



KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

Portion:

SCRIPTURES

- Romans 8:23-27
- I Corinthians 2:11-12
- John 16:12-14

Title:

THE MIND OF GOD

- It Groans
- We Groan
- She Groans

SEED:

"Not only that, but we also who have **the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves **groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting** for the **adoption**, the **redemption of our body**." Romans 8:23 NKJV

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For **we do not know what we should pray** for as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with **groanings** which **cannot be uttered**. **Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit** is, because **He makes intercession** for the saints **according to the will of God**." Romans 8:26-27 NKJV

FRUIT:

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, **that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us**." I John 5:14 NKJV

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, **when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth**; for **He will not speak on His own authority**, but **whatever He hears He will speak**; and He will tell you things to come. **He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you**." John 16:12-14 NKJV

"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know** the things that have been freely given to us by God." I Corinthians 2:11-12 NKJV

"Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, in everything give thanks; for **this is the will of God** in Christ Jesus for you." I Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:

At times there are just no words. Have you ever felt that way: when your experience exceeds explanation; when the circumstance defies any useful description; when the strength required to speak is altogether gone and you cannot even formulate a single word to express your desperation? If words were

dollars you'd be living in abject poverty. And yet this is not a bad place to be because it is here where the Holy Spirit takes over.

There is an obvious stipulation that should govern your prayer life at all times, and that is to seek first the will of God. Minimally, if you can't quite discern God's will, you should offer to abdicate your will in favor of His, and that sometimes is enough to render you speechless. "I just have no words; I don't know what to pray." And suddenly sounds pour forth—unintelligible, inarticulate sounds; deep guttural groans that are not human in origin. We find the Holy Spirit at work and this we know. The Spirit never speaks a word that did not originate from the Father's heart, His mind—which might be the perfect definition of God's will. But what is most extraordinary is that these unintelligible, inarticulate sounds; deep guttural groans form through your mouth! And that means what is coming forth from your very lips is the mind of God.

IT GROANS

1. Creation Groans

A. Groans, Groans, Groans

(1) It Groans, We Groan, She Groans

(a) All of Creation, the Church, and the Holy Spirit

1. "And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him **a helper** comparable to him."" Genesis 2:18 NKJV
2. "But **when the Helper comes**, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, **He [She]** will testify of Me." John 15:26 NKJV

(2) A Step Back: Creation is Groaning

(a) We've previously established that creation is suffering the immense cost for human sin!

1. "For we know that the whole **creation groans [together] and labors** with birth pangs together until now." Romans 8:22 NKJV
2. "The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: "**Meaningless! Meaningless!**" **says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."** What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?" Ecclesiastes 1:1-3 NIV
3. "For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits** for the revealing of the sons of God." Romans 8:19 NKJV

WE GROAN

2. The Church Groans

A. We too are eagerly waiting. For what?

(1) The the ultimate expression of our adoption!

(a) Those animated by the Holy Spirit...

1. "Not only that, but **we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves **groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.**
" Romans 8:23 NKJV
2. "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but **you received the Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:15 NKJV
3. "So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is **raised in incorruption**. It is sown in dishonor, it is **raised in glory**. It is sown in weakness, it is **raised in power**. It is sown a natural body, it is **raised a spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. [53] For this corruptible must **put on incorruption**, and this mortal must **put on immortality**. So when this corruptible has **put on incorruption**, and this mortal has **put on immortality**, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**" I Corinthians 15:42-44, 53-54 NKJV

(2) Hope

(a) In that which you cannot see!

