

INTERCESSION IN THE LIGHT OF THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS

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GREETINGS in the wonderful name of Jesus. It's a wonderful honor for me to come and minister the Gospel of Grace to you today. Yesterday was the three year anniversary that we began our internet web church where we just minister the message of God's life to you. It is all about what He has done for you and the life that He has given you where He has come to share His life with you.

I want to welcome everybody who is watching for the first time. Thank you for slotting in and allowing me to serve you with the Good News of Jesus Christ, to serve you and wash your feet and bring you the Gospel of God's grace. To all of our regular viewers, I want to say, "Welcome and I trust that all of you are going to enjoy this message and just be impacted by the goodness of God.."

Father, I want to thank You that this message and this broadcast and everything we do here, belongs to You. Thank You that we can minister Your Gospel and we can be part of what You are doing for us. Your truth is so important to us and we love it! Thank You for Your grace over our lives that You impact our lives in such a great way! Your goodness just mesmerizes us and the unity that there is, between man and God, is awesome and beautiful!

Thank You, Holy Spirit, that You empower me in a powerful way today to minister to the hearts of every person that is watching. Amen and amen

For three years we have been ministering and providing a platform on the web where people that don't have a local Grace based church can slot in and just be ministered to. I want to say, from my heart, it was an absolute honor to minister to you these past three years and just to provide the different pages and platforms and materials on the web and bring you the Gospel of God's grace. It is all about the goodness of God, the kindness of God and the love of God. We would love to just see you blessed all the time. This is what this is all about: to keep you established in the goodness of God.

COMMUNION As we take Communion together, we celebrate our union with Jesus Christ.

John 15:

3 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abides in the vine, no more can you, except you abide in Me.

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

That's beautiful! He says, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me."

I want to just connect this to fruit bearing. I know that you can't read it backwards like that but I do believe there is a context where we can link this together.

He is saying that we shouldn't try and be where Jesus is by our own works and by our own sacrifice. He said that He would prepare a place for us. The place that He has prepared for us is a place where we share in God's life where He is the source of our life, where He lives in us where He lives through us.

It says clearly there that we cannot bear fruit by ourselves. As we abide in Him, He will bear His fruit in us. Let me read verses 3 and 4 again.

3 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you. (That word, clean, also means purged or pruned. What God has come to do, in Jesus Christ, is He has come to prune us by cutting away every form of doctrine, every form of seed that was growing in us from a wrong belief system. As He has come to cut that away, we can clearly see that He calls that cleaning. He has come and He has cleansed us. That is what it is all about. Glory to God for that! Then He goes on and says,

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abides in the vine, no more can you, except you abide in Me. The only way that we can bear fruit is by looking at Jesus, as the Alpha and the Omega of our life. Amen! That is what it is all about. We look at Jesus. He is the Alpha and He is the Omega of our life and we, in that way, abide in Him. Glory to God! Isn't that absolutely awesome! That is how we bear fruit.

As pertaining to fruit bearing and when it comes to the Communion, I want to say to you, "Let not your heart be troubled by law doctrine when it comes to fruit bearing. When it comes to fruit bearing this is what I want you to know: Look at the body of Jesus Christ and we continue to say, "His body was broken and when his body was broken, the old man and his deeds died! Now, when it comes to the blood, we say, "This is the blood of the New testament." That means the covenant inside His blood, meaning the old man has died away and His life belongs to us. Glory to God! That is God showing and proving His promise of eternal life to us.

So when it comes to fruit bearing, as we take Communion and think of what God has done for us, we remember that we don't have to have a troubled heart about it. We just abide in the finished work of Jesus Christ and so we have life. Amen

Father, I want to thank You for the body of Jesus that was broken for us. I want to thank You for the life that You have given us. I want to thank You for the abundance of joy and the abundance of grace that is towards us. I thank You, Lord, that this message and this word that You have given us, gives us life. Thank You for Your blood, Lord! Let us enjoy the Communion together.

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Today we are going to talk about intercession and just look at Jesus Christ as the great intercessor who has come to give us life.

Before we get into the message of intercession and what it truly is in the Church and what it is all about, I would like to pray for the people who are in Florida. There are people in our Web Church that are in that area and even if they are in our Web Church or not, it doesn't matter. There are people going through difficult time and I would like to pray for them. As a family, let us just gather around this truth and let us just pray for people who are going through a difficult time.

