

Revelation of Intercession

I. REVIEW

- A. There are 4 Eternal Functions/Values that characterize the priesthood of all believers: Friendship, Gazing, Partnership and Proclamation
- B. Ministry to God- Worship and Prayer is agreement with God, but it also deeply moves His heart.
- C. Friendship in Intercession- the heart of intercession finds its origin within a friendship. God designed intercession to be deeply relational and to be grounded in intimacy with Him.
- D. Intercession is a primary mandate of this church and God is wanting to strengthen our understanding and our identity as Priests before Him. I want to encourage you to question and wrestle within this teaching series- Is your perspective about what ministry is, changing? Are you connecting with the idea of ministering to God in worship? Are you currently feeling friendship with Jesus within intercession on a consistent basis? And why not?

II. OUR FATHER

“... your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.” Matthew 6:9

- A. In Matthew 6, Jesus showed us that when we pray we can pray like He does to “Our Father”. Matthew 6 shows us that prayer is interaction, a dialogue. Through Jesus we have access to the position of a son to the Father. The truth that God is our Father, and our Sonship with Him, is foundational to our prayer lives. (How He relates and acts, His character, and His delight in us...)
- B. When we worship and pray, God isn’t looking for information, He already knows what we are going to ask for before we even ask! He is looking for interaction and dialogue with us because He likes to hear our voices and asking is a foundational principle of how His Kingdom works.

III. JESUS CREATED THE EARTH: THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERCESSION

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void...the Spirit was hovering over the face of the waters. God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light... God said, “Let the waters...be gathered together...” and it was so... God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass...and it was so.” Genesis 1:2-11

- 1. Who?
- 2. What?
- 3. Where?
- 4. When?
- 5. How?

- A. **How?** In Genesis 1, “**God said**” ten different times, all in context to creating things. God is introducing His mode of operation, or the way He operates. It doesn’t say, “He waved His hand and there was light” or “He thought about light, and there was light,” it says “He spoke” and there was light! This speaking forth of creation was intercession!
- B. The Trinity worked together as one in creation: the Father had the Genesis 1 “beginning” plans in His heart, then these approved plans were spoken forth into existence by Jesus, and the Spirit released power to accomplish it.
- C. It’s important to note that these plans from the Father were “in His will/approved” and that ALL of the Spirit’s power was ready and present, but no power to accomplish it was released **until Jesus spoke**. Power only was released when He spoke forth words. This is the principle of intercession, or the foundational understanding of what intercession is- **God’s will spoken out in intercessory worship brings creative power to accomplish His will or His promises upon the earth.**
- D. Jesus’ name is the Living Word of God. What He speaks is powerful but also how He lives is an expression of the Father. When Jesus expresses and manifests the Father’s thoughts/plans/heart, He functions as an Intercessor. Jesus is called the Word (Jn. 1:1; Rev. 19:13) because *He brings God’s ideas into existence in the natural world by speaking*. In other words, He acts, rules, and functions by speaking the Word of God.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [Jesus]... All things were made through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made.” John 1:1-3

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power.” Hebrews 1:1-3

- E. Jesus is identified in the Scriptures as the Creator who spoke and said, “Let there be light” in Genesis 1 and who sustains the universe by His word (Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:2-3), and speaks His Word over our lives (Jas. 1:18).

“And in Him all things consist [are held together, NIV, NAS].” Colossians 1:17

“God who created all things through Jesus Christ...” Ephesians 3:9

“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made...” Psalm. 33:6

“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” Hebrews 11:3

“By the word of God the heavens were of old,” 2 Peter 3:5

“Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.” James 1:18

- F. ***The simplicity of intercession:*** Intercession is simply this: *to tell God what He tells us to tell Him* and that will release His power. It is profoundly simple and accessible to all. You don't have to be educated, have a specific position, money, beauty, or favor to do this. Whoever wants to be involved in the most powerful activity on the planet can! Intercession is God's brilliant strategy for including the saints in ruling with Him in power.
- G. In the process of worship and agreement, our hearts and emotions are transformed into alignment/agreement with God's heart. This is what it means to be a friend of God. He doesn't want a parrot but a partner.
- H. When Jesus was tempted by Satan, He spoke God's Word to resist each temptation-Mt 4:1-10. The word of God functions as the sword of the Spirit, striking Satan's realm of dominion.

