# Intercession/Entreat Intercession - Extension of Christ

Intercession is an extension of the ministry of Jesus through His body, the church, for the purpose of reconciliation of the world to Him or between Satan and humanity for the purpose of enforcing the victory of Calvary. In Ephesians 4:11 it says, "He called forth a governing people to equip His church and bring the church into maturity to the full measure of the stature of Christ." God is calling a people for His name so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord (Acts 15:14-17).

God is raising up and calling forth His elect, His chosen to come into maturity and take their rightful place as His executing government. Moving from a mindset of petitions to making decrees and declarations because a people are learning to hear the voice of Lord and declare it in the earth.

It says in Matthew 18:19-20, "Again I say to you, that if **two of you on earth agree about anything that they may ask**, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. 20 "For where **two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Agree** means voice, union, bring forth into the light, cause to shine, to appear (1 John 3:2), to become clear or manifest, a star, fire - because it is light and sheds light, lamp or *torch*, truth, knowledge, and power of understanding. When we come into agreement with the Holy Spirit, we become a *torch* to shine forth the light of His truth in the darkness. When we come together as a body of believers in unity with the Holy Spirit, we become an extension of the finished work of Christ to flow through us to change situations and circumstances.

Isaiah 62:1 For **Zion's** (redeemed of the Lord) sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her imputed righteousness and vindication go forth as brightness, and her salvation radiates as does a **burning torch**.

In Ezekiel 22:30-31 it says, "I searched for a man among them who would build up (build a wall, repairer, hedged, close-up) the wall (salvation; Isaiah 60:18) and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one." Searched means to seek, desire, to seek the face, to ask, request, to be sought, to strive after, make inquisition. God is asking, seeking, and desiring for His people to come into agreement with His finished work. He is looking for those who will stand in the gap. Stand means to remain, abide, be steadfast, rise, stand firm, establish. Gap means a breach, broken wall, to break open, break in pieces (Jeremiah 51:20), distribute. The purpose of our intercessory prayer is to stand firm in the finished work of Christ. As we come into agreement with His will and purpose in prayer, the breaches in the walls are eradicated and the walls of salvation are built to bring forth restoration. As we tear down the walls of the enemy, we must implement and fortify the walls of salvation.

<u>Intercede</u> means to go or pass between, to act between parties with a view to reconcile those who differ or contend; to interpose, to mediate or make intercession, mediation. <u>Intercession</u> happens in our courts with lawyers interceding for clients. <u>Intercession</u> happens in contractual meetings daily with attorneys representing one party to another. Intercession happens in offices and business meetings daily as associates go between representing one to another. It involves delegation. It involves authority. Spiritually this produces reconciliation and restoration in our lives.

When we come into agreement with the Holy Spirit, we become a channel and instrument to bring restoration power. It says in Ephesians 1:18-19, "What the eye is to the body, the Spirit is to the inner man." It is through the eyes of our understanding that we get to know the hope of His calling, the riches of His glory, and the greatness of His power. His power is creative force to accomplish what God gives an individual to do. The <u>Holy Spirit</u> is the conductor of the <u>POWER</u>. The Holy Spirit needs a vehicle to be able to conduct the power through. "I have raised

you up to show in you MY POWER" (Ex. 9:16). "For the Kingdom of God is not in Word but in POWER" (I Co. 4:20). He has given us authority and dominion (Eph. 1:21-23).

<u>Prayer of intercession</u> is an extension of His finished work of what He accomplished at Calvary. We don't have to produce or do anything. All we must do is be obedient and distribute, like the disciples did with the loaves and fish. Until a person understands the meaning of agreement, a person won't be very effective in intercession. <u>Our calling</u> and <u>function</u> is to <u>release God's power</u> in the <u>earth</u>. <u>He</u> wants to <u>distribute</u> and <u>release</u> through us <u>His purposes</u> and <u>plans</u>. The Intercessor/Mediator - Christ Jesus wants to intercede through us. The Victor wants the Victory enforced through us.

## Man was created in the image of God to have dominion!

In the beginning God gave Adam all authority and dominion over the earth. As it says in Genesis 1:26, "God said, let us make mankind in our image, after our likeness and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea (human soul, deep thoughts of the heart) the birds of the air (foul of the air—understanding, power, principalities, and spiritual wickedness in high places) beasts (lawlessness, opposing carnal beastly nature) and everything that creeps (annoying circumstance, worrying, nagging, fears, anxiety) upon the earth" (land, body-made of dust-earthy). Heaven (exalted place, mind of Christ) is His throne (seat of authority & power) and the earth (land, body comes under subjection to the heavens- the exalted place in Christ).

It says in Genesis 2:15 "Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and **keep it**." The Hebrew word for keep is *shamar* which means to guard or protect, keep watch, have charge over, it is the primary word used for watchman or guardian in the earth. **Watchman** means guardian, a representative who represents the will of another. Adam was created as a representative of the authority and

power of God. As it says in, Genesis 1:27 "And God created man in <u>His</u> own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

The word **image** in Hebrew is *tselem* which means a shadow, a phantom, or an illusion – something you think you see. It was Adam, but looked like and resembled God. Adam was a representative of God. God's glory, weight, power, and authority of who he was. When creation looked at Adam they were to see God. As it says in, 2 Corinthians 3:18, "[...with **unveiled face**, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." Unveiled means uncover, hide knowledge of a thing, conceal, escape notice. Face means identity, mirror, reflection, behold, appear. When our identity in Christ is unveiled within us we reflect Christ in the earth. As it says in Romans 8:28-29, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (29) For those whom He foreknew (to have knowledge, to understand, to know, beforehand, those whom God elected to salvation), He also predestined (decide beforehand, God decreeing from eternity, to foreordain, appoint beforehand, mark out the boundaries or limits, appoint, decree, ) to become conformed (accompany, denoting union, resemblance, completeness, companionship, similar in form or type, be in agreement) to the **image** (likeness, resemblance, representative, profile) of **His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren." We have been predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ Jesus.

