

INTERCESSION
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INTRODUCTION:

God is looking for people who have a heart for people. Who love Him love Him enough to spend time with Him in prayer and join forces with Him in order to accomplish His purposes on earth. Jesus instructed us to pray for God's will to be done. Why? Because He needs us to make a highway for Him to move. Obviously, He's limited as to what He can do unless someone prays.

1. God seeks intercessors. ISAIAH 59:16

- A.** God was seeking for someone to intercede on behalf of the people, but found no one. He wondered why no one loved the people enough to stand in the gap for them. Had there been an intercessor, He would have given them deliverance instead of judgment.
EZEKIEL 22:30-31 (AMPC)
- B. ISAIAH 64:7** – An intercessor is one who takes hold of God and brings down His power and blessing on earth.
- C. HEBREWS 7:25** – Jesus ever lives to intercede for us. He began His work as intercessor on earth and continues it at the throne as our great High Priest.
ISAIAH 53:12, LUKE 22:32, 23:34, and JOHN 17.
- D. JOHN 16:23-24** – Before returning to glory, He invites all believers to join Him in intercession.

2. Cause and effect.

- A. JAMES 5:16 (AMPC)** – Tremendous power becomes available.
- B. 2 kings 6:17,20** – Eyes being opened: First, to see God's abundant provisions for all who serve Him. Second, to see how hopeless and helpless people are without God.
- C. ISAIAH 62:6-7 (AMPC)** – Intercessors are placed to warn leaders of coming danger and to ask for God's help day and night. The goal now is to make the church a praise in the earth.
- D. EPHESIANS 1:16-21 (AMPC)** – For spiritual insight regarding all that we are and have in Christ, and all that Christ has done for us in redemption.
 - It's easier to love others when we know we're loved.
 - It's easier to forgive others when we know we're forgiven
 - It's easier to accept others when we know we're accepted.
 - It's easier to live for God when we know He died for us.
 - It's easier to overcome when we know he overcame.
 - It's easier to show mercy when we've been shown mercy.
- E. GALATIANS 4:19** – Transformation means we who are in Jesus come to know Jesus and walk even as He walked.
 - **2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16 (NLT)** – We're His air freshener. When squeezed, nothing but love comes out.
 - **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** – Not from bummer to bummer, but from glory to glory.