

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - I

“The Call to Prayer”

II Chron. 6 & 7

I. GOD'S DESIRE

- A. **2 Chron. 6:4.** *"...that with his hands he might fulfill that which he spake with his mouth..."*
- B. **V. 5.** *"To choose a city where his name might be there..."*
 - 1. "But I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there..."
 - a. *"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn..."* (Heb. 12:22-23).
 - b. So God is saying, "I have chosen Jasper."
- C. ***God's desire to reveal His glory in the midst of His people.***

II. WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE HINDRANCES THAT KEEP GOD'S DESIRES FROM BEING FULFILLED.

- A. ***Outside forces.***
 - 1. A mixture of people.
 - 2. Mixture of spirits.
 - 3. A word God gave us in May 1993:
 - a. It's time to arise in power.
 - b. Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might.
 - c. Put on the whole armor of God.
 - d. Arise and shine for thy light is come.
 - e. Awake out of sleep ye who slumber.
 - 4. Satan's kingdom is formidable.
 - a. Satanism.
 - b. Witchcraft and the occult.
 - c. New Age movement.
 - d. Drug culture.
- B. ***Inside forces.***
 - 1. Infiltration into the church.
 - a. Bringing an impurity into the church through compromise.
 - b. Balaam knew that an outside enemy could not affect God's people, but infiltration of immorality would.
 - 2. Flesh and carnality.
 - 3. Confusion and strife.

III. COMBATING THE FORCES OF DARKNESS WHICH HOLD BACK THE DESIRE OF THE LORD (BLESSINGS OF THE LORD)

- A. ***Will usher in the greatest move of God.***

- B. ***Will manifest God in the midst of the people.***
- C. ***Will be accomplished through intercessory prayer.***
- D. ***Intercessory prayer the highest form of prayer.***
 - 1. (1 Tim 2:1 KJV) I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; (1 Tim 2:2 KJV) For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
 - 2. Eph. 6:18. *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints..."*
 - a. Perseverance. The act of continuing steadfastly in a thing and give unremitting care to it.
 - b. Supplication. To pray humbly; making humble request or petition.

IV. SECOND CRONICLES 6 AND 7 STILL OFFERS A MODEL FOR PRAYER.

- A. ***V. 13. Solomon constructed a scaffold of prayer in midst of temple.***
- B. ***Prayer must be the center of our activity***
- C. ***Prayer of Solomon.***
 - 1. V. 17. Let thy word be verified (God verified, or confirmed His word with signs following).
 - 2. V. 18. Will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? (Bringing the presence of God into our midst).
 - 3. V. 19. Have respect to the prayer of thy servant
 - 4. V. 20. That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night (the blessings of God upon our church and homes).
 - 5. V. 23. That righteousness might prevail
 - a. Righteousness in the people
 - b. Righteousness in government.
 - c. The earnest fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
 - 6. V. 24. Deliver from enemies (to live in peace).
 - 7. V. 26. Send rain when there is no rain
 - a. End the drought.
 - b. Bring abundance and plenty.
 - 8. V. 28. Heal dearth, pestilence, sickness
 - 9. V. 32-33. Hear petitions of strangers from far country (wherever we may be).
 - 10. Vv. 37-38. In land of captivity (to bring liberty and victory when we are in captivity).
- D. ***All of these petitions contingent upon prayer and repentance.***

V. SOLOMON'S PRAYER ACCEPTED

- A. **2 Chron. 7:1. Fire came from heaven to consume sacrifice (Acceptable offerings to the Lord).**
- B. **V. 2. Glory of the Lord filled the house.**
- C. **V. 3. Response brought praise and worship--saying, he is good, his mercy endureth forever (people had something to praise God about).**
 - 1. Praise is when we extol the Lord for His goodness toward us
 - 2. Worship is when we honor Him for who He is.
 - 3. Then they worshiped through their sacrifices.

VI. GOD HEARS PRAYER AND RESPONDS.

- A. **V. 12. Then the Lord appeared.**
- B. **V. 14. If my people who are called by my name (not the sinner on the street).**
 - 1. Shall humble themselves, pray, seek my face, turn from their wicked ways (four steps finalized in turning away from evil ways).
 - 2. Then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and heal their land.
- C. **Solomon's prayer is a basis for intercessory prayer.**
 - 1. God's people calling upon Him in behalf of selves and nation.
 - 2. Need for national repentance.
- D. **This was basis of Jehosophat's victorious warfare--bringing to remembrance God's covenant with Solomon.** (2 Chr 20:9 KJV) If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

VII. STANDING IN THE GAP. *"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."* (Ez. 22:30).

- A. **Abraham stood in gap for Sodom and Gomorrah.** (Gen 18:31 KJV) And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. (Gen 18:32 KJV) And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.
- B. **Moses.** Interceded for the people when God was ready to wipe them out after building the golden calf.
- C. **We can stand in the gap for our families, church, community and nation.**