God said for them to be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth with His glory, subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth (Genesis 1:26-28). In Psalms 8:5-6 we read, "For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have **crowned him with glory and honor** (6) **You have made him to have dominion** over the **works of Your hands**; You have put all things under his feet." Everything has been made subject to the Christ in us. We were created in the image and likeness of God to have dominion and authority.

#### Come into agreement with the finished work of Christ

The Son completed the work on the Cross and arose into victory. He implemented our victory and now we must pick up our cross and deny our flesh by coming into agreement with what He has already done. "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." So, that the knowledge of the glory of God will fill the earth! Heaven is His throne (seat of authority & power) and the earth is His footstool (complete subjection to the heavenly realm).

We must see Jesus as the ultimate intercessor. Our intercessory prayer will always and only be an extension of His intercessory work that He accomplished on the cross (John 16:23-24). Only through intercession can that power, that authority be brought from heaven to the earth to be implemented and to conquer the world. It says in Job 22:30, "He will even deliver the one [for whom you intercede] who is not innocent; yes, he will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands." Through our agreement with the finished work of Christ and walking in His truth and righteousness, we will be able to be a vessel He can flow through to touch others for His glory. It says in John 16:26, "In that day you will ask in My name." Jesus already reconciled us at His resurrection and restored us back. We just haven't comprehended our authority and rightful place yet (Heb. 2:8). When Jesus went through the veil into the Holy of Holies, He went between Satan and us and broke Satan's influence over us.

In John 19:30 Jesus said, "IT IS FINISHED." Which translated in Hebrew is TETELESTA. This word means to fully accomplish, something paid in full, to create. Behind the scenes, it was violent. Captives were rescued (I Peter 3:19, 4:6). Bruises were inflicted (Isaiah 61:11). Keys were exchanged and authority was transferred (Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 53:5, 12, I Peter 2:24, and Matt. 28:18-19). Understand, what Jesus did at the cross was not man's fulfillment; even though the

blood completed us we must implement **His word**, pick up our cross, and follow Him beyond the veil. For us to comprehend our true purpose we must go back to the garden to see the dominion and purpose of man, from the beginning, was to rule and reign in Christ, in His presence and power, living by and through the Spirit of the Living God above the world and the flesh of humanity. God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our heart, that we would call Him ABBA. So that He would have a people called by His name to govern and manifest His authority, power, and image; to have dominion in all things and subdue all things in the earth to Himself. It boils down to representation. To represent means to re-present or present again. In Hebrews 7:25 it says, "Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition (appealing to authority with respect to a particular cause; formal written document requesting a right or benefit for an authority with respect to a particular cause) to God and intercede with **Him** and **intervene** for **them**."

As we pray, allowing the Holy Spirit to flow through us with unutterable gushing of the heart, we are in union with Christ to bring to pass what has already been spoken before the foundation of the world. It says in Galatians 4:6, "God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our heart." He is the Holy Spirit. He makes intercession. He is mediating, going between, to present each of us to the Father as righteous and one of His own (1 Sam 2:25). He will judge the world in righteousness (Ps. 96:13). In Jeremiah 15:11, "The Lord said, I will take care of you Jeremiah. Your enemies will ask for you to plead on their behalf in times of trouble and distress (Jer. 21:1,2; 37:3; 42:2; Rom. 8:28). Christ overcame the enemy through intercession. As we press in and apply His finished work to every situation, we will see the victory!

Our prayers and intercession are based on what Jesus did at the cross so we can ask the Father anything in His name and it shall be done. **Our agreement** is in what Jesus already completed at the cross. When we have the mind of Christ, our intercession will reveal the answers and the results because we are interceding according to God's will and purpose.

Intercession removes the obstacles, obstructions so that we may know the will of the Father and walk in it. We don't have to produce anything – reconciliation, deliverance, victory. But we do have to distribute, execute, what He already did just as His disciples did with the loaves and fishes (Matt. 14:17-19).

Our function is to represent the Lord Jesus Christ. The Producer simply wants to distribute through us. The Intercessor wants to intercede through us. The Mediator wants to mediate through us. The Representative wants to represent through us. The Go-Between wants to "go-between" through us. The Victor wants His victory enforced through us. The Healer wants His healing power to manifest through us. As it says in Luke 22:28 "You are those who have stood by Me in My trials." He is able to flow through us because we have stood by Him through trials. Trials means proving, integrity, virtue, consistency, adversity, affliction, internal temptation to sin. We have passed the test of consistency through adversity and we have maintained integrity despite internal temptations. This proves He can trust us to be ambassadors of His love to bring freedom and restoration to the captives. The Minister of reconciliation has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. This is true intercession.

WE don't deliver anyone! WE don't reconcile anyone! WE don't defeat the enemy. The **WORK** is already done!! Reconciliation is complete. Deliverance and victory is complete. Salvation is complete. Intercession is complete. He said it is finished – all things have been completed in Him. He is just waiting for us to come into agreement with what He has already done. We must activate what He has already done. That is, by believing and obeying the WORD of God. **Go into the world, and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Cast out the devil, heal the sick, raise the dead, lay hands on them to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19).

#### Faith & Belief, activates the Holy Spirit

#### To intercede through you!

Jesus Christ is our Advocate, our mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5, 1 John 2:1). An advocate is called to one's side, one who pleads another's cause before a judge, legal assistant, intercessor, comforter and helper. Remember the Lord told the disciples to tarry here until the Holy Spirit came to be filled with power from on high.

