30)
Later Paul had a second imprisonment: II Tim. 1:12; 2:3, 10; 4:6, 8, 14-16

B. subject of his message—“Mystery of the gospel”

C. Manner of his message—“with boldness”

D. Dignity of his message—“ambassador in chains”

1. Authority to represent His sovereign
2. Sovereign power behind the representative
3. The stark contrast of the “ambassador” and “chains”

II. COURAGE AT ALL TIMES TO DELIVER IT IN A WORTHY MANNER

A. His Bold Manner and Message

1. The Truth of it
2. The Importance of it
 - Of _____ he said
 - Of _____ he said it

B. His Obligation (“As I ought to speak”)

C. His fulfillment—See Acts 28:20; II Tim. 4:17