

PRAYER – 4
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EPH. 6:18

JOHN 15:7 - We've emphasized there are different kinds of prayer having different rules that need understood in order to be effective in prayer. Another truth is that God's Word must abide in us also. God gave us His Word. It's up to us to get it in us, not God.

INTERCESSION

1 TIM. 2:1-4

- The Prayer of Faith is to be without wavering. **JA. 1:6-7**
- The Prayer of Faith is for self, not another. **MK. 11:24**
- Worry and being anxious can nullify our prayer. **PHIL. 4:6**
- Intercession is prayer on the behalf of another.

1. **HEB. 7:25** Jesus intercedes.
2. **ROM. 8:26-27** The Spirit helps us intercede.
3. **EZ. 22:30-31** The gap and the hedge.
4. **GEN. 18:23-33** Abraham intercedes.
5. **EX. 32:7-14** Moses intercedes for Israel. **PS. 106:23 (NLT)**

STANDING IN THE GAP

When someone walks away from God there exists a gap between that individual and God. Because of the gap, God has difficulty reaching that person. The person is not reaching out to God. Someone is needed to stand in the gap and fill up the hedge. What this does is:

1. Makes a highway for God to move in a powerful way.
2. Builds a bridge that makes it easier for the person to come back to God.

Our part is to intercede in faith. God's part is to pour out His Spirit, get angels involved, and influence others to minister to the individual. This releases the individual to make the right decision.

LUKE 22:31-32

1. Jesus interceded for Peter that his faith fail not.
 - A. Evidently our faith can fail to produce the results we are looking for. Such was the case with Peter.
 - B. God wasn't trying Peter's faith. Satan was coming to do so.
 - C. **1 PET. 4:12-13** – Trials are a design for Satan to destroy our faith not perfect it.
JAMES 1:2-4
 - D. **1 PET. 5:8-9** – Satan wants to devour us, not perfect our faith.
 - E. **JAMES 1:12-17** – God doesn't want us to be misled. He gives good and perfect gifts only.

CONCLUSION:

John Wesley said God is limited by our prayer lives. He can't do what He wants for us unless we pray.