

The Sermon at the Supper



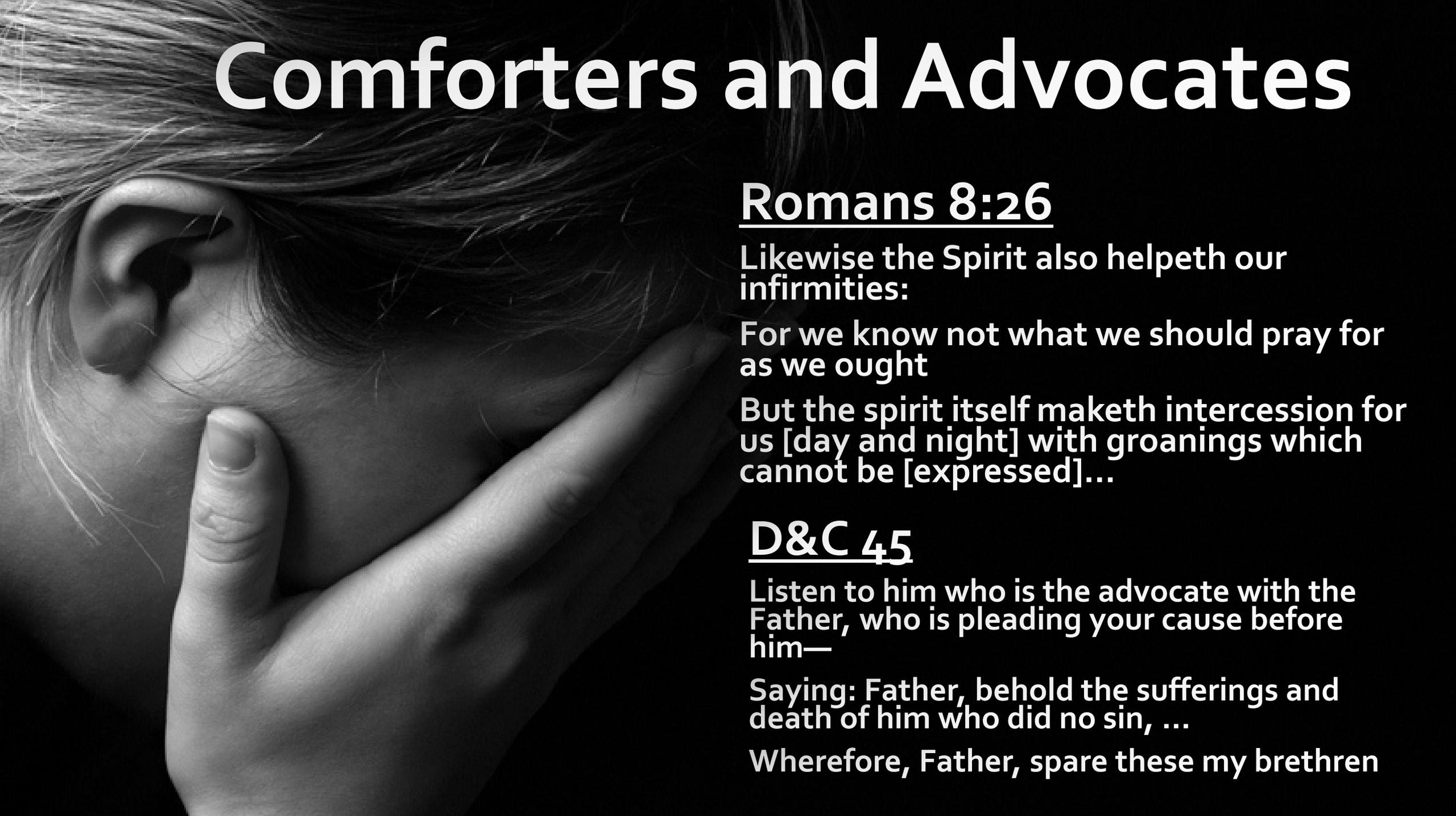
John 14-17

The Comforter

John 14:16-26



Comforters and Advocates



Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:

