Intercessory Prayer

Mk. 1:34, 35

Intercessory Prayer moves the hand of God.

Under ‘normal’ circumstances of life, usually the Christian prays very little.

Until he runs into very serious problems. That’s why the Lord allows problems in our lives so that will be on our knees again to talk with Him.

The most important thing in your walk with the Lord is your *fellowship with God;*

Your *devotion* *before God*, the right spirit, the right attitude, daily reading, praying, (and fasting) at times, your intercessory prayer for others, etc.

**ILL.** котельное отделение

“Gentlemen, let me show you around. Would you like to see the heating plant of this church?” They were not particularly interested, for it was a hot day in July. But they didn't want to offend the stranger, so they consented. The young men were taken down a stairway, a door was quietly opened, and their guide whispered, “This is our heating plant.”

Surprised, the students saw 700 people bowed in prayer, seeking a blessing on the service that was soon to begin in the auditorium above. Softly closing the door, the gentleman then introduced himself. It was none other than Charles Spurgeon.

Why should you pray? Intercede?

**I. BRETHREN NEED INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

- On a regular basis!

1. Abraham is getting the light (Gen. 18:22-33).

2 Kings 6:16-18, 19, 20

i. Abraham is getting light and is interceding on behalf of Lot.

ii. His prayers were effectual.

**ILL.** God impresses upon your heart to intercede for somebody. God listens.

**ILL.** So many factors that something even worse can happen but God holds back the tide of sin.

Eph. 6:18, 19

Молясь всегда всякой молитвой и молением в Духе, и бодрствуя для этого со всякой настойчивостью и молением за всех святых;

**И за меня,** чтобы изречение дано было мне, чтобы я открывал уста мои смело, дабы сделать известной тайну евангелия,

God answered Abraham’s prayer. Lot was spared.

2. Lot doesn’t know what’s going on.

Gen. 19:1 Лот был городским чиновником или судьей в Содоме (Ген. 19:9).

Ему пришлось идти на компромисс с извращенцами, чтобы получить или сохранить свою должность (Ген. 19:8, 9).

Gen. 19:4 Лот был лицемером, потерявшим свое свидетельство, и его семья первой это знала. Лот потерял свою силу как верующий, обретя мирское влияние и богатство среди людей (1 Тим. 6:9-10).

Gen. 19:16 Лот задержался. Божья милость к Лоту проявилась из-за молитв Авраама (Ген. 19:29).

3. Abraham could do very little, physically for Lot.

i. He could intercede.

ii. It was effectual, not half-hearted.

*APPLICATION:* Gal. 6:2 Носите бремена друг друга, и так исполните закон Христов.

**ILL.** body of Christ as the human body

**ILL.** little infection in my finger. Thought I wouldn’t pay much attention to it. Didn’t realize how much attention it required.

**ILL.** Piece of steel fell in my father’s arm. It got infected. He needed to get a shot from lead poisoning.

4. Praying for a man that was backslidden.

**ILL.** mother praying for her son, child

**ILL.** Tom was in the mafia. Mom was praying for him. He finally got saved.

**ILL.** Praying for George. He quit serving the Lord. I still pray for him.

**ILL.** Silly woman, talking trash. Instead they ought to be praying for others.

2 Pet 2:8 (Ибо этот праведный человек, живший между ними, видя и слыша, изо дня в день досаждал своей праведной душе их незаконными делами;)

**ILL.** Father praying for his prodigal son. A father is concerning about his son getting a job that will divert him from his local church.

**ILL.** Prayer cards of various missionaries to remind us to pray for them.

Heb. 13:3 Помните тех, кто в узах, как закованные с ними; и тех, кто терпит бедствие, как и сами находитесь в теле.

**ILL.** Putting yourself in their situation. You would want somebody praying for you.

5. Prayer moves the hand of God.

**ILL.** God changed his mind after Moses’ prayer.

**II. SINNERS NEED PRAYER**

1. A heart burden for others (Rom. 10:1).

Rom. 9:1-3

Are some people on your heart, not just in your head, but on your heart?

ii. Constantly pray for a few. Deal with just a few. Keep praying for them.

*APPLICATION:* 1. Keep a prayer list and go through it.

2. Prayer for a few every day for a month. Look for opportunities to witness.

3. Pray God get them to start thinking about their own sins, show them their guilt.

**ILL.** A man witnessed to many folk but they were not getting saved until he began praying for 11 people on a regular basis. They all got saved over the course of many years.

One of those men came to him. “I’ve been thinking about death. What do you know about death?”

**ILL.** Preacher visited a man in hospital. Man rejected Jesus. “He’d say, I don’t want to talk about those things. I’m a Catholic.” “Get out of here.”

After many times of visiting him, talking small talk, after again mentioning something about the gospel he finally said out of nowhere he said, *“Well, I’m ready.”* He got SAVED! After one week of being saved he died.

**ILL.** Sinners need God. They don’t know what they’re doing.

**ILL.** Samuel had a praying mother.

1 Sam. 12:23 Кроме того, что до меня, Боже сохрани, чтобы я согрешил против ГОСПОДА, перестав молиться за вас: но буду учить вас пути доброму и прямому.

**ILL.** My sister. Saved neighbors.

Saved

**ILL.** Jesus Christ on the cross prayed, interceded for us, sinners.

Lk. 23:34 ¶ Тогда сказал Иисус, Отец, прости им; ибо не знают, что делают. И делили одежду его, и бросали жребии.

He won the man next to Him before His death.

It is the practice of the Lord Jesus Christ –

**Посему он и может спасать до самого конца тех, кто приходит к Богу чрез него, поскольку он живет вечно, чтобы совершать ходатайство за них.** (Heb. 7:25)

**III. YOU NEED THE BLESSINGS OF GOD**

**ILL.** Job 42:10, 12 Job was blessed of God WHEN he interceded for his ‘friends.’

1. Interceding on behalf of others helps you not become jealous.

v. 8 **“…for him will I accept…” “…the Lord also accepted Job”** (v. 9)

You ought to be thankful.

The Lord has already accepted you. You can’t pray for others? Regularly?

Предопределив нас к усыновлению чрез Иисуса Христа себе, согласно доброму расположению воли своей,

В похвалу славы своей благодати, в которой он сделал нас принятыми в возлюбленном.

(Eph. 1:5, 6)

2. Keep the right spirit thinking on others.

Phil. 2:3 **Пусть ничто не делается через соперничество или тщеславие; но в смиренности ума пусть каждый почитает другого лучшим себя.**

**ILL.** Can you go up to members and bless the brother with a good word.

**ILL.** If not maybe you’re not even praying for others like you should.

3. You need God’s blessing upon your work; studies, school work, preaching, teaching, telephone calls, shopping, administration questions, speech, witnessing, etc.

*APPLICATION:*

We need to pray regularly for one another,

Church services,

The singing,

Preaching,

Interceding, etc.

Missionaries we support. Do you pray for them? They’re on the front lines. Your pastor needs prayer.

Unsaved

Your first real prayer ought to be one of BELIEF in the Lord Jesus Christ to save you.

Rom. 10:9, 10

Что **если устами твоими будешь исповедовать Господа Иисуса,** и сердцем твоим верить, что Бог воскресил его из мертвых, ты спасешься.

Ибо сердцем человек верит к праведности; а устами исповедание делается ко спасению.

Ибо всякий, кто **призовет имя Господне, спасется.**