<u>Luke 24:49</u> And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." NIV

Then we also see in Galatians 4:6 that God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts that we would cry, Abba Father!

After Christ died and arose from the dead, He ascended to the Father, and we see in Galatians 4:6 that He sent His Spirit to abide in us as He did with the apostles to lead us to a deeper knowledge of the gospel of truth, and to give us divine strength needed to enable us to overcome trials and persecution on behalf of the divine kingdom. The Holy Spirit is our help and our shield (Psalms 33:20-21).

It says in Romans 8:26, "In the same way the **Spirit also helps our weakness**, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the **Spirit Himself intercedes** for us with **groanings too deep for words**." In Greek, the word help is *parakleetos* which means summoned, called to one's side, especially called to one's aid, one who pleads another's case before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant; an advocate, an intercessor, of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16,26, 1 John 2:1-3). Groaning's means sigh, grief, one who does not hesitate or waiver, steadfast mind, foundation of a building, to stop, establish a thing, to cause to stand. The Holy Spirit functions as our representative, guaranteeing our access to the Father through the blood of Jesus. It says in Jeremiah 18:19 "Give heed to me, Lord; listen to [what] my adversaries [are plotting to do to me — and intercede]."

When we come into agreement with the finished work of Christ that is belief! Matthew 21:22 says, "**Believe** and whatever you ask for in

prayer, having faith and really believing you will receive." <u>Believe</u> means to expect, to trust, to have firm persuasion, full confidence, agree as true. In Mark 11:24 it says, "<u>Whatever you ask in my name believe you will receive.</u>" We cannot be swayed by the opinions and reasoning of man. We must ignore what they say and believe what God says (Mark 5:36)! Belief in the power of the finished work of Christ overcomes unbelief (Mark 9:17-24). It says in Mark 16:17, "<u>Those who believe</u> will drive out demons."

This leads us to **faith**, which is also an agreement with the finished work of Christ. **Faith** is a firm belief in the veracity of the assured truth of the word of God! Not just in some of His word, but in ALL the declaration of word. **Faith** in the promises of His word which is truth and is not questionable but has total credibility! **Faith** in the gospel is our complete trust and confidence, manifested in the character of God. It says in James 1:6, "But he must ask in **faith** without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind." Doubt and unbelief tie the hands of God from interceding and intervening on our behalf. It also says in, James 4:3, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures." Instead of asking in **faith** and **belief** in the power of the Lord, we have wrong motives, which hinders our prayers from being answered.

Jesus says in <u>Luke 22:31-32</u>, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat; <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." We see here in this scripture that Jesus didn't cast out Satan but said to Simon, I pray your faith doesn't fail you and you turn back, repent, return to the truth of the WORD and strengthen your brothers. Why didn't Jesus cast out Satan? Because Simon was coming into agreement with the enemy that opposes God. As the Word of God says, "My people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). What knowledge? The Truth of the living word that brings purity and righteousness and desires to do things for the right reasons. Simon needed to see truth, repent, and walk in it.

When we do things for the wrong motives, we give the enemy the legal rights to have a case against us and to keep us in bondage.

As <u>James 4:7</u> says, <u>Submit</u> (yield, surrender to a superior authority) to God and <u>resist</u> (stop, to take action in opposition, take action to defeat, oppose) the <u>devil</u> (accuser, adversary, slanderer, accusing falsely, opposing cause of God, one who with stands).

Anytime we accuse falsely, oppose, slander, and have wrong motives that do not exemplify the character of Christ, we are opposing the cause of God and we are not living by faith in the Living Word that always brings restoration and reconciliation!

Faith isn't prayer but there is the prayer of faith. Agreement isn't prayer but there is the prayer of agreement in what Christ already did. We are agreeing with what He has already done, and yielding ourselves to the Holy Spirit for Him to bring it to the earth to fulfill it. It says in Matthew 9:29 that He touched their eyes according to their faith, trust, and reliance on the power which was invested in Him and their eyes were opened. Jesus said in Mark 10:52, "Your faith has healed you." The man's faith caused him to receive his sight. Faith is coming into agreement with the Mediator that has already completed and fulfilled it. Declaring and coming into agreement through faith and belief in the finished work of Christ causes us to hit the mark in the Spirit.

#### Hitting the Mark

The Hebrew word for <u>intercession</u> is "<u>PAGA</u>" which means <u>to meet</u>.

<u>Intercession</u> creates <u>a meeting</u>. It also means entreaty in favor of another (especially a prayer or petition to God in behalf of another), <u>mediation</u> in a dispute, *intercede*, *conciliate*, to *impinge*. <u>Conciliate</u> means to overcome the distrust, animosity or hostility; appease, to make compatible; reconcile, *be in agreement*, end hostilities, harmonies, disarm, mediate, intervene. <u>Impinge</u> means to collide with, to encroach upon, to drive in, to strike up against, to be violent against, to invade, to

come between, <u>cause to ENTREAT</u>, to meet with and to pray. <u>Intercession</u> creates a meeting, which brings about the plans and purposes of God in the earth through a willing vessel who comes into agreement with the finished work of Christ Jesus.

