

# PRAYER: SHARING IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

## *Habits of Effective Intercession*

Week 9 - March 19, 2017

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- a) Intercession is the act of pleading on behalf of another.
- b) Prayer from the time I got saved, drew me to Him.
  - i) I was attracted to people who knew how to interact in prayer.

### 2. THE CHURCH'S UNDERSTANDING OF PRAYER, like many other things is something we learn more and more about:

- a) Prayer of faith – Confessions – 1980's
  - i) Prayers that avail much – book of prayers
- b) Authority - Over evil forces – 1980's
  - i) Prayer became warfare.
  - ii) May times, intercession came down to thanking God for things we do not have answers for and for rebuking devils.

c) Praying in tongues – Intercession – Going into a room – 1980's

d) IHOP came out with Harp and Bowl – 24/7 Prayer has been going on for years now.

- i) Tabernacle of David
- ii) Set the priest to worship 24/7 before the Lord.
- iii) Count Zinzendorf – 1700's – Moravian Church.
- iv) Harp represents music ministry to help us worship.
- v) Bowl represents the prayers of the saints as they rise up.

*Rev 5:8 - Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying:*

vi) Prayer with Worship versus uninspired. Example: breaking rocks

### 3. INTERCESSION

a) To come along side to help; to take together with

b) Intercession is something we are all called to do:

- i) We are all called to prayer and intercession. Paul talks about this in 1 Tim 2:2 & Eph 6:18 Some are more sensitive to the wooing of God to prayer and interceding.

(1) *Simeon - Luke 2:25-26 And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.*

(2) *Anna: - Luke 2:36-38 And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was*

(4) advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fasting and prayers. At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

ii) Women tend to identify as intercessors. Why?

iii) Women tend to be more in touch with feelings and emotions; good & bad. Why?

iv) God made both male and female - Gen 5:2 – “Male and female created he them and called their name Adam.”

b) Habits of effective intercession. Examples - Moses, David, Paul

i) **Moses** was the leader and the chosen deliver of Israel. He was a man of intercession. His intercession for Israel is in Exodus 20-34.

(1) Exodus 24:6 – Moses went up the mountain, Glory rests for 6 days, on the 7th day God calls out to him

(2) They make for themselves a Golden Calf to be their God and they were dancing naked.

*God wanted to destroy them and make a Great nation of Moses. Exodus 32:10,11 – 10 “Now then let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation.” Then Moses entreated the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?*

*But God said that He was not going with them into the promise land. He just sent His angel – Ex 32:34*

(3) Moses intercedes again – saying Exodus 33:12 -18 - Then Moses said to the Lord, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people!’ But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, ‘I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.’ “Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people.” And He said, “My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.” Then he said to Him, “If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. “For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?” The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name.” Then Moses said, “I pray You, show me Your glory!

(4) Moses intercedes again – After seeing the Glory.

*He said, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even though the people are so obstinate, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as your own possession (Inheritance) .”*

i) Come in the midst of them or in the midst of their innermost parts.

ii) Be His inheritance as He said.

iii) Why was Moses so Bold? – He saw the Glory of God and learned about His ways and learned to communicate based on the love of God and His desire for man; not based on the failures and shorting comings of men.

iii. **David** – King, Priest, Prophet & Intercessor

(1) Established the Tabernacle of David – With 24 hour prayer and worship before the Lord – 1 Chron 16, 1 Chron 23. He appointed 4000 people who were praising the Lord with instruments.

(2) Psalms was mostly the recording of David’s prayer and worship times.

(3) Sam 23:1 - Now these are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel:

i) Psalm 27:4, - One Thing I desire and seek after

ii) Psalm 63 – Oh God —

(4) His Prayers were Apostolic:

*Eph 1:16 – 19 - do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so*

*that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.*

*Eph 3:14 – 19 - For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

iv. Others: Phil 1:9-11, Col 1:9-12

#### 4. HABITS OF EFFECTIVE INTERCESSORS

- a) Worshippers of God
  - i) Worship is a key that unlocks that heart and interacts with God:
    - (1) Canaanite Woman
    - (2) Mary of Bethany
    - (3) The Leper
- b) Spend time in His presence – and not always talking, but listening.
- c) They have learned the ways of God. The ways of God is when the written word becomes the living word inside of you.
- d) Pray in tongues a lot.
- e) Learn to pray out of inspiration that comes from intimate communion and communication with God.
- f) It is a lifestyle and not a chore.

