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MNBS - Moments of Intercession (Intercessory Prayer)

Objectives:

- *Better Understand What Is Prayer*
- *Realize the Responsibility of Prayer for Believers/Disciples of JESUS*
- *Grasp a Working Knowledge of Intercession / Intercessory Prayer*
- *Participate in a Community Time of Intercession*

The Warmup

Men Should Always Pray and Not Faint

Luke 18:1 (NASB)

“Now HE was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not lose heart”

HE – JESUS

Them – Disciples

Parable – Allegory or Metaphor; A comparison of two unlike or similar things to illustrate a point

It is Necessary (*Greek Dein*)

- It is Necessary, Right and Proper
- There is a Need for you
- A necessity of law and command, of duty
- Ought, Should, Must



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- Matthew 16:21 – 16:21 From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.
- Mark 8:31 – 8:31 Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.
- Luke 2:49 – 2:49 “But why did you need to search?” he asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house?” 50 But they didn’t understand what he meant.
- Luke 13:16 (NKJV) – 13:16 So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”

For you, at All Times (*Greek pantote*)

- Always, Ever, Every When
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58 – 15:58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.
 - 2 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV) – 2:14 Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.
 - Hebrews 7:25 (NIV) – 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.
 - 1 Thessalians 5:17 – “Pray without ceasing”

To Pray (*Greek proseuchesthai*)



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- Pray – Interact with the LORD by switching human wishes (ideas) for HIS wishes, as HE imparts Faith (Divine Persuasion)
 - Interact with the LORD (supplicate; worship; communion)
 - Spend time with GOD
 - Genesis 2:15-20; 3:8-10 (NLT) – ^{2:15} The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶ But the LORD God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— ¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” ¹⁹ So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. ²⁰ He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him...^{3:8} When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So, they hid from the LORD God among the trees. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”
 - Genesis 5:21-24 (NLT) – ^{5:21} When Enoch was 65 years old, he became the father of Methuselah. ²² After the birth of Methuselah, Enoch lived in close fellowship with God for another 300 years, and he had other sons and daughters. ²³ Enoch lived 365 years, ²⁴ walking in close fellowship with God. Then one day he disappeared, because God took him.



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- Isaiah 1:18-20 (NLT) – ^{1:18}“Come now, let’s settle this,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool. ¹⁹If you will only obey me, you will have plenty to eat. ²⁰But if you turn away and refuse to listen, you will be devoured by the sword of your enemies. I, the LORD, have spoken!”
- Mark 1:35-39 (NLT) ^{1:35} Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. ³⁶ Later Simon and the others went out to find him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said, “Everyone is looking for you.” ³⁸ But Jesus replied, “We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came.” ³⁹ So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.
- Receive HIS wishes for You
 - John 5:19-21, 30 (NLT) – ^{5:19} So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished. ²¹ For just as the Father gives life to those he raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone he wants... ³⁰ I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will.
 - Proverbs 19:21 (NIV) – ^{19:21} Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.



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And not lose heart (en kakos)

- Grow Weary; Lose Heart
 - Galatians 6:9 (NASB) – ^{6:9} Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

The Workout

As Born-Again Believers we are invited to boldly come before the FATHER's Throne because of what JESUS has accomplished.

- Hebrews 4:14-16 (NLT) – ^{4:14} So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
- What about those who cannot boldly approach the throne?
 - Ezekiel 22:30 "I searched for someone to stand in the gap...so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one..."
 - Without GOD, Man Cannot; Without Man, GOD Will Not
- GOD always looks for an individual through whom HE can manifest HIS purposes
 - Isaiah 59:16 "He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought salvation to him; and his righteousness, it upheld him.

LET THE INTERCESSORS ARISE!!!!

What is an Intercessor?

- One (Individual) who goes between



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- Mediator
- One (Individual) who interposes between parties at variance with a view to reconcile them
- One (Individual) who pleads in behalf of another

What is Intercession/Intercessory Prayer?