I was also thinking of the people in all the islands on the way to Florida and the people in Cuba. I was thinking of people who are under communism and are poor and have nothing and they've lost everything. In the prayers that I heard people pray, they pray for America and the nations associated with America and what about the people in Cuba? Aren't they also worth the same as the people in America? Don't they have the same price that was paid for them, the same death that was died was also died for them? You see, we need to realize that in the cross we have a different way of looking at people. We don't use our nationality. We don't use our ethnicity, our political views, the color of our skin, none of those things to form a platform from who we are. There is only one platform and that is the truth revealed in the resurrection of Jesus who shows what humans are when we behold a human at the right hand of God. Amen!

I just feel in my heart the passion for the people going through that. I didn't know a lot about the previous storm because I was in Brazil but now with this one I could watch the news and see what was going on and it looked as if it is weakening towards Florida. Let us just pray together.

Father, I want to thank You for Your love and Your grace that You have for all humans. I thank You, Father, that all the people that had their houses destroyed and had loved ones that passed away, got injured, lost their automobiles and are going through great difficulty because of this storm. The people on the islands in Cuba, the people who are suffering at the Keys at the moment where the storm is. I thank You, Father, for Your love and Your grace and Your goodness. I thank You, Father, for the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

The first thing that I want to pray for every person that is in that area and experiencing this, I pray that the revelation that your life is not found in the abundance of your possessions, will be of such a magnitude in your heart that you have peace. That's the first thing I want to pray. As a Web Church, we agree on that. Thank You for that, Father. Thank You that that which people truly need is what You provide in Jesus Christ and that You have come in Jesus Christ and You saw the gap between what people experience and what You have planned for them. That gap was in their understanding and in their belief. As You breached that, in Christ, in bringing truth to humanity and I come and I thank You,

Father, that I can pray for every person that is facing that storm, those who are facing fear, they don't know what to do, sitting in a house with winds of 100 miles per hour blowing over the roof and with that massive noise around them, not knowing what the storm surge will do, not knowing any of those things and where the weather forecast don't actually know what is going on. But we thank You, Father, that ever one of those people will experience a revelation in some form or fashion, an enlightened mind that life is not found in the abundance of possessions. Neither is life found in if the storm comes or not. That's the first thing. Thank You for that, Lord. In Jesus' mighty name.

The second thing, I thank You, Father, that I can pray for the preachers and Christians in the areas where they are going through this difficult time, that they will not live in doubt but they will live in a true understanding of Your love for all people. That they will not, in this time, wonder: If they done wrong. Is this a curse? Is it the devil? What is going on?

Thank You, Father, that Your Spirit brings clarity there and that we just want to say, as the church, as humans, "We accept that truth about You in our lives. Father, and then I want to thank You that we can just declare that signs, wonders and miracles take place.

Thirdly, we want to thank, You, Father, that we are open for signs, wonders and miracles and I thank You, Lord, that a miracle happens of Your resurrection power as pertaining to this storm where Your life and Your goodness is towards this towards this storm and that it can end and the destruction can end and that is what we are open for. In Jesus' mighty name. Thank You, Lord! Amen and amen

When it comes to prayer, many times we had such a burden in our hearts. Do we pray enough? Do we pray right? How should we pray? What should we pray? Especially with storms like this. We had a discussion with our Web pastors meeting about this. Some people say, "We must bind the storm!" Others say that it is the devil, it's a demon. It is amazing that you find people with 250,000 followers on their Facebook page just come out and it's almost as if you don't bind the storm then there is something wrong with you. Then you find people in other places that say that we shouldn't even pray about things like that. What shall we do? This is my answer to that: If you feel a passion and an unction in your heart to pray against that, then you need to follow what is in your heart because the gifts of the Spirit and the power of Grace is through the belief and through the heart. If that is what you feel to do, that is what you do. Then those who don't feel that they want to stand up on a public platform or stand up and say, "I bind the storm!" or "I end this storm!" because you don't if something will happen, you are unsure about that, you stand with those who feel in their heart they want to do something like that.. that's it! That's how it works.

