

Intercessor

We have just started a new Study on Wednesday that is titled “When God’s People Pray”

Pastor Jim Cymbala who wrote the study makes this comment in the beginning - the Bible says, without faith it is impossible to please God but where there is faith you will find prayer...

There is something inside of us, when Faith is present, that talks to God...

Faith causes us to look up to God...

Genesis 4

25 Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, “God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.” **26** Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.

At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord.

- **This is the first Biblical reference to what they called people who had faith and sought God. “People who called on the name of the Lord”**
- **They were called praying people...**

Combine faith with need and out comes prayer...

Perhaps they needed supernatural help...

Help with life...

Help with provision...

Help with regard to enemies...

Whatever the situation, prayer was their solution...

Jeremiah 33:2,3

2 “This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—the Lord is his name: **3** ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

- The Lord promises when we call to him, He will answer...
- The answer he says will be great and unsearchable things...
- God’s solution is always better than mine...
- What makes it so much better, is that it works, because God’s in it...

I saw a ministry clip online of a lady asking this question: “is it possible for a person to be used as an intercessor in their personal prayer life”

The answer seems simple; but the answer that was given stirred my heart...

There are two who are accredited in the Bible as Intercessors:

- 1. Jesus**
- 2. The Holy Spirit**

Jesus is our Intercessor

Hebrews 7

24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

1 Timothy 2

5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

Romans 8:34

34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

The Holy Spirit is our Intercessor

Romans 8:26,27

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.

John 16:7

7 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.

Intercessor: A person who intervenes on behalf of another, especial in prayer.

Does this mean that only Jesus and the Holy Spirit are used as intercessors and not people? The answer is No

This is the difference between prayer and intercession

- Prayer has been happening since Genesis 4, when people called on the name of the Lord...
- But Intercession is the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in us...
- When someone is used in intercession, it's because they have developed such an intimate walk with God that He shares with them His God's heart for others...

John 15:15 *No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

- This is the secret place...

- This is the place where Jesus makes known to you...
 - If you walk with Jesus he will talk with you...
 - If you walk with Jesus he will share with you...
 - An Intercessor care the way God cares...
 - An Intercessor loves with the love of God...
 - The burden God has for someones eternity, they feel...
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- In Revival there were times when worship would go beyond the norm deep into the presence of God...
 - When that happened, at times, worship would shift to prayer...
 - In those moments you would hear people begin to weep...
 - It was because in their worship, they got so close that God He allowed them to feel what He feels...
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- **What made Moses a great leader was the fact that he spent time in God's presence...**
 - **God's presence made Moses an Intercessor for God's People...**
 - **Intercession is powerful because it's Empowered by the Holy Spirit...**
 - **Intercessors are God's Special Forces...**

How is it possible for us to carry the kind of burden Jesus carries for people?

Matthew 11

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Rick Dubose - Assemblies of God, Assistant General Superintendent
Story: When he asked some farmers how a Yoke works.

Answer: "City Boy, you have to adjust the Yoke."

An Intercessor doesn't carry the whole load just part of it...

Jeremiah 33:3

‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

This is the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, who is also known as “The Weeping Prophet”

Jeremiah is known as the weeping prophet because, He stood alone declaring God’s words while his beloved nation continued to reject the path God chose for them. That ongoing rejection and personal isolation cost him greatly.

In his sorrow, Jeremiah “the weeping prophet” revealed the heart of God. The Lord Jesus also wept over those upon whom judgment was coming: “As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, ‘If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes’” ([Luke 19:41–42](#))

It should comfort us to know that, when we weep for the fate of lost people, it’s because God is allowing us to feel what he feels. When Jeremiah wept over Judah’s rebellion, He was not alone. The Lord wept with Him.

Then the Lord says to Jeremiah - **“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”**

- Jeremiah walked with the Lord...
- The Lord shared His Heart...
- The Lord also shared His Encouragement...

Closing Song:

It is comforting to know that Jesus, right now, is interceding for us...
The Holy Spirit is also interceding over you and is active in your life...

Prayer warriors are special to God...
Intercessors are God's Special Forces...

There have been times in my life, when in the battle for my soul God raised up a prayer warrior or an intercessor and because of them the Grace and Mercy of God rescued me from the plan of the Devil...

I Thank God for Prayer Warriors and I pray that God would stir our hearts... That we would be a church full of Spirit lead, Spirit empowered prayer warriors and intercessors who will feel what God feels for people. That we would be used by God to see the Kingdom of God advance in others around us...