“Take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

- I. One aspect of the new covenant is that the Lord puts His words into the mouths of His people so that forever they may “speak in agreement with Him” to release His power on earth—this is a principle of intercession. The Lord has chosen to govern the earth in partnership with His people.

“...this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth...from this time and forevermore.” Isaiah 59:21

- J. Jesus' judgment of the nations includes His striking them with the sword of His mouth. By the decree of His mouth, His end-time judgments are released. He will use the sword or the rod of His mouth or intercessory decrees to remove all resistance to His rule (Isa. 11:4; Psalm 149, Rev. 19:15-16).

IV. INTERCESSION RELEASES THE POWER OF GOD

- A. ***The power of intercession:*** From the very beginning, God chose intercessory worship to be the primary way He releases His power. It says in Hebrews that Jesus' job occupation is to intercede forever! In the earthly realm, God's primary way to express Himself and His Kingdom is through intercessory worship.

“He always [or forever] lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25

“Christ...at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.” Romans 8:34

1. Through intercession, Jesus releases His power to rule and possess the nations (Ps. 2:7-8). He releases His power now this way, and will rule the nations forever in partnership with His people through intercession.

“‘Yet I [the Father] have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.’ ‘I [Jesus] will declare the decree: The LORD [the Father] has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me [intercession!!] and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.’ ” Psalm 2:7–8

2. “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.” Being “begotten” speaks literally of Christ's resurrection and ties Jesus' resurrection directly to becoming the eternal High Priest and thus inviting all humanity to become priests and kings. (Col 1:18, Rev 1:5, Hebrews 5:5)

3. The Father says to Jesus “*You are my Son, ask of Me.*” In my words, “I’ve resurrected you into Your identity as a High Priest, so function in Your eternal identity as an Intercessor and ask me for what is Yours! In Psalm 2, David connects Jesus’ identity of King and Priest.
4. The Father has established His Son as King already, yet it’s not time for Him to rule the earth in actuality until His return. Psalm 2 speaks of what the Son is currently doing in heaven.
5. Think of it this way, the eternal Son, a High Priest, who is fully God, wouldn’t have an inheritance without asking for it. A value of the Father (and the inheritance of a Son/son) is to ASK and when we ask, He will give. This makes prayer relational as we must become sons praying to our Father. Asking is heaven’s currency to receive God’s power on the earth. In intercession, authority is given or expressed or released.
6. God has chosen intercession to be a partnership; we agree with God in intercession and that is when God’s power can enter the earthly realm. God requires us to cooperate with Him. God will not do our part and we cannot do His part. If we do not do our part, then God actually withholds some of the power, help, and blessing He would have given us if we would not have asked. This gives value to each believer’s voice in prayer.
7. We can’t just say, “*God will do what He will no matter what I do*”. This is not 100% true, because God requires agreement with humans for something to be made manifest in the earthly realm.
8. Worship and prayer flow together before God’s throne and contribute to what God does on the earth. When the “golden bowls of prayer” are full in heaven, then Jesus will open the seals or release His end-time judgments against the Antichrist. He partners with our prayers, and we partner with His will.

“The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders...each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and open its seals...we shall reign on the earth.” Revelation 5:8-10

“The prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne... the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God...Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth” [releasing judgment] Revelation 8:3-5

9. The Lord uses intercessory worship to release His justice (vengeance against His enemies).

“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth... to execute vengeance [justice] on the nations... to bind their kings with chains..., and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment—this honor have all His saints.” Psalm 149:6-9

- B. The governmental center of the universe is in the prayer ministry, which includes all the Spirit inspired prayers on earth and in heaven going up together before God. Corporate intercessory worship is the primary means God has chosen to release His power. It is the highest expression of His government and is the most powerful weapon that exists. We do not just pray for the work that we do in the kingdom, but part of our main work is prayer.

- C. **(only on my copy) Testimonies** - 1) Drug house- only prayed for an hour. 2) 3 years ago: lady touched and healed in Prayer room, no one prayed 3) Personal story- a girl's healing and 4) "My friend prayed for you"