We find the gifts of the Spirit. One person reads the Scripture and he understands what is there and he wants to teach that and he has a gift to do that. Then those who don't feel about the one who teaches. what do you do? You stand with the one who teaches in the Spirit. Amen. How do you go about the person that prophesies? Maybe you don't prophesy but it says, "Do all do miracles? Do all have the gift of faith? No, all people don't but we stand together as a family and we thank the Lord for what God does put in people's hearts. That is the simplicity of how this whole thing works. If somebody feels in the Grace perspective and I want to pray and I want to pray for protection, do you know where my heart is? I say, "Amen!?" That is how it is and if I feel that I want to pray for certain things and I have faith and a persuasion in my heart, a strong persuasion, or we can call it a strong expectation on a change that will take place in a nation or to stand up against something, then I just say, "Listen, this is born from grace. It is not born from the law. Let's stand together, let's flow together and thank God for what He is doing in our lives.

I also believe, as Christians, the life that God has come to share with us, how does it manifest in our lives except through actions? So, once you feel that unction in your heart and the power of the Holy Spirit, you give over to it. You say, "Lord, this is from You and my members are available for that. As our hearts are open for that, we find the Holy Spirit brings forth power in our lives. We give to the poor. We help the people who are in flooded areas. We help the poor. We are kind. We are good because that is our nature. That is the new man that we really are. Amen.

I'm going to read a passage from **Isaiah 59:2** and we are going to look at intercession. I think at this time it is a good thing to talk about because many times we would think should we not be interceding for people going through difficult times? How shall we pray? What shall we do? Then we have a scripture in Isaiah that talks about an intercessor where the Bible says there was no intercessor and God had to remedy that and make a plan about that. So, what is our job as pertaining to intercession?

I have to be honest as I just share my heart with you. I have an issue with intercession. There was a time when I believed in intercession in a strong way. I believed that you have to stand up and pray and stand in the gap for certain people. My sister is here with me in the studio today. She knows me well. She knows the outreaches we've been at and how we've interceded and how we've prayed and done all those things. Intercession was actually something that I felt obligated to do and I felt guilty if I wouldn't intercede. I was thinking that I had to intercede for my nation in prayer and I have to stand in prayer. I felt guilty if I didn't do that.

As a start, I want to say to you that I do believe that there is something like intercession but we have to define it and explain it from the finished work of Jesus' perspective and we cannot do intercession in any other different way than what Jesus did.... or let me put it this way: Our intercession, if you want to call it that, will only be an extension or an outflow of what He has done. That is all.

I was thinking of the people in Florida for instance and people who are going through earthquakes and all those things. In South Africa we sit in a very severe drought in the Western Cape. I was thinking that if I must go every day and pray asking God to send rain, asking God to send rain and then make a prayer chain and see if I can get as many people as possible to pray and ask God. To me there is no family logic in it. I don't understand that. I think, like my sister, Dahleen, said that if there is one thing she knows is that God knew about this and He knows about this more than anybody. So it isn't like we must now try to remind God and through our prayer, through sin confession or just many people saying something together until we've worked up enough unity that something must happen.

It's as if God is saying that He cannot do anything in the earth until somebody asks for it then I can't do anything. The Bible says that there is no one righteous, no, not one and yet God came and brought righteousness and life to the earth by Himself. We are going to read that today. We are going to see that He saw that there was no one. Yet, in the presence of no one being free, no one being righteous, He came and He took salvation upon Himself and brought forth salvation in the earth. When I look at intercession, when I look at prayer, it cannot be defined in, "Let's see how many people we can get together and pray so that God can do something." I don't say that I understand everything but one thing I do understand is that does not make sense. There's not a logic about it. If we look at Elijah, he prayed and it didn't rain for three years and then the Bible says that a normal man, like us, prayed and the drought was broken after three years. We know that was a type and a shadow but we can still see that God can simply just hear one man.

Now we are going to look at intercession and what it truly is.