In <u>Jeremiah 15:11</u>, "The Lord said, verily, verily it shall be well with thy remnant I will cause to <u>entreat</u> (intercede) <u>in the time of evil and in the time of the enemy afflictions</u>." <u>Entreat</u> is also the <u>Hebrew word paga</u>. When we <u>entreat</u>, we are <u>determining and controlling destinies of men</u>. We become a <u>channel</u>, an <u>instrument</u> of the <u>hand</u> of <u>power</u>, the extension of the Head, Christ Jesus. We become an extension of <u>agreement</u> with the finished work of Christ to entreat in favor or against, to light upon and <u>HIT THE MARK</u>. Hitting the mark means to discharge a javelin or arrow, the idea of being effective, become master of, to bring forth, of a woman giving birth, to bear, earth bringing forth its fruits. When we <u>strike the mark</u>, it means we are touching the boundary, reaching the mark, and coming into <u>agreement with God's word</u>. When we do this, it causes <u>God's executing power to strike the mark</u>.

In **Job 36:32** it says, "He **covers** (conceal, hide, clothe oneself, cloudssymbol of glory concealed, pillars, palm tree or column, divine manifestation) His hands (vessel, branch, power, to bow oneself down, to submit oneself) with the **lightning**, (entreat, intercession, flashing sword, firebrand, illumination, understanding, revelation) and commands (give order, commission) it to strike the mark." God releases His light causing it to flash forth from His presence like lightning. It strikes the desired target and HITS THE MARK, this is intercession. God is the Father of lights (James 1:17). We are called to be sons of light, to be conductors of the light of the glory of the Lord so that His truth penetrates the darkness. The word says fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries around about (Ps. 97:3). It is not our fire that burns the enemy. It is the fire of the Lord which flows through us that accomplishes the work. With the breath of His lips, He slays the enemy (Is. 11:4). His lightning's lit up the world; the earth saw and trembled (Ps. 97:3-4, Ps. 77:17-18). His light and illumination causes

the earth to shake; that everything that can be shaken will be shaken and all that remains is of Him (Heb. 12:27).

The earth shakes when there is a striking of the mark. Everything that is not of God must be eradicated when His word of truth hits its intended mark.

We become a <u>weapon</u> in the <u>hands</u> of the Lord to <u>hit the mark</u> as we stand in the declaration of His word of truth (<u>Rom. 13:12, 2 Cor. 10:4-5</u>). We become lightning bolts in the <u>hands</u> of the Lord. In <u>Ezekiel 1:14</u> the <u>living beings</u> ran to and fro *like* <u>bolts of lightning</u>. <u>Lightning</u> means flashing sword, bright, bright clouds, lamp, firebrand, torch, burning, shining, illumination, understanding and revelation. <u>Lightning</u> is <u>symbolic</u> of the <u>sons</u> of <u>God</u>. <u>Lightning</u> flashes forth <u>light</u>. <u>Lightning</u> is the <u>same</u> as <u>PAGA</u> which means a <u>meeting-encounter</u>, <u>touch</u> the <u>boundary</u>, <u>reach</u> the <u>mark</u>, and come in <u>agreement</u> with. When we come into agreement with God's word, God's power strikes the mark destroying every opposing force and brings justice and righteousness.

Luke 10:17-20 NASU, The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." (18) And He said to them, "I was watching (beheld, view, survey mentally, discern, beware) Satan (accuser, prince of power of evil spirits, apostasy, worship of idols, enemy, hisser, defamer, that which causes opposition) fall from heaven (exalted place of the mind of man) like lightning (flash of light, illumination, revelation, understanding, establish, authority, force). (19) "Behold, I have given you authority (power) to tread on serpents (ACCUSER, ADVERSARY, poisons- harmful influences, sly, cunning, artful malicious people that harass and destroy) and scorpions, (to pierce, that which conceals, covering, antagonistic forces, powers of darkness that are hidden) and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. (20) "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven." It didn't take long, **lightning flashed** (flash of light, intercession- hit the mark, flashing sword, firebrand, illumination,

understanding, revelation) and <u>Satan</u> (accuser, slanderer, hisser, whisper, adversary) <u>was gone</u>. Light overcame darkness! It is the power of God which flows through us that strikes the mark and causes the enemy to be cast down; not by anything we could do in our own strength, but through the power of the blood that was shed on Calvary of His resurrected power. We are learning to cast down the accuser. Eventually we will completely overcome him by the WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY and THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB as we see in Rev. 12:10-11; "And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. <u>For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down</u>, he who accuses them day and night before our God. (11) They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they did not love their lives so as to shy away from death."

The name **Benjamin** means son of My **right hand** and was Israel's twelfth (government) son. Joseph, whose name means to add, gave Benjamin five changes of garments revealing the extension of the government of God through His five-fold ministry of God's grace and gave him three hundred (perfection and completion) pieces of silver (redemption). As Rachel's soul was departing, she called his name **Benoni**; which means son of sorrow because of iniquity but his *father* Jacob-Israel called him **Benjamin**, the son of My right hand (Gen. 45:22). Here we see a metaphor of the sons of God adorned in His perfection and completion as His offspring executing God's government and bringing forth His redemption. Not only are we *lightning bolts in* the hand of the Lord, but arrows which God can send forth to hit the mark through our prayer and intercession. Isaiah 49:2 tells us that "He has made me a **select arrow** in whom **He** will show **His glory**." His lightning flashes forth and scatters the enemy. His arrows are sent out and bring confusion to their evil plans and schemes (Ps. 144:6). God releases His glory or light into the situation. Psalms 18:14, "He sent out His arrows, and scattered them, and lightning flashes in abundance, and routed them." Isaiah 64:4, "For since the beginning of the world

Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who <u>acts</u> for the one who <u>waits</u> (*pierce*, to cut, be engraved) for Him." The Hebrew word for <u>Acts</u> is *asah* which means *be prepared*, *produce*, *put in order*, *to acquire*, *appoint*, *to bring about*, *fashion*. God is the one who <u>acts</u> on our behalf and <u>strikes the mark</u> through those who come into agreement with His Word. He brings about His purpose and plan through the one who waits upon Him. Those who allow the Lord to engrave His Word upon their hearts and they in turn become a <u>weapon</u> of warfare to pierce and destroy the enemy in the hand of their God.

