Title: The Ministry of Intercession

What: Praying for God's Blessing on Someone Else's Behalf.

The Example of Jesus: (Luke 23:34; John 17:20; Heb 5:7);

Today Jesus Makes Intercession to God for us: (Heb 9:12, 24)

Command: (1 Tim 2:1)

Kings, Authorities, & All Men: (1 Tim 2:2)

Ministers. (2 Cor 1:11) (Phil 1:19)

The Church. (Ps 122:6) (Is 62:6-7)

All saints. (Eph 6:18)

Masters. (Gen 24:12)

Servants. (Lk 7:2-3)

Children. (Gen 17:18) (Matt 15:22)

Friends. (Job 42:8)

Fellow-countrymen. (Rom 10:1)

The sick. (James 5:14)

Persecutors. (Matt 5:44)

Enemies among whom we dwell. (Jer 29:7)

Those who envy us. (Num 12:13)

Those who forsake us. (2 Tim 4:16)

Those who murmur against God. (Num 11:1; 14:13, 19)

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A Life Altering Opportunity for both Parties: (Job 42:10)

<u>2 necessities for answered prayer</u>- Righteousness & Faith <u>Necessity of Righteousness</u>:

(2 Kings 18:1-3) Hezekiah Led his people in Righteousness.

Imputed Righteousness: (Rom 3:22)

We can come boldly to God's Thrown (Heb 4:16)

We can Ask in the Name of Christ(Jn 14:13-14, 26)

(Jn 15:16)(Jn 16:23-24) As if He were making the requests

Personal Righteousness: (2 Ki 18:3-4)(Ps 66:18)(John 15:7)

Necessity of Faith: (2 Kings 18:5-6) (Heb 11:6)

(Matt 9:29) Jesus said "According to your faith"

(Matt 8:13) The Centurion with a sick Servant.

(Matt 15:28) Women of Canaan, possessed daughter.

(Mark 10:52) Blind Man received his sight.

(Mark 9:23) All things are possible to them that believe

Seven factors to be considered for effective Intercession.

Factor of Persistence: (2 Kings 18:6)

(Is 14:17) the lost are prisoners of war

(Mark 3:27) Jesus said the Strong man must be bound 1st.

(Mark 9:29) Some Strongholds of Satan require prayer/fasting

Factor of Travail: *To labor with pain; to toil.* (2 Ki 19:14-19)

Jesus knew what it meant to Travail in prayer.

(Luke 22:44) And being in an agony he prayed

Factor of Pleading:

Hezekiah for Judah (2 Kings 19:14-19)

Abraham for Sodom (Gen 18) (Is 41:21) (2 Tim 2:13)

Plead the Purposes of God:

(Luke 19:10) He came to seek and to save that which was lost (2 Pet 3:9) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise ...

(Eph 2:5-7) To show off the exceeding riches of His grace.

Plead the Promises of God:

(John 3:16) They are a whosever.

(John 1:12) You give the power to become the sons of God. (John 6:44) No man can come to me, accept the Father Draw Him: & I will raise him up at the last day.

(Rom 10:13) They are a "Whosoever".

Plead the Power of God:

(Heb 7:25) *He is able also to save them to the uttermost.* (Rom 1:16) *Power of God unto salvation.* (1 Cor 2:4-5) *Saving them: demonstration of your power*

Plead the Personage of God:

Creator, Redeemer, Father, and Lord.

Plead the Personality of God:

His Love, Mercy, Grace, Gentleness, Longsuffering

Plead His Past Performances:

He spared Nineveh. Demoniac of Gadarene, The Woman at the Well, Saul of Tarsus

Plead for His Glory, not our own: (John 15:8) (James 4:3) (Is 41:21) **Produce your cause, ...your strong reasons,**

God's Desire for them to be saved is a Strong Reason:

(2 Pet 3:9) not any that any should perish, but that all should (1 Tim 2:3-4) who will have all men to be saved. (Eph 3:7-9) & to make all men see what is the fellowship .. (Acts 17:30-31) Because Judgement is coming.

Love is a Strong Reason: (Luke 16:27-28)

Charity~ *Love that motivates me to act.* (1 Cor 13:7-8a)

Faith is a Strong Reason: (Mark 9:23) (Mark 2:5)

Power is a Strong Reason: (James 5:16)

God's Expectation of us, is a Strong Reason: (Is 59:16)

(Luke 12:11-12) Jesus never taught how to preach/ teach. Jesus Christ did teach, them how to pray (Lk 11:1-2)

Intercessory Prayer is to be the 1st Priority: (1 Tim 2:1-2) Never been tried to it's full capacity. (Jer 33:3)

Biblical Examples are a Strong Reason:

(Is 53:12) Jesus made intercession for the Transgressors (Heb 7:25) Jesus is still doing it. (Rom 10:1) Paul Interceded in prayer for Israel.

Factor of Brokenness: (2 Kings 20:1-3)

(Ps 126:5) *they that sow in tears*... (Luke 19:41)

Tears are Potent: (Ps 126:5-6)

Factor of Aggression: (Matt 16:19) (Matt 28:18-20)

(Rev 12:11) We are Over comers.

(Rom 8:37) We are more than Conquerors.

(Luke 11:21-22) Satan is a heavily Armed man who is dug in.

(2 Cor 10:4) Our weapons are Mighty.

(Eph 6:10-18*) Prayer is an offensive weapon.

(Eph 1:17-23) We have the power to wage war through Christ