

THE PRAYER AND THE PROMISE

SCRIPTURE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24 NIV

INTRODUCTION

HERE IS ANOTHER SHORT PRAYER FROM PAUL, THE APOSTLE, WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY DIVINE PROMISE. THIS IS A PRAYER FOR SANCTIFICATION AND PRESERVATION WITH THE PROMISE THAT GOD WILL BRING IT TO PASS.

I. MAY GOD SANCTIFY YOU THROUGH AND THROUGH

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23A NIV MAY GOD HIMSELF, THE GOD OF PEACE, SANCTIFY YOU THROUGH AND THROUGH.

- A. OUR SANCTIFIER -- THE GOD OF PEACE
- B. THE EXTENT OF SANCTIFICATION
 - 1. INTERNAL -- OUR SPIRITUAL BEING
 - 2. EXTERNAL -- OUR ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES

II. MAY YOUR WHOLE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY BE PRESERVED BLAMELESS

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23B NIV MAY YOUR WHOLE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY BE KEPT BLAMELESS AT THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

- A. THE EXTENT OF PRESERVATION
 - 1. SPIRIT
 - 2. SOUL
 - 3. BODY
- B. THE TERM OF PRESERVATION -- THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

III. GOD IS FAITHFUL AND WILL DO IT

1 THESSALONIANS 5:24 NIV THE ONE WHO CALLS YOU IS FAITHFUL AND HE WILL DO IT.

- A. THE NATURE OF OUR GOD -- FAITHFUL
- B. THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR GOD -- HE WILL ANSWER THE PRAYER