Revelation 1:20, "The mystery of the seven stars which You saw in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven (resting in the finished work of Christ, perfection, completeness) stars (light, illumination, and understanding) are the angels (messengers) of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which you saw are the seven churches." He holds us in His RIGHT hand. The word hand means honor, authority, palm, power, sole (of foot- everything is subject to throne, which is the seat of authority and power), and vessel, of thigh joint, branches). The overcomers will become seven stars in His hands enveloped in the seven Spirits of God! In Habakkuk 3:4 it says, "And His brightness was as the light; He had horns (rays of light, power, strength, to produce) coming out of His hand: and there was the hiding of his power." Remember we are to be the extension of His hand in the earth as His government of sons of light. It says in Revelation 4:5, "Out from the throne come **flashes of lightning** and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God." We become sons of light striking the mark penetrating darkened eyes to bring sight! We are filled with the very glory and light of God. That light will shine out of the darkness (2 Cor. 4: 6).

In Egypt, <u>Joseph</u> became a shining light of the reflection of the glory of the Lord. Because of his faithfulness to the Lord, Joseph found favor and became an overseer of all that was put into his <u>hand</u> (Gen. 39:3). <u>His</u> <u>light shone</u> in <u>Egypt</u>; symbolic of the systems of the world. In the

Strong's Concordance, the word **hand** in Genesis 39:3 has the *same* meaning as the word confess in I Kings 8:34, "When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy (adversary), because they have sinned (missed the mark) against You, if they turn to You again and confess Your name and pray (to mediate, intercede, supplication, judgment, judge) and make supplication (grace, mercy, favor, show communication with God, worship, to ask, earnest petition) to You in this house (build, within, dwelling, habitation, abode of light, established)," (also found in 2 Chron. 6:24-25). We are defeated by the enemy because of iniquity, transgression, and sin (I Kings 8:33-34). Sin causes us to miss the mark (discharge a javelin or arrow, the idea of being effective, become master of, to bring forth, of a woman giving birth, to bear, earth bringing forth its fruits) when we pray! Any sin which is hidden within us, gives the enemy legal rights to block our prayers from being answered. However, as we read in the verse, the key is to **confess**.

When we <u>confess</u> our sins, we are <u>hitting the mark and destroying it</u>! As noted in the previous paragraph, the word <u>confess</u> has the same meaning as the word *hand* in Genesis 39:4. <u>Hand</u> means to shoot arrows, to give thanks, praise, strength, power, sign, axletrees, consecrate, worship of extended hands, Tenon's of Tabernacle and phallus. <u>Confession</u> is an arrow, which strikes the mark. It is an act of worship unto the Lord and it brings healing and consummation with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit to change the situation. What are we confessing? We are confessing His name! <u>Name</u> means glory, to set, to extend, ordain, establish, transform, appoint, and make for a sign, designation of God's name. We are not confessing that we have the authority or power, but we are confessing that Jesus has all authority, dominion, and power to change the circumstances.

<u>Confession</u> reveals we are His arrows, weapons in **His hand**, extension of His shoulder of His government as seen in the **supports** of the wheel—<u>His Axle</u>. In Hebrew the word "yad" His open hand, indicates His power, direction and purpose to <u>hit the mark</u>. It also means to worship, Tenon's of Tabernacle, phallus, and consecrate. We are <u>His</u>

**supports** administering God's word by His governmental authority. In the Strong's Concordance we see that the word **confess** in Hebrew (H3034) is the equivalent for the word **confess** in Greek (G3670). They both mean speech, decree, declare, agree with and the Word of God. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Joseph became a penetrating light, an extension of the reproducing power in the hand of God as a sign and a wonder to bring glory to the Father. He was an example of the strength and authority of God which <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/j.com/hits-the-mark">hits the mark</a> and is not hindered by the systems of man. As we <a href="confess">confess</a> that Jesus Christ is Lord, we become the extension of the <a href="hand">hand</a> of God through our <a href="confession">confession</a> of agreement declaring that, His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

We get an even greater understanding of this concept in Luke 12:8-9. It says, "Also I say to you, whoever <u>confesses</u> Me before men, him the Son of Man also will <u>confess</u> before the **angels of God**. But he who denies Me before men will be <u>denied</u> before the <u>angels of God</u>.

We see here that <u>CONFESS</u> also means <u>WORD</u> or <u>TO SPEAK</u>, <u>declare and decree</u>. What are we to confess, declare, and speak? Yes, Jesus the WORD which is the same <u>WORD</u> CONFESS! We are confessing the WORD of who Jesus is! The Greek word <u>for confess</u> in Luke twelve means the same as *WORD* or to speak the same **Word** (Jesus). In the beginning was the *Word* (logos), and the *Word* (logos) was with God, and the *Word* (logos) was God (John 1:1). Jesus is the **Word** and we must **speak/confess** Jesus. We must speak the Word of God before men. Then Jesus releases His angels to manifest His word because someone has come into agreement with HIM.

