

Questions to Consider—With the Master in Heavenly Places—Lesson 9—Ephesians 3:12-21—Paul’s Second Prayer for the Church at Ephesus



1. (a) Read Ephesians 3:12-21. Do you think Paul literally bowed his knees, or do you think he is using a metaphor? (b) Who else in Scripture bowed their knees when praying? See 1 Kings 8:54; Ezra 9:5; Daniel 6:10; Luke 22:41; Acts 7:60; 9:40; 20:36. (You may need to look before or after the verse to see who it is.) (c) What do these verses tell you about kneeling when praying?

2. Memorize Ephesians 3:20, 21.

3. (a) Read Paul’s first prayer for the church at Ephesus in Ephesians 1:15-21 and his second prayer for the church at Ephesus in Ephesians 3:12-21. (b) What things do you notice that are the same in these two prayers? What things are different? (c) Why do you think Paul prays two different prayers for the church at Ephesus?

4. Paul ends chapter three with the word “Amen,” and yet he is not finished with the letter. Why do you think this is so? Reading over the other verses that Paul writes in other letters which perhaps might help in answering this question: Romans 1:25; 9:5; 11:36; 15:33; 16:20; 16:24; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Galatians 1:5; Philippians 4:20; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16; 2 Timothy 4:18; Hebrews 13:21.

5. Paul mentions in verse 20 of Ephesians chapter 3 that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Recall a time in your life when this was true and be ready to share with your group.

6. (a) Take some time this week and pray Paul’s prayer from Ephesians 3 for someone other than yourself. What blessing(s) did you receive? (b) Which verse from Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 3 is the most encouraging to you and why?

7. Take one request from Paul’s prayer for the church at Ephesus and write a prayer for yourself.