- 1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NLT)

^{2:1} I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. ⁵ For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. ⁶ He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. ⁷ And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I'm not exaggerating—just telling the truth.

- Praying on behalf of someone (conversation/closeness implied)
- Bringing others' names and situations to GOD for the sake of discussion
- Closeness of fellowship with GOD is emphasized

Examples of Intercession / Intercessory Prayer

- Abraham
- Genesis 18:16-33 (NLT)



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^{18:16} Then the men got up from their meal and looked out toward Sodom. As they left, Abraham went with them to send them on their way.¹⁷ “Should I hide my plan from Abraham?” the LORD asked. ¹⁸ “For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹ I have singled him out so that he will direct his sons and their families to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just. Then I will do for Abraham all that I have promised.” ²⁰ So the LORD told Abraham, “I have heard a great outcry from Sodom and Gomorrah, because their sin is so flagrant. ²¹ I am going down to see if their actions are as wicked as I have heard. If not, I want to know.” ²² The other men turned and headed toward Sodom, but the LORD remained with Abraham. ²³ Abraham approached him and said, “Will you sweep away both the righteous and the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose you find fifty righteous people living there in the city—will you still sweep it away and not spare it for their sakes? ²⁵ Surely you wouldn’t do such a thing, destroying the righteous along with the wicked. Why, you would be treating the righteous and the wicked exactly the same! Surely you wouldn’t do that! Should not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?” ²⁶ And the LORD replied, “If I find fifty righteous people in Sodom, I will spare the entire city for their sake.” ²⁷ Then Abraham spoke again. “Since I have begun, let me speak further to my Lord, even though I am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose there are only forty-five righteous people rather than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And the LORD said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five righteous people there.” ²⁹ Then Abraham pressed his request further. “Suppose there are only forty?” And the LORD replied, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the forty.” ³⁰ “Please don’t be angry, my Lord,” Abraham pleaded. “Let me speak—suppose only thirty righteous people are found?” And the LORD replied, “I will not destroy it if I find thirty.” ³¹ Then Abraham said, “Since I have dared to speak to the Lord, let me continue—suppose there are only twenty?” And the LORD replied, “Then I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty.” ³² Finally, Abraham said, “Lord, please don’t be angry with me if I speak one more time. Suppose only ten



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are found there?” And the LORD replied, “Then I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten.”³³ When the LORD had finished his conversation with Abraham, he went on his way, and Abraham returned to his tent.

- Close Relationship with GOD
- Remind HIM of HIS Words of Promise
- Plead the cause of those on whose behalf he’s praying
- Moses
- Exodus 32:1-16 (NLT)

^{32:1}When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron. “Come on,” they said, “make us some gods who can lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.”² So Aaron said, “Take the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters, and bring them to me.”³ All the people took the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron.⁴ Then Aaron took the gold, melted it down, and molded it into the shape of a calf. When the people saw it, they exclaimed, “O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!”⁵ Aaron saw how excited the people were, so he built an altar in front of the calf. Then he announced, “Tomorrow will be a festival to the LORD!”⁶ The people got up early the next morning to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings. After this, they celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.⁷ The LORD told Moses, “Quick! Go down the mountain! Your people whom you brought from the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.⁸ How quickly they have turned away from the way I commanded them to live! They have melted down gold and made a calf, and they have bowed down and sacrificed to it. They are saying, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.’”⁹ Then the LORD said, “I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are.¹⁰ Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation.”¹¹ But Moses tried to pacify the LORD his God. “O LORD!” he said. “Why are you so angry with your own people whom you brought from the land of Egypt with such great power and such a strong hand?¹² Why let the Egyptians say, ‘Their God



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rescued them with the evil intention of slaughtering them in the mountains and wiping them from the face of the earth? Turn away from your fierce anger. Change your mind about this terrible disaster you have threatened against your people! ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You bound yourself with an oath to them, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven. And I will give them all of this land that I have promised to your descendants, and they will possess it forever.' ¹⁴ So the LORD changed his mind about the terrible disaster he had threatened to bring on his people. ¹⁵ Then Moses turned and went down the mountain. He held in his hands the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶ These tablets were God's work; the words on them were written by God himself.