Psalm 103:20-21, Bless the LORD, O you His **angels**, you mighty ones **who do His word**, **obeying** the **voice** of **His word!** Bless the LORD, all his hosts, **His ministers**, who do **his will!** 

Our example is Jesus. When He came, and walked the earth, He was not speaking of His own authority or what He wanted to speak. Jesus was

confessing the Father, speaking the same as the Father. For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent me has Himself given me a commandment--what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the **Father** has told **Me**" (John 12:49, 50). Whatever Jesus heard the Father speak, He spoke to men. That is why there was power behind His words. Jesus was **confessing the Father's Word** before men and the Father was sending forth His angels to minister on His behalf. As we confess Jesus before men, we should be speaking the same word as we see and hear by the Holy Spirit. Not speaking our own thoughts but only the words that we have heard from God. As we come into agreement with His Word we declare it. Then we will see the manifestation of His word of healing and deliverance that takes place because it is done according to our faith (Matt. 9:29)! But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE." We also believe; therefore we also speak (2 Cor. 4:13).

It says in Hebrews 4:12, "For the <u>word of God is living and active and sharper</u> than any <u>two-edged</u> (repeated blows) <u>sword</u>, as far as the <u>division</u> (divide, separate) <u>of soul and spirit</u>, of both <u>joints and marrow</u> (spinal cord, innermost - essential part, choicest, strength, fatty network connective tissue that fills the bones), <u>and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart</u>." When we wield the sword of the Word of God through the declaration of our mouths, it strikes the mark and goes to the destination for which it was sent (Rev. 2:16). The sword is the Word of God (Eph. 6:17).

It says in <u>Revelation 19:15</u>, "Now out of His mouth goes <u>a sharp</u> <u>sword</u>, that with it He <u>should strike the nations</u>." His word is slaying every nation (imagination) within us, and within others, which opposes Him. God's Word is striking the mark of the issues of our heart to bring forth His character and nature. His sword will pierce and consume our soul, that the thoughts of our hearts may be revealed (**Luke 2: 34-35**).

<u>In Deuteronomy 32:41</u> it says, "If I whet <u>My glittering</u> (lightning flashes, arrow head) <u>sword</u>, and <u>My hand takes hold on judgment</u>, I

will render vengeance to My enemies, and repay those who hate Me." We see the connection of "lightening" and "arrow" in the word sword. It is the Lord who renders vengeance upon His enemies and He executes judgement through the power of His Word.

As we come into agreement with His word, His light and glory is released through us. We become the possessors of the breach! As it says in 2 Samuel 5:20, "So David came to Baal-Perazim, and defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through (break in pieces, burst open, break or burst out (from the womb or enclosure)) my enemies before me like the breakthrough of waters." Therefore, he named that place Baal-Perazim." Baal-Perazim means to marry, husband, dominion, to rule over, to possess, archer, possessor of breaches, lord of the break, breaking forth, bursting forth, to repel the enemy, disperse, grow, increase. It is also the same word as grace **supplication** which also means *possessor of breaches*, to show favor, have mercy on, seek favor, show, communication with God, worship, to ask, earnest petition. It was the site of the victory of David over the Philistines and the great destruction of their idols (I Chron. 14:11; 2) Samuel 5:20). We are called to possess the breaches. We are called to intercede/entreat before the Father on behalf of others, to strike the mark with our prayers and supplications. **Baal-Perazim** not only means to break forth but it also means to marry, husband, dominion and to rule over and possess. What a revelation when we are married to our Lord and Savior we will have dominion, rule over the enemy, and possess the promised land.

God is waiting for someone who will stand in the gap and come into agreement with what has already been done. God seeks what was declared from the foundation of the world of what He has already declared and purposed from the past (Ecclesiastes 3:15). It says in **Ephesians 2:8-10** that **faith** is walking in God's prearranged plan and taking the paths that He prepared ahead of time. If we want to know His plan, we must seek Him with our whole hearts. It says in **Matthew 7:7-8**, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (8) "For everyone who asks receives, and he

who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." God wants to flow in and through His people. He desires for us to rise in the Spirit to hear what thus sayeth the Lord.

We have the example of <u>Daniel</u> whose prayers and intercession were effective because he, through the power of the Holy Spirit, came into agreement with God. It says in <u>Daniel 9:3</u>, "So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by <u>prayers</u> (intervene, to mediate, judge, to intercede) and <u>supplication</u>, (abide, show favor, have mercy, to be gracious) <u>with fasting, sackcloth and ashes</u>." Daniel realized that intercession had a part to play in bringing the prophecy to pass. <u>A human</u> had to come into <u>agreement</u> with the <u>heavens</u>; what has already been spoken and declared. God had to have someone in the earth come into agreement to bring it to pass (Eccl. 3:15). God sought for a man whose heart He could lay a burden of intercession upon—for a man to come into agreement so that it would be enforced, that is manifested, on earth through **INTERCESSION** and **FAITH**.

God declared it beforehand and it was time for the fulfillment of His word, which was already spoken. Because of Daniel's agreement of intercession, the angel Gabriel was dispatched. Immediately after the warfare in the heavens, Gabriel brought a message to Daniel to inform him that his words were heard. Gabriel came in response to Daniel's words (Dan 10:12). Daniel's prayers and supplications were heard because he came before the Lord with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. Could this be the real reason we do not see a great victory in our lives? Is it because we do not pray between the porch and alter like Daniel did? Is it because we do not pray and fast until every hindrance is gone, as the word directs us to?

