

INTERCESSION

Intercession : the action of intervening on behalf of another, the action of saying a prayer on behalf of another person.

WORSHIP is our agreement with WHO God is
INTERCESSION is our agreement with WHAT God says.

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Then the Master said, "Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will. He will not drag his feet. But how much of that kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?" Luke 18:1-8 Message

I. Necessity of Our Conversation

- A. There is a persistence in prayer, mountains to conquer through meditation, and conversations to be had that will change the course of our culture. There is a "Joy in Loving" the Lord and being loved by him. Understanding the necessity of our conversations with the Lord through the lens of perfect love leads us to intimate intercession that moves my heart and the heart of God. ***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV***
- B. In the midst of "perfect love" each person can share their thoughts and feelings as the other person seeks to understand, feel, and respond in the midst of the conversation.

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II. The Zeal of Jesus

- A. Jesus asked 3 questions in this scripture. The first few questions are meant to deal with the accusations of mans heart and the goodness of God. ***“What makes you think God won’t step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won’t he stick up for them?”*** Of course He will. Jesus is showing off the goodness of our Father. ***“I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly, he won’t drag his feet.”***
- B. The last question deals with the coming of the Bridegroom to marry His Bride. Any time we see the “Son of Man” as a title reference we know that Jesus is referring to the relationship we share in suffering and glory together. Jesus is revealing HIS heart now with the question, ***“Will this kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?”*** He is the Bridegroom coming for His Bride. Oh to be voluntary lovers now who choose to “believe” the works of the Lord as we prepare for our Bridegroom to find us READY, full of faith, awaiting His return.

The Fear of God:

Jesus sees everything

He cares about everything He sees

He will do something about everything He has seen

We find faith beyond fear as we experience perfect love.

No is usually not the final answer but an invitation to a conversation with the Father.

III. The Heart of the Father

“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” Romans 8:15-16

- A. You are a Son or Daughter of Papa God! That is your identity, it’s who you are. We are free from fear of failure of doing it right. We are free from being afraid of God. We have been liberated by love and are now in conversations that affirm I have the ear and heart of God.
- B. You are Father God’s happy thought. The spirit of God testifies with your spirit that you are one with God.

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IV. The Foundation of Intercession

The foundation of intercession is rooted in the foundation of our identity.

A. The Genesis story is the foundation of our identity.

When God makes anything

- He starts by creating an environment.
- He speaks in order to make life
- He speaks to the substance of the environment that he's just made

And from within that environment, life comes forth that is meant to draw its life from within that environment.

'God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: plants yielding seeds according to their kinds, and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds." It was so. Genesis 1:11

God said, "Let the water swarm with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." God created the great sea creatures and every living and moving thing with which the water swarmed, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:20-21

"Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals, each according to its kind." It was so. Genesis 1:11,20-21,24

B. With Man it is different.

"Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:26-27

When he makes man, he has an internal conversation. He says, **"Let us make man in our image after our likeness"** and forms man from the dust of the earth, breathes into you, and man becomes a living being.

Question: When God makes man what was the environment that he spoke to?

When God made man, he spoke to himself.

This is the environment from which we are meant to draw our life from. It's why Paul says **"in Him, we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28**

If God breathed his life in you then we can safely say, the breath of God lives within me and I can breathe the breath of life to others. You carry the DNA of heaven. You carry God's DNA, you are made in His **image** and **likeness**.

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V. The Gaze of the Trinity

A. You are the expression of God. It's His love and His will to actually express himself through you. The Bible says like this, "**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus... Ephesians 2:10** In you, God is actually expressing himself. He sees you and likes you. Your quirks sometimes are His favorite things! The eyes and affections of the Lord are upon us. His gaze is delightful and good not distant and angry.

B. He sees our Hearts

One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple. Psalm 27:4

Hebrew meaning for "beauty" | no'-am = delightfulness, pleasantness

- God's absolutely good. He's filled with love, joy and peace infinitely complete.
- You're made in His image and likeness.

**It's not what you believe about yourself that defines who you are. It's not what you believe about God that defines who He is,
It's what God believes about you that defines who you are**

Or

It's not what you believe about God that defines who he is. It is what he believes about you that defines who you are.

C. Set you hearts on things above

"set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above..." Colossians 3:1-2

Don't be so heavenly minded that you're no earthly good. Paul would say it like this, in order to be any earthly good at all, you have to be heavenly **minded**. He gives you permission to **anchor your affection in heaven** and **leave it there**. So it says Set your mind on things above, set your heart on things above...

"Whatever has your attention has your affection."

D. A Person of Presence

Not his presence apart from you but with you, in you. He gave us the Holy Spirit as a seal, an engagement ring, a guarantee of oneness. The Holy Spirit coming upon is evidence of His love. God breathing into you the breath of life, the wind of God, the Spirit of God

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demonstrates His intention. He doesn't live outside of you, He's actually created you to be his home.

You are the mansion that God has chosen to build for himself to dwell in.

And you're not a fixer upper. He absolutely believes you're the mansion that he has created for himself to dwell on.

"I am convinced and confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus [the time of His return]." Phil. 1:9 Amp

He who began a good work in you is going to be faithful to complete it. So it's not even up to you to complete it. He's going to complete it. He is committed to you waking up to who you really are, His son and daughter.

VI. Conclusion

"So then, we must cling in faith to all we know to be true. For we have a magnificent King-Priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who rose into the heavenly realm for us, and now sympathizes with us in our frailty. He understands humanity, for as a man, our magnificent King-Priest was tempted in every way just as we are, and conquered sin. So now we draw near freely and boldly to where grace is enthroned, to receive mercy's kiss and discover the grace we urgently need to strengthen us in our time of weakness." Hebrews 4:14-16

This is the posture of intercession. In light of the goodness of God, the miracle of oneness, and the imparting of God within us, "we can ask anything in the name of the father and it will be given." John 14:11

"On that day [when that time comes] you will know for yourselves that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you." John 14:20 Amp