- Close Relationship with GOD
- Remind HIM of HIS Words of Promise
- Plead the cause of those on whose behalf he's praying



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- Daniel
- Exodus 9:1-23

^{9:1}It was the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede, the son of Ahasuerus, who became king of the Babylonians. ² During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the LORD, as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years. ³ So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and fasting. I also wore rough burlap and sprinkled myself with ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: “O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and obey your commands. ⁵ But we have sinned and done wrong. We have rebelled against you and scorned your commands and regulations. ⁶ We have refused to listen to your servants the prophets, who spoke on your authority to our kings and princes and ancestors and to all the people of the land. ⁷ “Lord, you are in the right; but as you see, our faces are covered with shame. This is true of all of us, including the people of Judah and Jerusalem and all Israel, scattered near and far, wherever you have driven us because of our disloyalty to you. ⁸ O LORD, we and our kings, princes, and ancestors are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. ⁹ But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him. ¹⁰ We have not obeyed the LORD our God, for we have not followed the instructions he gave us through his servants the prophets. ¹¹ All Israel has disobeyed your instruction and turned away, refusing to listen to your voice. “So now the solemn curses and judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured down on us because of our sin. ¹² You have kept your word and done to us and our rulers exactly as you warned. Never has there been such a disaster as happened in Jerusalem. ¹³ Every curse written against us in the Law of Moses has come true. Yet we have refused to seek mercy from the LORD our God by turning from our sins and recognizing his truth. ¹⁴ Therefore, the LORD has brought upon us



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the disaster he prepared. The LORD our God was right to do all of these things, for we did not obey him. ¹⁵ “O Lord our God, you brought lasting honor to your name by rescuing your people from Egypt in a great display of power. But we have sinned and are full of wickedness. ¹⁶ In view of all your faithful mercies, Lord, please turn your furious anger away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain. All the neighboring nations mock Jerusalem and your people because of our sins and the sins of our ancestors. ¹⁷ “O our God, hear your servant’s prayer! Listen as I plead. For your own sake, Lord, smile again on your desolate sanctuary. ¹⁸ “O my God, lean down and listen to me. Open your eyes and see our despair. See how your city—the city that bears your name—lies in ruins. We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of your mercy. ¹⁹ “O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For your own sake, do not delay, O my God, for your people and your city bear your name.” ²⁰ I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, pleading with the LORD my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain. ²¹ As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He explained to me, “Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding. ²³ The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God. Listen carefully so that you can understand the meaning of your vision.

- Close Relationship – vs 23 - “...You are very precious to GOD...”
 - Remind HIM of HIS Words of Promise
 - Plead the cause of those on whose behalf he’s praying
- JESUS

John 17:6-9,20-24

^{17:6} “I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that



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everything I have is a gift from you, ⁸ for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.⁹ “My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you... ²⁰ “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. ²² “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. ²⁴ Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

- Close Relationship with FATHER – vs 21 – “just as YOU and I are one – as YOU are in ME”
- Remind HIM of HIS Words of Promise
- Plead the cause of those on whose behalf HE’s praying
 - Luke 23:34 (NLT)– “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”



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The Cool Down (Wrap Up)

- As a Believer, Prayer is vital your Life-Source
 - Your Prayers are Important
 - The quality of your relationship with GOD depends on prayer
 - Don't Stop Praying (Interacting with FATHER)
- Are you in position to Intercede?
 - Close to FATHER
 - Understand HIS Words of Promise to recall them to HIM
 - Plead on Others' behalf who aren't in a position to pray for themselves
- Let's exercise together now
 - Enter into relationship with the FATHER through JESUS
 - Pray for someone you know to enter relationship with JESUS
 - Pray for someone else with a need who can't pray for themselves