Elijah is another powerful example of a man coming into agreement through intercession with the will and purpose of the Father. Elijah prayed that it would not rain for 3 ½ years and it did not rain (Luke 4:25, 1 Kings 18:1 & 41). It says in James 5:17-18, "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 earth for three years and six months. (18) Then

he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit. The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah's prayers stopped the rain and also brought the rain at an appointed time. When he was praying, Elijah was in a fetal position like a woman giving birth, symbolizing the concept of travailing prayer. Why did it take human prayer to birth the rain? The word tells us, in Matthew 6:11, to ask for our daily bread. Yet God knows what we need before we ask. Whose idea was it to send the rain? It was God's, not Elijah's! So why did Elijah have to pray? Didn't the Lord tell us to ask for laborers to be sent into the harvest (Matt. 9:38)? Paul said, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified (2) Thess. 3:1). Wasn't that God's intention all along? Is this not God's will? It is not so much in contents of the prayer but its *end* and *aim* (Phil 1:9-10). **End** means final part, finish, consummation, past or direct, as a weapon, desired outcome. **End** refers to any action (the means) carried out for the sole purpose of achieving something else as an end. **Aim** means a target, desired outcome, have purpose of achieving. When we pray, we must pray with the end and aim in the forefront of our thoughts; just like Elijah who heard the word of the Lord and the outcome. Once he came into agreement with that word and stood in the gap, it came to pass.

Elijah had to pray seven times. Seven is the number of completion. We must pray until it is completed. Why should we ask for something He already wants to do if it is not in our asking that releases Him to do it? It is truly learning to live by and through the Spirit to hear and obey what He wants accomplished in the earth. God created and put all things in order before the foundation of the earth. He is waiting for man to implement what He has already declared.

### Do not give Satan legal rights!

It says in 2 Corinthians 4:4 that Satan, the god of this world, has blinded the minds of the **unbelieving that they might not see the light** of the

gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. As we submit to the voice of truth and allow the Holy Spirit to overtake our thoughts, we understand that our focus must move beyond the systems of this world and the temporal; which is the realm where the hisser and whisperer has power. As it says in 2 Corinthians 4:18, "while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." As we submit to the Spirit and we allow the Lord to purge us, we begin to understand what it says in 2 Corinthians 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." For our present troubles are small and will not last very long. Yet they **produce** for **us** a **glory** that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! Because we are one with Christ, all our iniquities, sins, and transgressions are covered by the blood and no longer governing us. So, the enemy has no legal rights to accuse us.

We are the **temple** of the **Holy Spirit** (1 Cor. 3:16). The Hebrew word for **Temple** is *shakan* which means dwelling or abiding. **The shekinah** glory, abiding or dwelling glory, was found in the Holy of holies and is **now in us**. We are filled with the very glory and light of God. It says in Isaiah 60:1, "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you." God is light and in Him there is no darkness (1 John 1:5). It says in Hebrews 1:3, "Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power." The glory of God is released from our mouth to slay darkness, sin, ignorance, and error. He has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9). It says in 2 Corinthians 4:6, "For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness." is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." As we have been discussing, we must come into agreement with the finished work of Christ so that His light will overtake the darkness and we will come into the knowledge of His glory in us.

In John 12:31, 14:30, and 16:11 we read that God made a covenant with man and gave the earth to him. This is why God sent His Son Incarnate (embodied in flesh, representative in human form) to reestablish what Adam lost. In the garden, when Adam fell, he lost his authority and gave it to Satan. As we read earlier in Genesis 1:26, in the beginning God gave the earth to man. This is also confirmed in Psalms 115:16, "The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to the sons of men." Here we see the reason for prayer. God chose from the beginning of time to work in the earth through humans, not independent of them. In Luke 4:6-7 we see Jesus tempted in wilderness. Satan said to Jesus, "I will give you all authority and its glory, for it has been given to me and I can give it to whomever I wish. So if you worship me, I'll give it to you." We see that Adam's authority was handed over to Satan. This was the purpose for which Christ, the Last Adam, came; to reinstate us back to the original state from which he fell in the garden.

How did Jesus reinstate what Adam lost? A meeting took place!

Intercession is a meeting. A meeting can be a good and pleasant experience or it can be a violent confrontation between opposing forces. Jesus had to become part of humanity to reconcile all men back to the Father. We see the covenant and purpose of God for man. The intercessor is either going to meet with God for the purpose of reconciling the world to the Father and His wonderful blessing or he is going to meet Satanic forces of opposition to enforce the victory of Calvary.

It says in <u>Revelation 12:10-11</u>, "Then I heard a strong (loud) voice in heaven, saying, now it has come — the salvation and the power and the kingdom (the dominion, the reign) of our God, and the power (the sovereignty, the authority) of His Christ (the Messiah); <u>for the accuser of our brethren</u>, he who <u>keeps bringing</u> before our <u>God charges</u> <u>against them day and night, has been cast out!</u> [Job 1:9-11]. 11 And they have overcome (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to

life even when faced with death." Sovereignty and authority belongs to Christ Jesus. The accuser has been cast down. Satan only has rights to accuse us when we hold on to our lives and our desires instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to purge us and sift us.

In 1 Peter 5:8 Your adversary (one who brings a law suit, against, instead of, avenging, justice, to give evidence or proof of a thing) the devil (slander, accusing falsely, by opposing the cause of God, to traduce, defame), prowls about (look for opportunity, to regulate one's life, thinking, doubting, deciding, concerning his condition or state) like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Adversary one who brings a law suit—who wants to deny what is rightfully yours.

<u>Adversary</u> means one who brings a law suit. The word in Greek is antidikos and means- <u>anti</u> (against, instead of, opposite to) <u>dikos</u> (rights, avenging, justice, to give evidence or proof of a thing).

The adversary-enemy has the right to deny us what is rightfully ours if there are iniquities, transgressions, or sins in our life were the blood has not been applied, that has not been dealt with through true repentance.

Satan has legal rights to have our requests denied because we have not dealt with issues in our life. The refusal to not deal with our issues blocks our destiny and prayers from being answered.

