

PRAYER: INTERCESSION

Introduction:

Intercession is one of the most important aspect in prayer.

We have dealt with petition, the most common form of prayer. We have also talked about a higher degree in prayer, communion. This is where prayer is no longer asking nor begging but a sacred dialogue, a two-way communication, a communion between soul and God and fellowshiping with God. But sometimes people just enjoy petition and communion. Their prayer is subject to their needs and wants alone: over their communion become secluded within themselves. They have totally eradicated others in their prayer life. They even begin to choose who to pray for. This is where intercession come in.

Text. Deut. 9:18-26; Ex. 32:30-35 – the example of intercession in the life of Moses – Gen. 19:27-29.

The prayer of Abraham.

What is intercession – the third and highest plane of prayer.

Intercede means to go between. In English we have words such as precede- to go before; concede to go with; intercede- to go between. Christians are intercessors or go between. Of course, we must understand that we are not the absolute intercessor. It does not mean that a Christian can take the place of Christ as redeemer of Savior. Well, we are made intercessors because our Savior Jesus is the chief intercessors, mediator, high priest, advocate. I Tim. 2:5; I John 2:1,2; Heb. 7:25; 4:15,16.

He is the only, absolute mediator. Jesus Christ is our intercessor at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 7:25. he stands between God and needy, sinful men. Heb. 9:24.

We must then be Christ-like, having concern for other. Having the love for their souls and for their success. Caring for other Christians in deep sorrow and as the song goes, “take it to the Lord in prayer.”

We understand that we cannot be go-between to reconcile but men to God, but we can and must be intercessors who stand with Christ and become like Christ in pleasing to God, in behalf of people.

Apostle Paul also knows the meaning of intercession. Rom. 9:1-3; I Tim. 2:1.

Apostle James too- James5:16.

Even Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint praying for mankind.

Here we see 3 things in intercessions:

1. Intercessions pleases God the most. Jesus is the intercessor, Holy Spirit is the Intercessor and we are commanded to intercede for men in prayer. I Thess. 5:25.
2. Intercession brings the greatest fruit of any kind of prayer. Why, because self is out of way and others are in view.
3. It also brings the deepest, personal reward and spiritual satisfaction to know that because we prayed, God worked.

Closing:

How can we then be effective in intercessory prayer?

We must take away our own desire, likes and dislikes, selfishness and the flesh and putting on holiness, having unselfish attitudes and desires. Effective intercessions demands divine love and compassion in the soul which the Spirit alone can give.

I believe that the sweetest words that a Christian can ever pronounce aside from “I love you” is that “I’ll pray for you.” Because when you say this love is already involve.