

A Call to Prayer – Pam Yates 16.01.22

Session 2 – What is Intercession

Ephesians 6 v 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert, and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

This scripture clearly indicates there are different types of prayer. I am quoting NIV, but some versions say all manners of prayer. Intercession is more of the above things. It does not mean it is “super spiritual”. If you met someone in the street who was in a terrible state, and then felt a deep welling up inside, of grief and compassion, that is intercession, the Holy Spirit is praying through you.

Romans 8 v26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts, knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

a) Petition

Matthew 7 v 7-11 Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks the door shall be open.

So petition is asking God for things. It relates the Sermon on the Mount, teaching on the righteousness of God's kingdom. The power of God's kingdom are impossible to achieve through our own flesh, only in the power of the Holy Spirit. To receive that kingdom character, we must ask in prayer persistently, in faith. God has never promised we will be free from trials and tribulations, however He does promise He will supply all our needs, according to His riches in glory. We may interpret this as material things, and God does want to bless us with those as well, if they are in line with His will, but God is more interested in our spiritual condition and needs, because they are eternal. He has promised He will never leave us for forsake us.

Matthew 7 v 11 If you then, though you are evil, know to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!

b) Supplication

Acts 1 v 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers NKJ

Philippians 4 v 6 Be anxious for nothing , but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God .NKJ

This is still not intercession because it originates with us, it is our prayer.

c) Intercession

Romans 8 26- 27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes through us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

So the burden originates with God, in a prayer meeting the Holy Spirit will search hearts to see who is ready to receive it, often confirming through several folks, then it will be prayed in unity, back up to throne of heaven. Often there will be a time of quiet to allow the Lord to speak to us.

1 Peter 2 v 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him, who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

It clearly states here that every Christian who is born again, is called a priest. And Jesus ministers to us as our great High Priest. What a wonderful privilege! When Jesus sacrificed His body and shed His blood on the cross, the veil in the temple was torn in two. He became the sin offering, the sacrificial lamb, once and for all mankind.

A new covenant, that would give us direct access to the throne room itself, available to all who believe.

Romans 8 v 34 Who is the one that condemns ? No one . Christ Jesus who died, more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God, and is interceding for us.

God's desire is to raise up an army of Intercessors, who will stand shoulder to shoulder. No ability needed, only availability, and a heart that is tender and submitted to to the Father. To prevail in faith in prayer, until victory is manifested in the physical.

Prayer

Father, thank you for dying on a cross for us. Help us as your priests to minister between the porch and the altar, to hear your heart beat and flow with your tears, so that your kingdom may be established on this earth.

*All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever trust and love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.*