1. "**For we were saved in this hope**, but **hope that is seen is not hope**; for **why does one still hope for what he sees?** But if we hope for what we do not see, we **eagerly wait for it with perseverance.**" Romans 8:24-25 NKJV
2. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the **evidence of things not seen.**
" Hebrews 11:1 NKJV
3. Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the Lord your **God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.**" Deuteronomy 8:1-2 NKJV
4. "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but **God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the temptation **will also make the way of escape**, that you may be able to bear it." I Corinthians 10:13 NKJV
5. "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that **tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint**, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:3-5 NKJV
6. "He who **covers his sins will not prosper**, But whoever **confesses** and forsakes them **will have mercy.**" Proverbs 28:13 NKJV

7. "The humble **He guides in justice**, And the humble **He teaches His way**." Psalms 25:9 NKJV
8. "The end of a thing is better than its beginning; **The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit**." Ecclesiastes 7:8 NKJV
9. "**Whoever is patient has great understanding**, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly." Proverbs 14:29 NIV

(3) Persistent Resolve (AKA **perseverance**)

(a) If these things abound you will bear fruit!

1. "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your **faith virtue**, to **virtue knowledge**, to **knowledge self-control**, to **self-control perseverance**, to **perseverance godliness**, to **godliness brotherly kindness**, and to **brotherly kindness love**. For **if these things are yours and abound**, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." II Peter 1:5-8 NKJV
2. "A man's heart plans his way, **But the Lord directs his steps**." Proverbs 16:9 NKJV
3. "He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God**, and God in him." I John 4:8, 16 NKJV
4. "But above all these things put on **love, which is the bond of perfection**." Colossians 3:14 NKJV
5. "by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:4 NKJV
6. "Not that I have already attained, or am already **perfected**; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, **I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus**." Philippians 3:12-14 NKJV
7. "till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**;" Ephesians 4:13 NKJV
8. "For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But **we have the mind of Christ**." I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

SHE GROANS

3. The Holy Spirit Groans

A. The Mind and Will of God

(1) Intercession

(a) If you have no words...

1. **"Likewise the Spirit** also helps in our weaknesses. For **we do not know what we should pray for** as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with groanings which **cannot be uttered.**" Romans 8:26 NKJV
2. *"And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for **My strength is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**"* II Corinthians 12:9-10 NKJV

(2) The Spirit Himself?

(a) Earlier we learned that the Holy Spirit is the feminine part of the Divine Family.

1. *I will make him **a helper** comparable to him.* (Genesis 2:18)
2. *"And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever— **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."* John 14:16-18 NKJV
3. *"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send** in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."* John 14:25-26 NKJV
4. *"But **when the Helper comes**, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."* John 15:26 NKJV
5. *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. [12] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, **when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;** for **He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak;** and He will tell you things to come. **He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.**"* John 16:7-14 NKJV
6. *"Husbands, likewise, **dwell with them [wives] with understanding**, giving honor to the wife, as to the **weaker vessel [more sensitive to the Spirit]**, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your **prayers may not be hindered [so you won't miss God's voice].**"* I Peter 3:7 NKJV

(b) Like the Holy Spirit, neither does Y'shua speak on His own authority!

1. "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself**, but **what He sees the Father do**; for whatever **He does**, the Son also does in like manner." John 5:19 NKJV
2. "'I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. **I have come in My Father's name**, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. **How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?** Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"' John 5:41-47 NKJV
3. "Jesus answered them and said, "**My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me**. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. **He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true**, and no unrighteousness is in Him. Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"' John 7:16-19 NKJV

(3) Knowing the Mind of God

(a) Knowing the Will of God

1. "**Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is**, because **He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God**." Romans 8:27 NKJV

B. The Mind of God

(1) Searching Hearts

(a) He knows!

1. "**Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is**, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:27 NKJV
2. "*For as he **thinks in his heart**, so is he.*" Proverbs 23:7a NKJV
3. "*For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the **thoughts and intents of the heart**.*" Hebrews 4:12 NKJV
4. "*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For **out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks**.*" Luke 6:45 NKJV

(2) Knowing God's heart requires honest introspection about what's in your own heart!

(a) Before, After and Because of...

