INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Col. 4:12 - "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand <u>perfect and complete in all the will of God.</u>"

1. COMMAND TO PRAY.

- 1. I would that all men would pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands unto the Lord.
- 2. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men
 - 1. For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
 - 2. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
 - 3. Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." (I Ti. 2:1-4).
- 3. Pray one for another.
 - 1. "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers." (Rom. 1:9).
 - 2. "Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers." (Eph. 1:16).
 - 3. "I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day." (II Tim. 1:3).
 - 4. "I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers." (Philemon 1:4).

2. THOSE WITH SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER.

- 1. "And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day." (Lu. 2:37).
- 2. "Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day." (I Tim. 5:5).

3. JESUS HAS PRAYED FOR US.

- 1. Peter, I have prayed for you.
- 2. I pray for those whom you have given me.
- 3. "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared." (Heb. 5:7).
- 4. "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." (Mk. 1:35).
- 5. "Jesus went up into a mountain alone to pray."

4. PRAYER OF SOLOMON.

1. Let thy word be verified.

- 2. Have respect to the prayer of thy servant that thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night.
- 3. That righteousness might prevail.
- 4. Deliver from enemies.
- 5. Send rain when there is no rain.
- 6. Heal dearth, pestilence, sickness.
- 7. Hear petitions of strangers from far country.
- 8. In land of captivity.

5. SOLOMON'S PRAYER ACCEPTED.

- 1. Fire came from heaven to consume the sacrifice.
- 2. The glory of the Lord filled the house.
- 3. People worshipped and praised the Lord, saying, he is good, his mercy endureth forever.

6. GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS.

- 1. "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." (I Pet. 3:12).
- 2. If my people who are called by my name
 - 1. Shall humble themselves, pray, seek my face, turn from their wicked ways
 - 2. Then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and heal their land.
- 3. Come boldly to the throne of grace.

7. DEMARCATIONS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.

- 1. Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. We enter God's presence with praise for the benefits and promises provided in the new covenant and purchased for you by the blood of Jesus.
- 2. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done--set and maintain priorities.
- 3. Give us this day our daily bread--appropriate God's provisions for the day.
- 4. And forgive us our debts--set will to have right attitude toward everybody all the time.
- 5. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil--praying a hedge of protection.
- 6. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever--return to praise at end of your prayer.

8. PRAYERS FOR.

- 1. Church, pastor, leadership, the people.
- 2. Spiritual harvest.
- 3. Leaders of cities, states, and nations.