Colossians 2:14, Having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

<u>Psalm 32:1-2</u>, How blessed is he whose <u>transgression</u> (an act that goes against a law, rule or code of conduct, offense, rebellion) <u>is forgiven</u>, <u>Whose sin</u> (wrong doing, miss the mark, act of evil, wickedness, offenses) <u>is covered!</u> How blessed is the man to whom the <u>LORD does not impute iniquity</u>, and in <u>whose spirit there is no deceit</u> (no guile).

Matthew 12:37, "For by your words (logos, something said, (including thought)), motive, communication, speech, work, individual expression) you will be justified (just or innocent, free, be righteous, holy), and by your words you will be condemned"(guilty, unrighteous, to express strong disapproval of, to judge or declare unfit for use or habitation). NASU

Your WORDS will be used to judge you to declare you either innocent or guilty. Hold no one in debt because it gives the enemy legal rights to keep you bound. When you hold a debt, you are operating according to the principles of the god of this world and not according to the principles of God who supersedes all and whose dimension is the highest order to be implemented.

Matthew 6:12, And forgive us our <u>debts</u> (that which is owed, which is justly or legally due, offense, sin, fault, be bound, be guilty, be indebted, idea of cumulating), also likewise <u>as we also have forgiven our</u> <u>debtors</u> (one held by obligation, bound by duty, one who has not yet made amends, to whom he has injured, iniquities, transgressions or sins were the blood has not been applied).

Our greatest example is the Lord Jesus Himself. We know that He stood in the **gap for Peter**. When the devil asked to sift him like wheat, the Lord was aware of it and prayed that Peter's strength would not fail.

Luke 22:31-32, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has <u>demanded</u> permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again (repented of issues, sin, transgression & iniquity, that Satan can have a foot hold, return, change one's mind, one who no longer cares for another to return), strengthen your brothers."

Our declarations of intercession and supplication before the Lord can only strike the mark when we are standing in the finished work of Christ and we have chosen to humble ourselves before Him and repent for our iniquities; then the enemy cannot bring a charge against us.

It says in 1 Corinthians 11:7, "For a man indeed ought not to cover (veil oneself, cover up) his head (thoughts, his mind, seize), since he (man) is the image (likeness, representative, resemblance) and glory of God; but woman (betrothed, virgin, wife, to become, to arise, finished, of miracle) is the glory (weighty, of His authority, splendor, brilliance, light) of man." In order for the glory of God to be seen in us and to flow through us, we must completely expose the thoughts of our mind in repentance and brokenness. Our souls will then reflect being in union and communion with the Holy Spirit and nothing will be hidden in our hearts, all things are laid bare before the Lord. Then the enemy of our soul will have no legal right to accuse us, for he only has power in the dust realm of our carnal beastly thoughts and the evil intentions of our hearts.

It says in 1 Kings 8:47, "if they take thought in the land where they have been taken captive, and repent and <u>make supplication</u> to You in the land of those who have taken them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and have committed iniquity, we have acted wickedly." This is repenting on behalf of another even as Jesus, the ultimate intercessor, took upon the sins of the earth upon Himself. We can only do this if we have clean hands and a pure heart before the Lord and have not given the enemy any rights to accuse us.

It says in <u>1 Kings 8:38-39</u>, "whatever <u>prayer</u>, whatever <u>supplication</u> is made by anyone, *or* by all **Your people Israel**, when each one knows the <u>plague</u> (affliction, sore, wound, disease, mark, of leprosy, scab, eruption, mark or spot on the skin, of works, to touch, lie with women) <u>of his own heart</u>, and <u>spreads out his hands</u> (branches, power, bend down, to bow oneself down) <u>toward this temple</u>.(house, within, habitation, dwelling, build, establish).(39) then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive the act and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart Thou knows, for Thou alone dost know the hearts of all the sons of men.

<u>Supplication</u> means grace, mercy, favor, show communication with God, worship, to ask, earnest petition. <u>Our earnest petition</u> on <u>behalf</u> of <u>another</u> is <u>given favor</u> when every <u>plague</u> of our <u>heart</u> is <u>covered</u> by the <u>blood</u> through the <u>confession</u> of our <u>mouths</u>. When we return with all our heart and soul, the Lord hears our supplication before Him and He answers us (I Kings 9:3).

We have the example of Esther who through her intercession before the king gave her people the chance to defend themselves from their enemies. The King gave permission to revoke the letters devised by Haman to annihilate the Jews in the king's provinces. Thus, the Lord intervened in their demise (Esther 8:5,8).

Moses interceded before the Lord for the people. He stood in the gap and made up the hedge because he was righteous in the sight of God and he was able to entreat and make supplication on behalf of the people. It says in Numbers 21:7-8, "So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and you; intercede with the Lord, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded (to judge, by extension, to intercede, entreat, make supplication) for the people." How do we know Moses was in right standing with God? It says in Exodus 33:17, "And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked (speak, declare, promise, subdue), because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." Moses was able to entreat before the Lord and intercede because the Lord was pleased with him and the enemy had no legal right to bring an accusation against Moses so as to hinder his prayers and petitions. It says that God knew Moses by name. Name means reputation, established, the Name (as designated of God, ordain, appoint, station). Moses reputation was that of being like God. He was pure in the eyes of the Lord and, because of this, he was able to entreat and make supplication for the people. Supplication is grace.

<u>Grace means</u> mercy, favor, pardon, free gift, to twist, dance, to whirl, wait anxiously---faith, make *supplication*, *implore*-make earnest appeal, beseech, lay siege, to beg for urgently, to deal with, *entreat*, compassion,

*marry, have dominion, grace to an end.* Moses was able to pray for grace and mercy on the people because of the authority he had in God through the cleanliness of his hands. God wants to vindicate His name through us.