

JOB 42:10 – INTERCESSORY PRAYER!

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Hymn #263 AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL – Katherine Lee Bates/Samuel Ward

Job 42:10 And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – WHY PRAY?

Biblical Examples: (C.H. Spurgeon, *Intercessory Prayer* Sermon #404)

- Abraham – for Ishmael (*Gen. 17:18*); for Sodom/Gomorrah (*Gen. 18:23-33*)
- Moses – for Israel when God wanted to destroy at golden calf incident (*Ex. 32*)
- Samuel – sin of prayerlessness (*1 Sam. 12:23*)
- Solomon – praying for the people at temple dedication (*1 Kings 8 & 2 Chron. 6*)
- Hezekiah – praying for himself and the people at Assyrian invasion threat (*Isaiah 37*)
- Elijah – for the end of drought (*1 Kings 18*)
- Jeremiah – tears of prayer for the people
- Peter – praying on rooftop (*Acts 10*)
- Stephen – while being stoned – *Father lay not this sin to their charge* (*Acts 7:60*)
- Paul – never ceased to pray; in middle of epistle to pray – “For which cause I bow my knee” (*Col./Eph.*)
- Cloud of Holy Witnesses – not a single believer who does not pray for his children, family, the lost!
- Jesus Christ – has made it clear in His Word it is our duty and privilege to intercede for others
- Jesus’ Model Prayer – *Our Father* – use of all plural pronouns; His high priestly prayer -*John 17 vs. 6-26* praying for His disciples and for us!
- Paul/Holy Spirit – “pray for us” (*1Th 5:25; 2Th 3:1; Heb 13:18*)
- James – “pray for one another” – blessings of healing for both object of prayer and one praying!

Our Savior’s Example! – Was there ever One who interceded and intercedes as He did and does?

- “He always lives to make intercession for them!” *Heb. 7:25*
- Think, how even in the agonies of His crucifixion, He did not forget that He was still an intercessor for man! “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”
- There before the throne, with outstretched hands, He prays not for Himself, for He has attained His glory; not for Himself, for He rests from His labors, and has received His everlasting reward; but, for you, for the purchase of His blood, for as many as are called by His grace!
- Yes, and for those who will believe in Me through their word (*John 17:20*)— “For all that come to God by Him, Salvation He demands! He points to the wounds in His heart, And spreads His bleeding hands.”
- Believer! With such an example as this, we are very guilty if we forget to plead for others!
- Even if Christ had not left it upon record that it was His will that we should pray for others, and even if we did not know that it was Christ’s practice to intercede, yet the very spirit of our Christian Faith, would demand us to plead for others!
- Do you go up into your closet, and in the face and presence of God, and think of none but yourself?

More Reasons For Intercessory Prayer!

- Because it opens one’s soul, gives a healthy play to your compassion. It compels you, against your pride, to feel that you’re not superior to everybody, and that this whole world and this great universe and all creatures don’t crouch at your feet!
- Because our nature. You and I may be naturally hard, harsh, and unlovely of spirit, but much praying for others will remind us we have, indeed, a relationship to all believers, that their interests are ours, that we are jointly concerned with them in all the privileges of grace.
- When there are complaints brought by brother against brother, it is generally best to say, “Let us pray before we enter in to the matter.”

On other’s behalf –

- Pray for one another! Pray for me! When it is well with you, then, think of me.
- Pray on the behalf of the poor, the sick, the afflicted, the tempted, the tried, the desponding, the despairing, the imprisoned!

- When you have the King's ear, speak to Him for us! When you are permitted to come very near to His throne, and He says to you, "Ask and I will give you what you will."
- When your faith is strong, your eyes clear, your access near, your interest sure, and the love of God sweetly shed abroad in your heart—then take the petitions of your poor brothers and sisters who stand outside at the gate, and say, "My Lord, I have a poor brother, a poor sister, children of Yours, who have desired me to ask of You this favor.
- Grant it unto me; it shall be a favor shown unto myself. Grant it unto them, for they are Yours. Do it for Jesus' sake!"
- It is utterly impossible that you should have a large measure of grace unless it prompts you to use your influence for others!
- Soul, if you have grace at all, and are not a mighty intercessor—that grace must be but as a grain of mustard seed—a shriveled, uncomely, puny thing!
- You have just enough grace to float your soul clear from the quicksand, but you have no deep floods of grace, or else you would carry in your joyous boat, a rich cargo of the needs of others, up to the throne of God! And you would bring back for them rich blessings, which but for you, they might not have obtained!
- It is impossible for a full-grown saint to live or to pray for himself alone! So pray!

SUMMARY:

- INTERCESSORY PRAYER – WHY PRAY?
- Because of Biblical Examples
- Because of Our Savior's Example!
- Because of the Need of Others!
- Listen to online sermon by C.H. Spurgeon, *Intercessory Prayer* --
<http://www.spurgeongems.org/messages/329chs.mp3>

PRAY TODAY FOR: (Name persons, name things, take direct aim at the objective of your supplications)

- Our Church, Nationally and locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; for kings and those in authority
- Police officers/military. Supreme Ct. Justices: John Roberts, Jr., Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and the one VACANCY
- When in small groups - Personal Prayers:
- Our President and Vice President: Donald & Melania Trump; Mike & Karen Pence.
 - The new administration being formed! President-elect Donald Trump named a host of additional advisers to his transition team Friday.
 - This includes:
 - Chairman - Vice President-elect and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence
 - Vice Chairs: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie; Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson; Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich; Retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn; Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani; Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions
 - Members of Presidential Transition Team Executive Committee: Pennsylvania Rep. Lou Barletta; Tennessee Rep. Marsha Blackburn; Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi; New York Rep. Chris Collins; Jared Kushner, Trump son-in-law and publisher of New York Observer; Pennsylvania Rep. Tom Marino; Rebekah Mercer, hedge fund heiress; Steven Mnuchin, Trump campaign finance chairman and former Goldman Sachs partner; California Rep. Devin Nunes, chairman of the House intelligence committee; Anthony Scaramucci, founder of Sky Bridge Capital; Peter Thiel, venture capitalist and co-founder of PayPal; Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus; Trump Campaign CEO Stephen K. Bannon; Trump children Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump and Ivanka Trump
 - Executive Director: Rick Dearborn, chief of staff to Sen. Sessions

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