

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - II

I. PRAYER OF SOLOMON.

- A. *Let thy word be verified.*
- B. *Have respect to the prayer of thy servant that thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night.*
- C. *That righteousness might prevail.*
- D. *Deliver from enemies.*
- E. *Send rain when there is no rain.*
- F. *Heal dearth, pestilence, sickness.*
- G. *Hear petitions of strangers from far country.*
- H. *Hear in land of captivity.*

II. SOLOMON'S PRAYER ACCEPTED.

- A. *Fire came from heaven to consume the sacrifice.*
- B. *The glory of the Lord filled the house.*
- C. *People worshiped and praised the Lord, saying, he is good, his mercy endureth forever.*
- D. *The Lord appeared...* 2 Chr 7:12 KJV) And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.
- E. *If my people...* 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.

III. SOLOMON'S PRAYER IS A BASIS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

- A. *God's people calling upon Him in behalf of selves and nation.*
- B. *Need for national repentance.*
- C. *This was basis of Jehosopah'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.

IV. 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. 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 perfect and complete in all the will of God.*"
- D. **We can stand in the gap for our families, church, community and nation.**

V. COMMAND TO PRAY.

- A. **All men to pray everywhere.** (1 Tim 2:8 KJV) I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- B. **Prayers for all men...** (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. 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).
- C. **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).

VI. THOSE WITH SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER.

- A. **Anna.** "*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).
- B. **Widow indeed.** "*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).

VII. JESUS HAS PRAYED FOR US.

- A. **Jesus draws aside to pray.**
 1. "*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).
 2. (Mat 14:23 KJV) And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was

there alone.

- B. ***Peter, I have prayed for you.*** (Luke 22:31 KJV) And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: (Luke 22:32 KJV) But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.
- C. ***I pray for those whom you have given me.*** (John 17:9 KJV) I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

VIII. GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS.

- A. ***His ears are open to our prayers.*** "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).
- B. ***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.
- C. ***Come boldly to the throne of grace.*** (Heb 4:16 KJV) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

IX. DEMARCATATIONS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.

- A. ***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.
- B. ***Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done***--set and maintain priorities.
- C. ***Give us this day our daily bread***--appropriate God's provisions for the day.
- D. ***And forgive us our debts***--set will to have right attitude toward everybody all the time.
- E. ***Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil***--praying a hedge of protection.
- F. ***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever***--return to praise at end of your prayer.

X. PRAYERS FOR.

- A. ***Church, pastor, leadership, the people.***
- B. ***Leaders of cities, states, and nations.***
- C. ***Spiritual harvest.***
- D. ***Spirit of revival.***