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The Need for Constant Intercession

“Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them” (Hebrews 7:25).



Charles H. Spurgeon was one of the greatest men of God that ever lived in modern times. His writings and his messages were soul stirring and moved even the hardest of hearts. In an article in the “Herald of His Coming” I quote from this great man of whom I am not worthy to write. Charles Spurgeon knew what it took to really press through in prayer. He often spoke for the great need of intercession and the constant need for intercessors to come to the Mercy Seat of God. He spoke of our need for an interposer. **An interposer comes from the Latin word “interponere” meaning to “put up between”.**

As Moshe stood in the gap for Israel, so must we today, who are called to be Watchmen on the Walls for Jerusalem and to stand between the earthly Jerusalem and the heavenly. Spurgeon said, **“We do not know, my brethren how many poisoned arrows are caught upon the shield of our Lord’s intercession...even when time shall be no more, and all the saints shall be saved, their continuance in bliss will be due to His endless intercession.”**

Yeshua is our Greatest Example. We need to emulate Him. I know how hard it is sometimes to sit and pray, to intercede for others and especially when we are praying for Jerusalem, so many things seem to grab our attention away from the role of “intercessor”, but we must continue to do what God has called us to do in a determined and faithful way. Despite problems, trials and interruptions, we must press on. Just as if we are leaving on a journey and it is pouring rain, we press on regardless. God is pressing ahead with His Plans for Jerusalem and the Jewish people just as He promised in His Word. As I live in the Land, I would like to pass on to you, in the nations, who probably know very little about the life of a God-Fearing Jew. When they wake up in the morning, the Torah (we call it the “Old” Testament) instructs them to immediately say before even getting out of bed, “I give thanks before You, living and eternal King, that You have returned my soul within me with compassion. Great is Your Faithfulness.” They start the day by focusing on the positive. They are alive! When they start the morning service, they recite a list of blessings focused on thanking the Almighty for what they have. During the day they aspire to make 100 blessings – prayers in synagogue, before and after eating foods, blessings on fulfilling commandments, even on seeing or hearing the awesomeness of the Almighty’s creation – lightning and hearing thunder. They work on it day in and day out, being grateful and having a positive outlook on life. I do not call this “bondage” but truly liberating. These are all forms of prayer and this happens every day in their lives. I wonder how many Christians pray this often and have GOD on their minds every moment in whatever they do. We need to think about it and if we have committed to be Watchmen on the Walls for Jerusalem, we need to remember Jerusalem night and day, and be in continual intercession. Both our brother Spurgeon and many of our Jewish God-fearing friends know about it. It has been my honor to facilitate prayer and intercession around the world for many years. May the Almighty bless each and every faithful person who closes the breach and stands in for our beloved Jewish people. I encourage all of you to continually pray.

Let's Enter the Throne Room of Prayer



- **Seek the Lord** regarding the situation on Israel's northern border, and cover her with prayers of security and protection. If war breaks out, Israel has said that it will be very dangerous for Lebanon who has turned anti-Israel. May Israel's soldiers "guard the gates" of Israel day and night. May God hear their prayers. There are over 500 believers in the IDF today according to statistics, plus many believing Arabs from Nazareth and Christians from Russia and the Ukraine. May the commanders in charge of the soldiers lead the "gatekeepers" in prayer and trust in God before each mission.
- **Remind the Lord** that even though Iranian backed groups are encircling Israel's borders and Iran states it will never abandon its desire for a Shia Crescent from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea, that He (God) has plans for His Chosen People and that no enemy will destroy the reborn and re-established Jewish nation. ***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV).***
- **Delight in the Lord** that Jerusalem's Mayor Nir Barkat has signed an official Host City agreement to embrace the children of all races in a sporting competition in 2018. Israel desires to promote fair play, tolerance and values between children from around the world. ***"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6, KJV).***
- **Believe in prayer** for those living a gay life style in Israel to know the truth, so it can set them free. For this to happen, truth must come into their lives, salvation must come and trusting God to help them change is the key. **(Isaiah 46:13)**. Pray also for a cleansing of sex offenders in the Haredi community. We have them in the Church also. Man cannot have both the world and the pulpit. Pray for public voices to speak out and not be restrained from desiring purity, instead of shame. Study what took place in Aaron's life in **Exodus 32:18, 25**.
- **Proclaim** that Israeli security forces will be prepared for emergency rescue in case of a violent earthquake which has been predicted, here in Israel. Living adjacent to the Syrian-African rift, an earthquake could take place at any time, they tell us. ***"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Genesis 28:15, NIV)***.

A final thought: in the busy world we all live in, the greatest thing we can do to begin our days is to spend time in prayer for our loved ones, those who are sick and to bring our petitions before God. However, when we daily remember to ***"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:6)***, we are actually fulfilling a principle God set into motion in Genesis 12:3. We will reap the blessings in time, and in His Way. God bless each of you as you remember His Chosen People.

Serving With Gladness,

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