



## Inner Growth - Intercessor

**And he saw that *there was no man*, and wondered that *there was no intercessor*: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.**

*Isaiah 59:16*

**Intercede** - 1 Timothy 2:1, Hebrew 7:25

**Name** - Ephesians 1:21, Philippians 2:9-10

**Time** - Ecclesiastes 3:1, Ephesians 5:16

**Everywhere** - Genesis 28:15, 1 Timothy 2:8

**Relatives** - Mark 3:27, Ephesians 3:15,

**Christ** - Hebrews 3:14, 2 Thessalonians 3:5

**Enemy** - Psalms 143:9, Luke 10:19

**Situations** - Romans 8:28

**Scriptures** - John 7:38, Romans 10:11

**Opportunity** - Galatians 6:10

**Rest** - Exodus 33:14, Hebrews 4:9

The Lord saw the magnitude of Israel's sins and recognized no intercessor to turn the tide. Then, He decided to stretch forth "His arm" to save His people, which ultimately happened in the coming of Jesus Christ. Even now, it is Jesus Himself who personally intercedes for us in heaven, as in Hebrews seven, very twenty-five; He looks for intercessors on earth to join Him in standing "in the gap," as in Ezekiel twenty-two, verse thirty, on behalf of His church, which needs revival, and of the lost, who need salvation.

Because of Christ's intercession, "them to the uttermost that come to God," as in Hebrews seven, verse twenty-five, can receive a fullness of grace and salvation. Christ's intercession as our high priest is essential to

our salvation. Without the grace, mercy, and help mediated to us through His intercession, we would fall away from God, and once again be enslaved to sin and the dominion of Satan, and incur just condemnation. Our hope and security are in coming to God through Christ by faith.

An intercessor is a believer who speaks on behalf of a person to God who is facing trouble, difficulty, or a serious matter that needs to change for the better. Through the mediator, who is the servant of God, is for all people to receive salvation. The Bible reveals two aspects of the will of God for humankind about salvation: His perfect will, which says that He wants everyone to be saved as in First Timothy four, verse ten, and Titus two, verse eleven, and His permissive will which acknowledges that He permits many to refuse to come to Christ to receive salvation, as in Matthew seven, verse twenty-one, Luke seven, verse thirty, chapter thirteen, verse thirty-four, John seven, verse seventeen, and Acts seven, verse fifty-one, respectively. Christ lives in heaven in His Father's presence, interceding for every one of His followers according to the Father's will, as in Romans eight, verses thirty-three through thirty-four, First Timothy two, verse five, and First John two, verse one. Through Christ's ministry of intercession, we experience God's love and presence and find mercy and grace to help us in times of need, temptation, weakness, sin, and trial.

An intercessor is a believer who has the presence of God around them and devotion to Him. Believers who serve the Lord have a prayer life for God to work through their intercessory prayers. The prayer for Paul in Ephesians one, verses sixteen through twenty for the Ephesians reflects God's desire for every believer in Christ. Paul prays that the Holy Spirit might work in them in abundant measure, as in Ephesians three, verse sixteen. The Holy Spirit's impartation is for believers to receive more wisdom, revelation, and knowledge concerning God's redemptive purposes for present and future salvation and experience a more abundant "power" of the Holy Spirit.

An intercessor is a believer who uses the Son of God's name above every name. Not in the

way unbelievers use it to curse or mention His name when something goes wrong (which is that ungodly presence in them that causes them to do it), but for the believer to use the name of Jesus Christ to break the strongholds of Satan and evil forces. For intercessors to advance in grace, achieve victory over Satan and sin, witness and pray effectively for Christ, and gain final salvation, God's Spirit and power must be present within us, as in First Peter one, verse five. This power is an activity, manifestation, and strength of the Holy Spirit working within us as faithful believers. It is the same power and Spirit that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at the right hand of God as in Philippians one, verse twenty, Romans eight, verses eleven through sixteen, verses twenty-six through twenty-seven, and Galatians five, verses twenty-two to twenty-five.

An intercessor knows the time of intervention. Timing is sensitive because intervening on behalf of something or someone else is to offset the circumstance with God's help to overcome the matter. As soon as the problem arises, the response is to address it to the Almighty God and allow Him to work on our behalf. Redeeming the time during these evil days is crucial. The devil is known to do mischief in the dark, although it can happen at any moment.