Isaiah 59:2 *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

That passage has condemned so many people for so many years. It says that your iniquities has separated you *between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear*. Now, that is a terrible verse if you look at it like that. It's almost like, if you just read it just like that, it is, without reading any context, it would be like, "Well, the reason that my son does not have food and the reason why my son is going through a difficult time, is because he didn't do what I tell him to do. Therefore, I willfully refuse to help him!" Now, that is not what that passage says. That passage read just like that brought a salvation message which says, "Here is God. Here is man and sin has actually separated God and man and in order for the separation to be taken away, sin has to be paid for. Sin has to be punished. That would be the only way to take this out of the way. Then once sin is punished in somebody's body, then the anger of God is satisfied. Once the anger of God is satisfied, then there can be unity between God and man and the separation can be taken away. Then that separation is still not taken away unless I have confessed my sins and continue not to sin. That is such a weak message!

If we look at separation between us and God and that separation is sin and the punishment for sin because of God's wrath, God is angry. That actually makes the anger and the heart of God the real problem because God is angry and there is a reason why He is angry. Because of this anger in His heart, He cannot bless man because we transgressed His laws.

Let us look at this passage in context and we are going to see that is not what that passage says. As we read the whole of Isaiah 59 and into 60, we are going to see that this passage actually says that there is no such separation between God and us Yet there is a verse that says that there is a separation but that verse is explained in many verses after that to show us what this separation actually is.

In today's message I am going to show you that there is no separation between God and us and the only separation is an illusion of a separation because of a wrong belief and that God had to come and intervene or intercede and bring a rest or a break to that system in ending that system by bringing truth to humanity. Let me say it again. I am going to show you today that there is no separation between man and God. God has shown that for many years and we are going to have a look at that but the separation that we experience, the experiential "separation" is not on account of God being separate from us but it is because of a wrong belief about God where we started to live in the illusion of a separation or in the fear of iniquity or of the Law System. God looked at that and said that that is an injustice, and that He came and He was the intercessor. He actually came in and He interceded. Another word for the word, intercession, would be intervened and He brought rest and ended that wrong belief by bringing the truth about the union between God and man. As we behold that truth, we find that we are now saved from this experience of separation.

You may ask me where I get what I am saying. I just read **Isaiah 59:2** *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear*. Now let's look at **Isaiah 59:1** *Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:*

Here he says that the hand of the Lord is not shortened. That word, shortened, means to be impatient, to be vexed or to be grieved. So He is saying to people, to Israel, the true context is not the world. The true context in the original setting is to Israel. He says to Israel, "Listen, you are going through a very difficult time. You're going through a hard time. Your perspective of God is, 'He doesn't see. He doesn't hear.' It is because of the iniquity, the wrong belief, that is inside you. You have partaken of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and from that perspective, you're afraid of God. There's a distance in your mind between you and God. But let me tell you something. The Lord's hand is not shortened. The Lord's **work**, His hand, He is not impatient in His dealings with you. He's not vexed. Neither is He grieved.

Then it says, ***neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear***: That word, heavy, means to be grievous, to be overburdened or to be burdensome. He says that His ear is not burdened. He's not tired. He's not at a place where He doesn't want to help. He is there! He is not a God that doesn't hear your prayer. He's not a God that is not there. He is there and He is hearing everything that you are saying! He is intervening. He is there to help but, from your perspective, you are not seeing the help that God is giving because God sees the true need. God sees where the true help is and that is the perspective from where He helps and aids you.

Let's read verse 2, again, and then verse 8:

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

8 The way of peace they have not known; (Now, he is explaining verse 2 here and what he means by they are not hearing God, they are not experiencing God.) and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goes therein shall not know peace.

He is explaining that they are on a wrong path. It's not that God doesn't answer their prayer. They are hurting themselves. They are killing themselves. That is what he is saying.

9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

Can you remember a passage in the Bible where it says that the people walked in darkness but they thought they had the light? Do you know a passage in the Bible where Jesus said, "You are the blind leading the blind?"

If you read on to verse 10, ***We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.***

Jesus said, "Let the dead bury the dead." Jesus said, "They are blind people. They are people that are going through thinking they see but they are blind." He was talking about the teachers of the Law. He was talking about the Pharisees here. This is the setting where Isaiah 59 is written. It says in verse **11**: ***We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us***

These people looked for salvation, they looked for God, but they are looking for God in the Law. They are looking for God in works righteousness and God, from the beginning, had said, "I will not give life to works righteousness! That is the wrath of God that is the vengeance of God. He's against that!"

