



Prevailing Prayer

“Prayer of Intercession”

September 23, 2020

Introduction - We are continuing our series tonight on Prayer, we have been talking about, **“Prevailing Prayer”**.

_____ - To gain ascendancy through strength or superiority: _____ To be or become effective or effectual.

God desires that we as His Children are effective in every area of our life Triumphant and being _____!

The Bible tells us that there are different kinds of Prayers that we can Pray. Tonight, we are going to Study the **“Prayer of Intercession”**.

I. _____ - Intervene on the behalf of Another. Intercessory Prayer is Prayer on the behalf of Another.

James 5:13-18 - “Is anyone among you suffering? **Let him pray.** Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? **Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.** And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and **pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and **he prayed earnestly** that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And **he prayed again**, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. **Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”** NKJV

- A. _____ - This is referring to Christians.
- B. As Christians, we are our Brothers _____.
- C. It is our _____ as Christians to Pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.
- D. We should have a _____ enough relationship with other Christians in our Church that we know what they are dealing with or going through so we can pray for them.
- C. We also need to be in Church often enough to know who is there and who is not, so that we can know who is _____ from the truth.

II. **If anyone among you _____ from the truth.**

- A. _____ - Walks away from practicing the truth.
- B. _____ - What God has told us as Christians to be and to do.
- C. **John 17:17** - “Sanctify them by Your _____. Your word is truth.” NKJV

III. **If Someone _____ Him Back (Through Prayer and Genuine Love & Care).**

- A. To the _____ of the true God.
- B. To cause to _____, to bring back.
- C. To the love and _____ of God.
- D. To the love for the _____ of God.
- E. To love wisdom and _____.

IV. From the _____ of His Ways.

- A. Straying from God's _____ Word and the lifestyle of a true believer.
- B. As Christians, we still have a free will and _____.
- C. We can stray from God's ways and if we find no place of _____, according to God's Word, our life may be cut short or our soul may not be saved from Hell.
- D. Our prayers and our love for those who have _____ from God and His Ways are what helps to build a bridge for them to come back to God and have the full benefit of the Gift of Salvation.
- E. But, at the end of the day, they are the ones who make their own _____.

V. How to Pray for the _____ or lost.

- A. Bind the _____.
- B. **II Corinthians 4:3-4** - "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **whose minds the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." NKJV
- C. Pray for the Eyes of their Understanding to be _____.
- D. **Ephesians 1:18** - "**the eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints," NKJV
- E. Pray for _____ to be sent.
- F. **Matthew 9:37-38** - "Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore **pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers** into His harvest."" NKJV
- G. Pray for the _____ to minister to them.
- H. **Hebrews 1:13-14** - "But to which of the **angels** has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? **Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?**" NKJV
- I. Pray the Father would _____ them unto Himself.
- J. **John 6:44** - "**No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him**; and I will raise him up at the last day." NKJV

VI. Jesus The Great _____.

- A. **John 17:9-11, 15, 20-22** - "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.
- B. **John 17:15** - I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.
- C. Jesus Prayed for us to be _____ from the evil one.
- D. **John 17: 20-22** - "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us,

that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.” NKJV

- E. Jesus Prayed for the Glory of God to be given unto us that we may walk in _____.
- F. In _____ right now, Jesus is still Praying for us.
- G. **Hebrews 7:24-25** - “But He, because **He continues forever**, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.**” NKJV

VII. The Holy Spirit _____ through us.

Romans 8:26 - “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered.” NKJV

VIII. _____ Interceded for Lot

Genesis 18:16-33 - “Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. **And the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?** For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.” **And the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”** Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, **but Abraham still stood before the LORD. And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”** So the LORD said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.” Then Abraham answered and said, “Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?” So He said, “If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it.” And he spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose there should be forty found there?” So He said, “I will not do it for the sake of forty.” Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?” So He said, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.” And he said, “Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?” So He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty.” Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.” **So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.**” NKJV

IX. God is looking for _____ to Stand in the Gap on the behalf of the Land.

Ezekiel 22:30-31 - “So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before **Me on behalf of the land**, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. “Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of **My wrath**; and **I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads,**” says the Lord **GOD.**” NKJV

X. _____ Interceded for Israel

Exodus 32:9-14 - "And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation." **Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God**, and said: " LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people." NKJV

Conclusion - If we warn the people and they repent, they will live, if they do not, they will die. **It is our place to stand in the Gap on the behalf of the people**, but at the end of the day it is Their Choice and God's Judgement that will be carried out.

Ezekiel 33:1-20 - "Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and **the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman**, when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, **then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head**. He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; **his blood shall be upon himself**. But **he who takes warning will save his life**. But **if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.**' "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore **you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me**. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?" ' Say to them: ' As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?' "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: 'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.' When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live. "Yet the children of your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' But it is their way which is not fair! When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways." NKJV