1. **[Before the Free Gift of Faith]** *"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"* Jeremiah 17:9 NKJV
 2. **[After the Free Gift of Faith]** *"O Lord, You have searched me and known me. [24] Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."* Psalms 139:1, 23-24 NKJV
(Recommend: Read all of Psalm 139)
 3. **[Because of the Free Gift of Faith]** *"Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart."* Psalms 37:4 NKJV
- (3) This is why knowing the mind of God is the most important first step to make any decision and to solve any problem.
- (a) As a Christian you must add to the FREE gift of faith (that saved you by His grace) the PRACTICE of your faith (that sanctifies you by accessing His grace)!
1. **[FIRST STEP]** *"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,"* II Peter 1:5 NKJV
 2. **[FREE]** *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. [PRACTICE] For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV
 3. **[FREE]** *"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [PRACTICE] through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."* Romans 5:1-2 NKJV
- (4) Practicing the Mind of Christ!
- (a) Now you have a choice!
1. *"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."* I Corinthians 2:11-12 NKJV
 2. *"casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."* II Corinthians 10:5-6 NKJV
 3. *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."* Romans 12:2 NKJV
 4. *"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."* Ephesians 4:29-30 NKJV

5. *"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.**" I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV*
6. *"**Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is...**" Romans 8:27*

C. The Will of God

(1) If you don't know what to pray...

(a) The Spirit prays the will of God through you!

1. *"Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints **according to the will of God.**" Romans 8:27 NKJV*
2. *"the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For **we do not know what we should pray** for as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Romans 8:26 NKJV*

(2) When you can pray!

(a) Pray NON-STOP—for this is the will of God!

1. *"Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**, in everything give thanks; for **this is the will of God** in Christ Jesus for you." I Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV*
2. *"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue...**" II Peter 1:5 NKJV*
3. *"**We have the mind of Christ.**" I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV*
4. *"Let your gentleness be known to all men. **The Lord is at hand.** Be anxious for nothing, but **in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving**, let your **requests** be made known to God; and **the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**" Philippians 4:5-7 NKJV*

(3) Living in the will of God!

(a) Not everyone who CLAIMS to be following the will of God is authentic...

1. *"**"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.** Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, '**I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**'"* Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV

(b) You can tell by observing what they practice...

1. *"**"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?** As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words **and puts them into practice**, I will show you what they are like."* Luke 6:46-47 NIV

2. "By this we know that we love the children of God, **when we love God and keep His commandments**. For this is the love of God, that **we keep His commandments**. And His commandments are **not burdensome**." 1 John 5:2-3 NKJV
- (c) Know God's law; Pray God's will; Discern God's priorities; Hear God's voice; Live God's purity; Choose God's plan; Deny your flesh; for this is God's will—your sanctification.
1. **Instructed out of the law:** "Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, and **know His will**, and approve the things that are excellent, **being instructed out of the law**," Romans 2:17-18 NKJV
 2. **A renewed mind not conformed to the world:** "And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and **perfect will of God**." Romans 12:2 NKJV
 3. **Pray according to His will, not your own:** "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, **that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us**. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." 1 John 5:14-15 NKJV
 4. **Never doubt you will hear His voice:** "**My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27 NKJV
 5. **Choose God's plan over your own!** "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done**."" Luke 22:42 NKJV
 6. **Deny your flesh!** "Where do wars and fights come from among you? **Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?** You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet **you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures**. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God?** Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "**The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously**"?" James 4:1-5 NKJV
- (d) God's will is your sanctification!
1. **Be holy:** Flee from sexual immorality; be the master of your own body; don't live like a Gentile: "For **this is the will of God, your sanctification:** that you should **abstain from sexual immorality**; that each of you should **know how to possess his own vessel** in sanctification and honor, **not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles** who do not know God; " 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 NKJV
 2. **"Do not love the world or the things in the world.** *If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.** And the world is*

passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” I John 2:15-17 NKJV

3. *“Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.** For it is written, “**He catches the wise in their own craftiness**”; and again, “**The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.**”” I Corinthians 3:18-20 NKJV*