Yet, He has not separated Himself from man. We see that from Genesis chapter 3. When Adam and Eve sinned, did God ever separate Himself from Adam and Eve? Never! When God said to them that they do not have access to the Garden, He never said, "You don't have access to Me!" Even when they were outside of the Garden, God spoke to them. Even outside of the Garden, God walked with Noah. Even outside of the Garden, we find that God spoke to Moses, God spoke to David, God spoke to so many people even outside of the Garden. So, it is not as if God was ever separated from man.

Even in **Exodus 34**, and I've preached this many times, we find when the people were in great sin, in great difficulties, what did God do? He said, "I am a merciful and gracious God. Then Moses said, "If we found grace in Your sight, come and dwell among us." And what did God do? He built a tabernacle. He built a temple in the midst of the sinful, stiff neck, Jewish people and He lived among them! From the Garden when Adam and Eve sinned, God moved with them showing a voice, showing the truth that God's view about man has not changed! God loves man. God is there for man. God is always with man. Man's sin has not brought separation in the heart of God! Their sin was to actually believe in a system where you see yourself separate from God where you, through your works, try to attain to God.

It's like in the days of Nimrod when they built the Tower of Babel, where they say that man, through his own ability, will reach the level of God. If you say, "Through my ability I want to reach the level of God", what are you saying? You are saying, "There is a separation between me and God!" That is what you are saying. It's like Adam and Eve. They were ashamed because they were naked. That word, ashamed, comes from fear in their hearts. They were ashamed like somebody would have a big car and stop at a place and you must stop next to that person with just a cheap, old, car. Now you feel ashamed because you feel that you don't measure up. God had to come and show that He can actually, out of sin and out of death, show forth that man can be in equality of God through the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what He has come to do. That is what He has come to show in His cross. In doing that He covered the distance. He bridged the gap, the distance, that there was in the wrong belief that was in the heart of man through the devil. That is called intercession. We will get to that.

13 In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

He says that these people are perceiving God as not hearing, as God not speaking to them, because they have conceived and they are uttering words of falsehood, which is what the Pharisees and the Sadducees were teaching all the time.

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice stands afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter...

It says that these people are not walking in truth. God says, "You are saying that I am not answering. You are saying that I am not there." That is their experience. What I am saying is that it sounds as if in verse 2 as if God says, "Your iniquity has caused Me to separate Me from you." But verse 1 counters that! Verse 1 says, "No, My hand is not shortened to save. I am here. I am not far but you, in your wrong belief, are actually in a place where you are experiencing distance. You are saying that God's not answering and God's not far. So what was bringing forth the separation was that it wasn't a physical separation or a psychological separation from God's side towards man. God was always there. Amen!

15 Yea, truth fails; and he that departs from evil makes himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

What is God saying here? This is intercession. He says, “God saw that He was for man and close to man and with man. Like Paul said to the Greek philosophers. He said, “God is not far from any one of us!” And yet they experienced Him as far from them because of a wrong belief that He is a God who is in the skies and now we are people on the earth and we need to please this God or we need to build a tower reaching to God. Everything started from consciousness of lack, a consciousness of distance. Then God wanted to bring forth truth and in bringing forth the truth, He ended the man that is born from the lie. As He brought forth truth in the street, as He brought forth truth among all people, what happened and what takes place as the truth is there, people can now be born from the truth and realize how close they are, who God is, what man is. And now, in that truth, they can be born from that truth and then, experientially, they will not experience God as far anymore. But, in order for that to take place, an intercessor was needed and that intercessor wasn't a prayer warrior! I'm not against prayer! Please hear my heart. The Bible says, “Pray always.” So I'm not against prayer but what God was saying is that His eyes weren't going to and fro in the earth looking at people who pray. That is not what He is saying.

Let me read verses 13 and 14 again:

13 In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice stands afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. street, and equity cannot enter.

Why was all of this there? Why was it that people didn't experience God as being close? It was because they had no truth, the truth about how much God loves them, the truth about who they really are and the truth about God's plan for man wasn't there any more. It has fallen and God had to come and make truth public again.

