Come, Let us Reason Together Part 3

Part 1.

Mark 7 NET

25 Instead, a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about Jesus and came and fell at his feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, of Syrophoenician origin. She asked him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and to throw it to the dogs." 28 She answered, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

29 Then he said to her, "Because you said this, (NIV- For such a reply) (NKJV - For this saying) you may go. The demon has left your daughter." 30 She went home and found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Her Prayer was: 1. short 2. fervent 3. humble 4. full of faith 5. respectful 6. rational

Isaiah 1:18 NKJV

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord,
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They shall be as wool.

let us reason together: To bring to the front, bring into the light, make clear. prove, decide, judge.

Part 2.

1 Samuel 1

10 In her deep anguish (pain) Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 She made a vow saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life,

19 ...and the Lord remembered her. 20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

We spoke of Daniel Nash who's tombstone says: Pastor 1816-1822 Laborer with Finney Mighty in Prayer

Daniel Nash was a man familiar with interceding over cities and regions until an open heaven would form over that region.

He was a man familiar with the pains of intercession; with a spirit of travail, tears.

Intercessor: to encounter, meet, entreat, to have an effect or impact.

Numbers 16

1 Korah and certain Reubenites—Dathan, Abiram and On became insolent 2 and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. 3 They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the Lord's assembly?"

4 When Moses heard this, he fell facedown. 5 Then he said to Korah and all his followers: "In the morning the Lord will show who belongs to him and who is holy, and he will have that person come near him. The man he chooses he will cause to come near him.

12 Then Moses summoned Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. But they said, "We will not come! 13 Isn't it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the wilderness? And now you also want to lord it over us! 14 Moreover, you haven't brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Do you want to treat these men like slaves? No, we will not come!"

15 Then Moses became very angry and said to the Lord, "Do not accept their offering. I have not taken so much as a donkey from them, nor have I wronged any of them."

22 But Moses and Aaron fell facedown and cried out, "O God, the God who gives breath to all living things, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?"

23 Then the Lord said to Moses, 24 "Say to the assembly, 'Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram."

25 Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 He warned the assembly, "Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins."

31 As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart 32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, and all those associated with Korah, together with their possessions. 33 They went down alive into the realm of the dead, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community.

Round 2

41 The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. "You have killed the Lord's people," they said.

42 But when the assembly gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron and turned toward the tent of meeting, suddenly the cloud covered it and the glory of the Lord appeared. 43 Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the tent of meeting, 44 and the Lord said to Moses, 45 "Get away from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once." And they fell facedown.

46 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the Lord. The plague has begun." 47 Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the living and the dead; so the plague was stopped. 49 Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand

seven hundred, besides those who died in the Korah incident. 50 So Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, for the plague had stopped.

Vs. 46

So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it

The Censor was a Vessel...

The Fire from the Altar was a type of the Holy Spirit burning in the hearts of the believer...

The Incense that rose was a type of the spirit lead prayers that come from the believer...

Romans 8

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but **the Spirit himself intercedes for us** through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Vs. 47

47 Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people.

Aaron ran into the midst of the congregation; his sense of urgency is characteristic of true intercession.

- Aaron took the fire and incense that brought God's mercy and ran into a crowd of people who were against him...
- Moses and Aaron had it in there hearts to do what the crowd probably would not have done for them...
- Aaron was willing to go to God and intercede for their enemies...
- What a picture of intercession...

- That we would not only intercede for our Children like the Syrophonecian woman...
- But that we would be willing to intercede for those who ridicule and stand against us...

Isn't that what Jesus did for us?

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

I'm so thankful God was merciful towards me when I didn't deserve that mercy...

I'm thankful that there were people praying for me when I didn't deserve to be prayed for...

God had promised judgment in Numbers 16:45. Therefore, Moses told Aaron, as the high priest over God's people, to immediately offer incense to **make atonement** for the congregation.

Vs. 48

And he stood between the dead and the living, so the plague was stopped:

The plague stopped where Aaron prayed. Intercessors do the same thing today; they stand between the dead and the living, beseeching God's mercy, preserving and promoting life with their prayer.

To stand **between the dead and the living** speaks of how *serious* the matter of prayer is; it is no casual pursuit, no fatalistic exercise in self-improvement. Prayer moves the hand of God, and moves it to stop death and to give life!

If Aaron the high priest, with his censer and incense, could disarm the wrath of God, so that a guilty people, who deserved nothing but

destruction, should be spared; how much more can we expect the great atonement of the Blood of Jesus Christ to save and rescue people today?