An intercessor's responsibility is to attack the problem in prayer right away after midnight (between two and four o'clock in the morning). The world activity is low while the air is clear. The objective is to stop any potential plan of Satan and his demons from carrying their intention for the day. A person can pray anytime during the day, but to be most effective against the enemy is to disrupt his plan, similar to how he tries to interfere with us when we do not expect. Why pray intercessory prayer in the early hours instead of the daytime? Regularly, the activity is carried out during the daytime and will not be as effective as the early times.

An intercessor should be ready to pray anywhere. The sure thing is the regular place where you pray is the way. However, there will be times when vacationing away from home now and then when the common area is unavailable. No one knows what the day may

bring and where we may be when something occurs. Praying about someone or a problem is possible anywhere, at any time.

Being an intercessor for the family on behalf of loved ones could be challenging. The enemy will attempt to use them against believers as an opportunity to make them angry, which is a plot for them not to pray. However, for believers as intercessors, the requirement is to bind that evil presence that would present itself in those who have not surrendered to God. In Matthew eighteen, verse eighteen, "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Therefore, if a verbal confrontation attempts to arise, which is not normal, we should be aware of where it is coming from and proceed to use the Word against it.

The intercessor must address each family member to God. All who desire to see their family saved must fervently express what is going on with them and what needs to change. "Lord Jesus, save my \_\_\_\_\_ because they are \_\_\_\_\_, and only you can open the door and make the way. The more specific to God, the more effective the results will be. However, this may not be overnight and may take some time because only God knows, and it all depends on us as intercessors.

Intercessors must call upon Jesus Christ. During intercessory prayer, believers must use His name while praying to God for something to change. The process will not be easy, but taking the time and allowing our inner being to connect with God on behalf of others and for situations involving us and our family, we need the Lord for strength to hold faith and help. All believers who love Christ will allow Him to direct our intercessory prayer to benefit the person we're praying for or the problem we are addressing.

An intercessor needs to ask for assistance and deliverance from the enemy. The devil will attempt to use deception, delay, or distraction to offset believers who desire to do intercessory prayer. Satan will use noise, phone calls, family, or our flesh to stop our mission to help others in prayer. The enemy hates us praying, using the Word of God, and

calling the name of Jesus Christ because it is like putting holy fire upon him. Therefore, if he can stop the saints from doing intercessory prayer that affects his plans, he will by any means necessary.

Having authority over demons by using the name of Jesus and speaking the blood of Jesus against them is an advantage for believers. Luke ten, verse nineteen, declares, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Serpents and scorpions are terms representing some of the most dangerous forces of spiritual evil. Christians have power over evil spirits because Christ has given us His authority over Satan.

An Intercessor can change the situation through prayer. God will bring good out of all circumstances. God works the good, conforming us to the image of Christ. This promise is limited to those who love God and have submitted to Him in faith in Christ.

However, "all things" do not include our sins and negligence; no one can excuse sin by maintaining that God will work it out for good.

An intercessor will benefit from quoting the scriptures from the Word of God. Jesus Christ used the scriptures in the wilderness in Matthew four, verses four, seven, and ten when tempted by the devil. God honors His Word above His name, as in Psalms one hundred and thirty-eight, verse two. Therefore, if the scriptures are a weapon against the enemy, intercessors should use God's Word often to destroy the works of darkness. Scriptures from God's Word will prevail according to God.

Intercessors have the chance to do something great in the sight of God. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Intercessory with God is that secret place where the enemy cannot touch the believer, but only the intercessor can touch the heart of God.

Intercessors shall rest in His presence. Come before God and wait upon Him. "But they that

wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint," in Isaiah forty, verse thirty-one. All saints should come before Him with thanksgiving. Thank God for allowing us to approach Him with the heart of intercessory prayer for someone who needs help.

An intercessor has the privilege from God to change things around them through intercessory prayer. There are those people in the world who are looking for answers to the questions and problems they face.

Intercessory prayer is the avenue for God to do the unbelievable, and the impossible because He is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. The believer "stands in the gap" for the people and the problem to overturn and overcome through an intercessor.