15 Yes, truth has failed... and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

That judgment doesn't talk about punishment. A judgment talks about that righteousness is not prevailing in the earth. He defines righteousness as His good deed that He wants to do toward people, the good that He wants to bring to people, is not there. It is simply not there. It is not manifesting at all and He wants that. He wants to see that. He wants that power to be in the lives of people and yet that power is not in the lives of the people.

16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor:

He is saying that He saw no man in righteousness. He saw that people were suffering. He saw no man being blessed with His goodness and experiencing it and then He wondered and said, “There is no intercessor. There is no one who can intervene. There is no one who can bring truth.

I want to read it from the Message Bible. ***He couldn't believe what he saw: not a soul around to correct this awful situation.***

Listen to this. *He couldn't believe what he saw: not a soul around to correct this awful situation.*

That is what an intercessor is. So, what is an intercessor? It's a man who could solve the problem of people believing in the Law and not believing in Grace! He needed a man to save people from the lie and to declare the truth boldly. There was no man that could be that intercessor except Jesus Himself because the truth that had to be revealed is that God can save a man out of physical death, raise him up in immortality and put him at the right hand of God. That is the truth and no man could show that truth except one man, Jesus Christ. That's why it says in **verses 16 and 17**:

16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered why there was no intercessor: therefore his arm (the arm of the Lord) brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clothed with zeal as a cloak.

Listen to this: *18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.* Isn't that absolutely beautiful!

So, what is happening here? Let me just take everything together.

In verse 1, God says, "The hand of the Lord is not too far to save. He is close to us. His ear is not overburdened. He is not irritated with us. He is with us. He is the Savior. He is the one who promises life. He's the one who promises freedom and joy. He promises a life free from the fruit of the flesh. He promises that but man could not see that. Man couldn't believe that because man was at a place where he didn't believe truth. He didn't believe who he was. He didn't believe why God made him. None of that.. and from the fall, from the day where he was partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, his understanding was darkened. The glasses through which he was looking was that which sees God in a different light than the truth which sees himself not for who he truly is. From that perspective, man, in the whole of the Old Testament you can find so many places where God was accused as the oppressor, as the one who brings the difficult times, as the one who punishes, and as the one who beats up.

In the meantime, God was close. God was the Savior. God was there. He was living among the Jewish people. His presence was there. He loved the people but their iniquity, their own wrong belief, from that perspective, they were looking for light. Where did they look for light? The Bible says that there is a way that looks as if it is true, but it is not. The Bible says that there is a way that looks as if it leads to life but the end is death. What is that way? That way is works righteousness, Church. That is what it was. That's where these people were and God looked at man in the law with a darkened mind, walking in darkness, as blind people in the noonday. That means that in the noon day, talking about what reality is, the reality is the light of the love of God is towards humanity and God sees man as blind people walking in the noonday, falling around, stumbling because there is no truth that they can see. They don't see truth and God had to enter that darkness, enter into their life and show forth the truth in their lives. In doing that, He took captivity captive and He gave gifts to man. In doing that, He came and destroyed the work of the devil which was to deceive the people of God unto death. That's what He did. When God saw all of that, He said, "Where is the man that can stop this? I see no man." In verse 16 in the Message translation, He couldn't believe what He saw! God saw man in darkness and He said, "I can't believe what I am seeing. No soul around to correct this awful situation." And that is according to the King James. It says, "There was no intercessor."

What is an intercessor? An intercessor was the one who could correct the situation. So, when Jesus became the intercessor, He took the salvation plan on Him and He brought forth salvation to us. In bringing forth the salvation He had to bring forth truth and the truth is how God really feels about man and who we really are and He came to bring forth truth and reveal truth in the death and the resurrection of Christ. In doing that, in His death and in His resurrection, He conquered our lies and He conquered the death of our lie so that we can now believe in truth. We can have the belief that is based on truth and from there, God manifests life. That is what it is all about. Amen

It just flows in *Isaiah 60*

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you.

Can you see that? Arise! Shine! For your light has come! He is prophesying about Christ. He is prophesying about the Intercessor!