For we know not what we should pray for as we ought

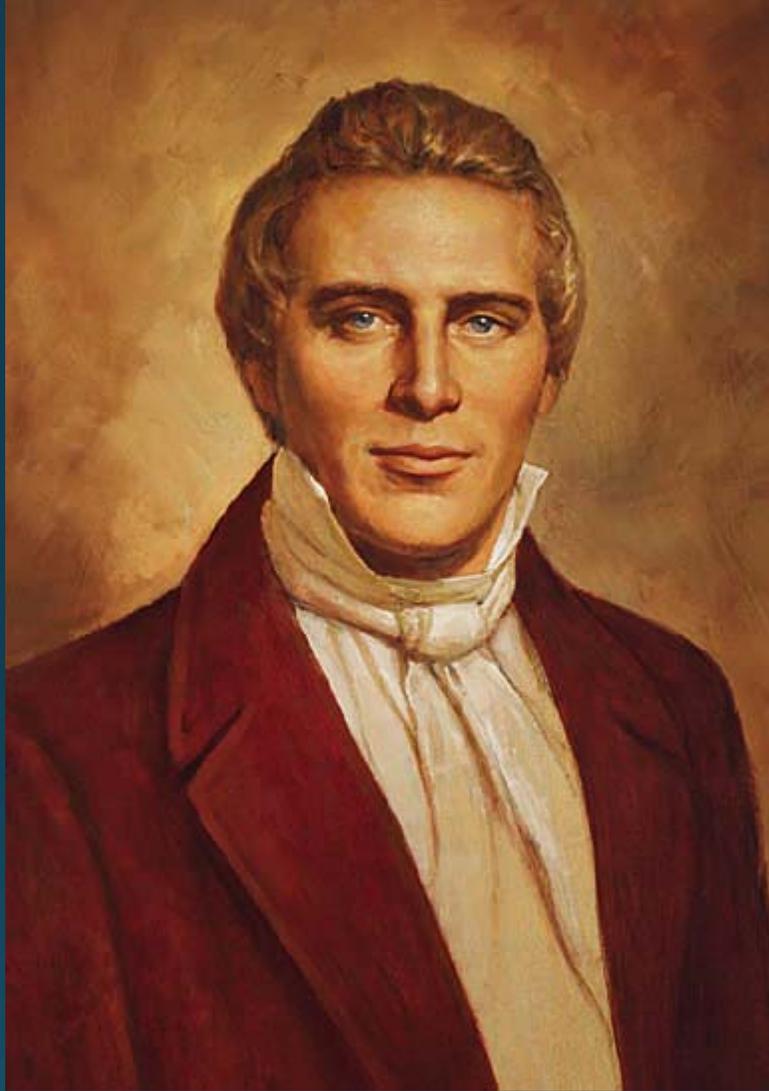
But the spirit itself maketh intercession for us [day and night] with groanings which cannot be [expressed]...

D&C 45

Listen to him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your cause before him—

Saying: Father, behold the sufferings and death of him who did no sin, ...

Wherefore, Father, spare these my brethren



Joseph Smith,

“the Spirit of the Lord ... will
whisper peace and joy to
[your] souls;

it will take malice, hatred,
strife and all evil from
[your] hearts;

and [your] *whole desire* will

Question:

**Is this something that WE do or
that the Spirit does TO us?**

Manuscript History of Brigham Young, 1846-1847, comp.

Elden J. Watson [1971], 529



JST John 16

They shall put you out of the synagogues; yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth service to God.

And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come.



Gifts of the Spirit

Observation:

Scripturally, most dramatic manifestations, such as the "Burning in the Bosom", appear to occur those without the Gift of the Holy Ghost....

Light of Christ

Spiritual Manifestation

Gift Of the Holy Ghost

The Second Comforter

Parley P. Pratt: "The gift of the Holy Ghost...quickens all the intellectual faculties, increases, enlarges, expands and purifies all the natural passions and affections; and adapts them, by the gift of wisdom, to their lawful use. It inspires, develops, cultivates and matures all the fine-toned sympathies, joys, tastes, kindred feelings and affections of our nature. It inspires virtue, kindness, goodness, tenderness, gentleness and charity. It develops beauty of person, form and features. It tends to health, vigor, animation and social feeling. It invigorates all the faculties of the physical and intellectual man. It strengthens, and gives tone to the nerves. In short, it is, as it were, marrow to the bone, joy to the heart, light to the eyes, music to the ears, and life to the whole being."
(Key to the Science of Theology, pp100-101)



David O. McKay

[The Intercessory Prayer in John 17 is] one of the most glorious prayers—I suppose the greatest prayer—ever uttered in this world, surpassing the Lord's Prayer. This prayer was uttered just before he entered the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his betrayal.

It must have been impressive for John to remember so much of it and to write it word for word, as he has here.

The occasion itself would be impressive to John, and undoubtedly as they knelt there in that upper room before they went through that beautiful gate into Gethsemane, the garden of olives at the base of the Mount of Olives, he noted particularly the plea of the Savior. *I know of no more important chapter in the Bible.*

CR, Oct 1967, p5