

The Groaning of The Holy Spirit (pt. 2)

Romans 8:26-27

I. The Spirit Helps Us In Our Weakness (v. 26a)

II. The Spirit Intercedes With Groanings (v. 26b)

III. The Spirit Aligns His Prayers With God's Will (v. 27)

A. The Father knows all things (v. 27a)

1. God searches our hearts
2. God knows the mind of the Spirit

III. The Spirit Aligns His Prayers With God's Will (v. 27)

B. The Spirit perfectly intercedes (v. 27b)

1. The Spirit never prays for the wrong thing
2. The Spirit's prayers are always aligned with God's will
 - a) God has a revealed will
 - b) God also has a sovereign (secret) will
 - c) The Spirit knows both wills of God perfectly
 - d) This connects to Jesus' promises about prayer

TAKE HOME:

- When your prayers feel *weak*, do you withdraw from God—or do you run to Him knowing the Spirit is helping you?
- Where in your life are you *resisting* God's will—praying for comfort when He may be pursuing your sanctification?
- How would your prayer life *change* this week if you truly believed that every weak prayer is being perfected by the Spirit and heard perfectly by the Father?