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INTERCESSION

Inter, latin, = between; cedere/cess = to go.

Intercessor is 'a go between' two parties who need help to reconcile differing points of view, usually thought of as *to go to one of the parties on behalf of the other*. Prayer to God on behalf of people who do not (will not or cannot) pray for themselves. This is the High Priestly function of pleading with God for the people.

The other aspect of intercession is pleading with the people for God. This is the prophetic function. Consider Solomon's plea in 2 Chron 7:14 '... humble themselves, pray, seek My face, turn from their wicked ways...'

So intercession may be 'pleading with God for mankind' and the transverse is 'pleading with mankind for God'.

Three upward steps to *intercession*. 1Tim 2:1.

1. **Supplication** : to make humble petition to a person (written or oral).

Relationship of servant to master. Emphasis on ME, what I want.

Recognition of who we are in God's great universe. Ps 8 'when I consider Your heavens ... what is man?', Matt 6:9 'Our Father in Heaven HALLOWED be Thy name'. Acts 4:24. 'O Sovereign Lord, ... who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything that is in them...'

Acts 1:14 All of these with their minds in full agreement devoted themselves steadfastly to prayer, [waiting together] with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Ephesians 6:18 (Amplified Bible) Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. (see the progression towards intercession) To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

Philippians 4:6 (Amplified Bible) Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (^[a]definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

1 Timothy 2 FIRST OF all, then, I admonish and urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all men,

1 Timothy 5:5 (Amplified Bible) Now [a woman] who is a real widow and is left entirely alone and desolate has fixed her hope on God and perseveres in supplications and prayers night and day,

Hebrews 5:7 (Amplified Bible) In the days of His flesh [Jesus] offered up definite, special petitions [for that which He not only wanted ^[a]but needed] and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him Who was [always] able to save Him [out] from death, and He was heard because of His reverence toward God [His godly fear, His piety, ^[b]in that He shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the Father].

This is the worship factor in our upward progress to intercession.

2. Prayers. General talk to God about things, events, situations.

1 Tim 2:8 ‘... in every place men should pray...’

3. Intercession. Highest form of engagement with God because it is entirely selfless. The emphasis is on OTHERS.

All of these with THANKSGIVING.

PASSION

Strong emotion. Excitement, enthusiasm, fervour, feeling, energy, vitality, strength in expression, earnest, zealous.

Elijah prayed earnestly. James 5:16.

‘Jesus offered up ... petitions ... supplications, with strong crying and tears ...’ Heb 5:7.

Examples of Abraham, Moses and the Prophets.

Through prayer everything can change

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Scriptures for Intercessory prayer seminar with Des Higgs

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great [kings and rulers], and He shall divide the spoil with the mighty, because He poured out His life unto death, and [He let Himself] be regarded as a criminal and be numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore [and took away] the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors (the rebellious).⁽

Jeremiah 7: 2 Stand in the gate of the Lord's house and proclaim there this word and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you of Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.

3 ... Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4Trust not in the lying words [of the false prophets ...]

5For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly and truly execute justice between every man and his neighbor,

6If you do not oppress the transient and the alien, the fatherless, and the widow or shed innocent blood [by oppression and by judicial murders] in [Jerusalem] or go after other gods to your own hurt,

7Then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers to dwell in forever.

9Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known,

10And [then dare to] come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My ^aName, and say, [By the discharge of this religious formality] we are set free!-- only to go on with this wickedness and these abominations?

11Has this house, which is called by My Name, become a den of robbers in your eyes [a place of retreat for you between acts of violence]? Behold, I Myself have seen it, says the Lord.

13And now, because you have done all these things, says the Lord, and [because] when I spoke to you persistently [even rising up early and speaking], you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer,

14Therefore will I do to this house (the temple), which is called by My Name and in which you trust, to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.

15And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole posterity of Ephraim.

16Therefore do not pray for this people [of Judah] or lift up a cry or entreaty for them or make intercession to Me, for I will not listen to or hear you.

18The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes for the ^[b]queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger!

20Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and beast, on the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground; it will burn and not be quenched.

21Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat the flesh [if you will. It will avail you nothing].

22For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices.

23But this thing I did command them: Listen to and obey My voice, and I will be your God and you will be My people; and walk in the whole way that I command you, that it may be well with you.

24But they would not listen to and obey Me or bend their ear [to Me], but followed the counsels and the stubborn promptings of their own evil hearts and minds, and they turned their backs and went in reverse instead of forward.

25Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent to you all My servants the prophets, sending them daily, early and late.

26Yet the people would not listen to and obey Me or bend their ears [to Me], but stiffened their necks and behaved worse than their fathers.

27Speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to and obey you; also call to them, but they will not answer you.

28Yet you shall say to them, This is the nation that did not obey the voice of the Lord their God or receive instruction and correction and warning; truth and faithfulness have perished and have completely vanished from their mouths.

Jeremiah 27:18 (Amplified Bible) But if they are true prophets and if the word of the Lord is really spoken by them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of

hosts, that the vessels which are [still] left in the house of the Lord, in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem may not go to Babylon.

Jeremiah 36:25 (Amplified Bible) Even though Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah tried to persuade the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

Rom 8:26 So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.

27And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will. ^(E)

28We are assured and know that [ⁱGod being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose.

34Who is there to condemn [us]? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading as He intercedes for us?

Romans 11:2 (Amplified Bible) No, God has not rejected and disowned His people [whose destiny] He had marked out and appointed and foreknown from the beginning. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

Hebrews 7:25 (Amplified Bible) 25Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them