

# PHILIPPIANS Lesson 12

## Chapter 1, verses 19-26: Praying for God's People

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### Review:

- The theme of this letter is “Joy and rejoicing.”
- The letter is penned by the Apostle Paul, who is in prison (vs 13), suffering for his faith, yet he remains confident (vss 6, 14, 25).
- Things looked bad for Paul, but “rather” (vs 12) the things that happened contributed to the furtherance of the gospel.
- Paul’s current situation gave him access to the Roman palace (vs 13), which he may not have otherwise been able to reach with the gospel.
- Others are boldly preaching as a result of Paul’s bonds (vs 14). Paul is glad for everyone who preaches Christ (vss 15—18).

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**Vss 19-26** Paul would count it as gain (vs 21) if he were to leave his body of flesh and go to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven. Yet, he knows it would be more beneficial for the other Christians (vs 24) if he were to stay on earth and continue to minister to them. Therefore, Paul asks these believers at Philippi to pray (vs 19) for his deliverance.

**Vs 19** “I know that this shall turn to my salvation.” This speaks of salvation from death.

- “**This**” preaching of the gospel (looking back to vs 18) may result in so many people getting saved, that it will no longer be a criminal offense to preach Christ.
- OR “**This**” prayer could be answered and God may deliver me.

### EXAMPLES OF PRAYER CONTRIBUTING TO DELIVERANCE:

**Acts 12:1-11** As a result of the ceaseless PRAYER of the church, Peter was delivered by an angel from prison and certain death.

**Acts 16:25-26** Paul had been delivered from prison in Philippi 11 years earlier.

**2 Cor 1:9-11** Paul said he was close to death, but God delivered him, in part because people were PRAYING for him.

**Rom 15:30-32** Paul pleaded with the believers at Rome to PRAY to God for his deliverance from unbelievers in Judaea.

**Eph 6:18-19** Paul the Apostle knew that he needed people praying for him so that he could boldly proclaim the gospel.

- If Paul needed prayer, we need prayer. We ought to pray for one another for boldness, for power, for protection, for success.

**Col 4:2-4** Paul asks for prayer so that God would open a door and enable him to speak as he ought to.

**Phm 21-22** Paul was writing in bonds, but he trusted that through the prayers of his friend, he would be freed.

God has placed many examples in the Bible of the practice and the benefits of prayer. We ought to believe that prayer works. We need to make it an essential part of our own Christian life.