

Prayer School! **Part 3: "Intercessions!"**

Never has it been so important to be connected to God... To rightly understand, interpret and walk in our world and thru the circumstances... And thru our "connection" to Him to release a flood of His power on our world!

Our World... The UN/US "Iran Nukes" deal to force Israel to "peace!" The RFA... Terror attacks taking place daily... Racial fires being constantly fed... Tearing of the American fabric; morally, politically, financially... Anarchy of American order/justice... Half the world's population under 30... Population changes right here in BC...

Prayer School... Began by putting the intimacy filter in place for all prayer...All forms of prayer are changed by it! Not plugging our quarters into the slot... Not begging a Monarch for compassion... Not asking for a moment of time... Not setting an appointment/calendar...

He is our Father/"Abba..." Approach Him "at home..." Assured of a hearing/favor!

Then began the "talking" with the Holy Spirit... "Who helps us in our feeble abilities because we don't know what and how we should pray, but He makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered... **Romans 8.26** He is in touch with the mind and heart of God... and helps us to pray on target! And made clear the gift of speaking in tongues (corp) and the need for prayer language (ind)!

The Holy Spirit is the fountain of answerable prayer! We will never be properly connected to our Father or our broken world without the Holy Spirit!

Prayers! I exhort first of all that *supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks* be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **1 Timothy 2.1-4**

"First" asides... "Firstly, all prayer for all men... this is good and acceptable in the sight of God... who will have all men to be saved!" All men are "capax dei," capable of receiving God! Fastest way is to pray before you speak! High and low/good (friend) and bad (enemy)/religious and not... And we should never give up on anyone until we have prayed... with intercessions!

Intercessions! "Supplications, prayers and **intercessions!**" *enteuxis/entugchano* Third in the set of prayers prayed with our understanding! Note the progression... simple petitions (*needs*) to *conversations* with God (*concerns*) to *conference, interviews* (getting information), *entreatings* and dealings with God regarding people/ events/ circumstances... (*burdens*)

Intercession is our coordinating with God to understand, influence and shape the environment of something!

Jesus knows this... "We're talking about Christ that died, who is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, the One making *intercession for us...*" **Romans 8.34** "Jesus... is able to save those who come to Him, since He ever lives to make *intercession for them...*" **Hebrews 7.25** "We have an advocate (intercessor) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous..." **1John 2.1**

Holy Spirit knows this... "Likewise, the Spirit also helps our infirmities, for we don't know what we should pray for like we need to but the Spirit Himself makes *intercession* for us with groaning's that can't be spoken! He that searches the hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because He makes *intercession* for the saints according to the will of God!" **Romans 8.26,27**

So, if Jesus and the Holy Spirit employ intercession to influence and shape our environment... We should use this type of prayer to influence and shape our culture as well!

The Type... A direct conversation and conferring of parties involved for the purposes of influencing and shaping... The original language includes the idea of “happening upon...” We come up on a situation, finding details, that require Godly influence/shaping... We happen upon someone with complex needs/complex struggle... We become aware of and are engaged with something that is out of order...

Out of order... Something “foreign” that needs to be expelled! Something “open” that needs to be closed! Something “breaking in” that needs to be broken! Something “stirring, or in force,” that needs to be taken apart! Something “stopped up” that needs to be opened up!

It’s there we begin interceding; digging, digging in, until we see the change and feel the release! When things are out of order, intercession is the weapon we use to fight against what doesn’t belong!

The power of intercession is the ability to “influence and reshape” events and circumstances!

Exercise... *Midlothian Church.* Haven’t had success in thirty years... Zealous to seasoned leaders... Began a new launch in October w/commitment to intercede... 12-40-60, -\$200. to 17k to 30k. Evidence of exercising influence change/ to shape favorable environment! “Clearing the runway for others to land!” in the fall of this year!

Exercise... *A place called Life!* Evident that God is at work in our midst... But hitting the place where we can’t help many more people... Not about building plans, but plans and a place to build more people! Must have a financial miracle! Need an access miracle/NOON 4/11? NEED AN ENVIRONMENT CHANGE! And running against the BC “clock!”

Need people from 20 to 100 to be stirred for the work of the ministry at hand... Prayer, Prayer and healing people... Children’s classroom/kitchen workers... Adult ministries facilitators... Media/Sound/Video technicians... Door and Care people!

Intentions are not the same as actions! All hands on deck for the days ahead! And only intercession can influence the hearts of God’s people... And effect the necessary change of our environment!