

## **Prayer, Part 1: Jesus, Our Intercessor**

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Text: Isa. 53:12

### **Introduction Summary**

We start each year with 30 days of prayer, because prayer sets the table for winning and victory. Since Jesus is our Lord and Supreme example for living, we will look at how He prayed in His earthly ministry. Further the Scripture shows us what He is doing right now. Ultimately, our mission in life is to do what He expects us to do today, being motivated by love, thereby fulfilling His call to pray effectively.

- I. Jesus made intercession for the transgressors (Isa. 53:4-12).
  - A. Jesus was praying for the world (Mat 14:23).
  - B. Jesus got away from distractions, to focus (Mark 6:46).
  - C. Jesus prayed all night for transgressors (Luke 6:12).
- II. Isaiah prophesies about the outcome of followers of Jesus Christ.
  - A. Jesus prayed for the transgressors. *Transgressors* (Heb.: *pasha*) means to break away from just authority, trespass, offend, rebel, revolt (Isa. 53:12).
  - B. He called you the strong and the great, because you follow Christ.
  - C. Jesus did four things.
    1. He poured out His soul unto death.
    2. He was numbered with the transgressors.
    3. He bore the sin of the transgressors.
    4. He made intercession for the transgressors.
  - D. *Intercession* (Heb.: *paga*) means to impinge, to violently fall, to come between, to entreat. Jesus stood between God and them.
  - E. Jesus in His daily prayer made intercession for a lost world!
  - F. He gained from it; and we gained from it.
- III. Jesus is still interceding for us.
  - A. At this moment Jesus is interceding for us (Rom. 8:34-37).
  - B. In Heb. 7:25, *intercession* (Gk.: *entugchano*) means to entreat in favor of.
  - C. This is a part of His high priestly ministry today (Heb. 4:14-16).
  - D. He is acquainted with our infirmities (Heb. 4:15).
  - E. We can boldly go to Him and find grace and experience mercy (Heb. 4:16).
    1. Grace is the manifestation of God's power.
    2. Mercy is God's attitude of compassion toward you.

- IV. In Rom. 8:26, *intercession* (Gk.: *huperentugchano*) means to intercede in behalf of.
  - A. The Spirit intercedes for us (Rom. 8:27).
  - B. All things are brought in line with God's Word when we receive our call and walk in love (Rom. 8:28).
  - C. According to Webster's 1828 Dictionary, *intercede* means to pass between, to mediate, to act between parties with a view, to reconcile those who differ or contend.
  
- V. Jesus is asking us to intercede for the world, as He did.
  - A. *Exhort* implies that this is something we must do (1 Tim. 2:1).
    - 1. A supplication is a direct request based on the Word of God.
    - 2. Intercessions must be made, because it is God's will for us to stand in the gap for the **whole world**. Everyone is called to be an intercessor.
    - 3. Pray for kings and ALL that are in authority (1 Tim. 2:1-2).
    - 4. Pray for whoever is the current president, whether you like them or not.
      - a. That we may live in quietness and peace with godliness and honesty.
      - b. Your prayer has power to move on the heart of wicked men.
      - c. God is calling on us to pray for those in authority (2 Cor. 4:4).
    - 5. Jesus intercedes for us.
    - 6. The Holy Ghost intercedes for us.
    - 7. God is asking us to intercede for the world.
  - B. Pray for those who want to harm you (2 Tim 2:4).
  
- VI. Don't be like Elijah (Rom. 11:1).
  - A. Elijah interceded *against* Israel, not *for* Israel (Rom. 11:2-3).
  - B. God answers Elijah (Rom. 11:4-5).
  - C. Be the remnant that has a heart that's good ground (Mark 4:20).
  - D. Pray for yourself last.
  - E. Prayer opens the door for God to move.
  
- VII. Moses had a heart that was good ground (Num. 14:1-4).
  - A. Joshua and Caleb appealed to them to trust God (Num. 14:5-10).
  - B. Moses interceded for Israel caused God to pardon them (Num. 14:11-20).

### Closing Summary

God has called Word of Faith to be a worldwide church. We must follow Jesus our Lord's example by praying for the transgressor. Further the Scripture showed us that He is interceding for us right now. Ultimately, our mission in life is to live up to His expectation and intercede for the world, being motivated by love, because prayer sets the table for winning and victory.