How do we do intercession today? The only way that we can be true intercessors is what I am doing now. I am an intercessor in what I am doing, in teaching the truth about how God brought life and where we go and look at people and we see where they still walk in the darkness and we can tell them, "Behold the light. Arise and shine for your light has come!" We bring the Gospel, the correction of belief. That is intercessory "work". It is as if God is saying, "Is there a man who can cure this situation?" Jesus came and He ended the situation where humanity was living in darkness. Then, after His resurrection, He poured out the Holy Spirit upon people and now we can go and simply declare the Gospel. As we simply declare the Gospel, and preach the Good News, that is intercessory work! That is standing in the Great Intercessor and that is how the Intercessor continues to make His intercession.

We have made intercession as somebody standing between man and God pleading with God. In the meantime it is actually someone who can resolve the problem... and that is Jesus Christ! Hallelujah!

We even see it in *Ephesians 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated* (separated) *from the life of God* (the experience of His life) *through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*

Can you see there where he talks about a separation, a separation is an experiential knowledge of the very life of God through the wrong belief.

But now he comes in *Colossians 1:*

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works (The wicked works was the blindness of your belief and the ignorance that you were walking in.), ***yet now hath he reconciled.***

Isn't that beautiful! That is the work of the intercessor. When we preach the Gospel of reconciliation, we are taking the work of the Intercessor and we preach the word of the Intercessor.

The truth is this: There is just one Intercessor and that is Jesus! That is the Intercessor! And as the Intercessor lives in us, we go and preach Christ in us brings the Gospel of how God made intercession which was solving the problem!

God says, "There is no intercessor!" Therefore He took on the helmet of salvation. That means the helmet, the mind, of bringing eternal life to man! The breastplate of righteousness saying, "My heart is covered with what is right and what is right is that they are set free from lies and deception.

I like the passage where it says in **Isaiah 59:18** *According to their deeds, I will repay them.*

What is He talking about? This is beautiful when I studied this out! This is how I see it: God said that He will repay the old system according to its deeds. What was the deeds of the old system? The old system stopped fruit bearing in the lives of the people of God. Now God says, "I will pay you with the very same thing which is: I will stop the fruit bearing of the law system which is bearing forth the fruit of the flesh!

He is saying, "You stopped My people from bearing fruit so I will stop the law from bearing fruit, the fruit of the flesh in My people. I will repay them by stopping its effect! That is the life that God has given to us! That is the true Intercessor!

So, I want to say to you, **"Arise and shine! For your light HAS come! The glory of the Lord HAS risen upon you!"**

When we, in our nation, are going through difficult times, for those who are in South Africa, when it comes to farming and droughts and all of those kind of things, how can we be true intercessors if you want to be an intercessor? There is not a thing where the Bible calls you are an intercessor or the "gift of intercession" or something like that. I believe all of us that are sharing the Gospel of Grace are an extension of or that is how a true intercessor is bringing forth His life and manifesting His cure for the problem. So, true intercession, in the case of, "What about a drought?" would be teaching people that their life is not in the abundance of their possessions. Preaching that message, encouraging people that there is a life greater than drought or all those kind of things. From that truth, the Bible says, clearly, declares signs, wonders and miracles and signs unto this resurrection life manifest and finds the drought being broken. Amen!

So, never again feel guilty because you don't feel to pray through the night when people are in difficult times! If you feel in your heart, "Let me just share some truth with someone or let me send a link to someone about the message of truth, that is already solving the problem... bringing the truth of the Gospel to people's lives. That is true intercession! Glory, glory, glory! So let guilt fall off your back! Don't walk in guilt anymore when it comes to prayer or any of those things.

What about prayer? It's very simple: Pray! If you feel to pray, pray! I feel to pray often. I don't kneel at my bed or anything like that. What I will do is I will go and sit down and say, "God, I want to speak to You about so and so. Thank You, Father. They are going through difficult times." Normally my prayer would be and it was even earlier today, I prayed about the people in Cuba. I was sitting and I was saying, "Lord, in whatever way that I can impact those people's lives, I want to do it. If I can preach there... if I can somehow get a message there... I don't know." That is just what I felt in my heart. That is how I pray. I talk about it and I want to see a problem solved because there are people there not knowing who they are. There are people there living in a very difficult situation... poor, in poverty, having nothing. They were so on the edge, in the real world, next to the eye, right there, all the time I think if the eye went over them, they would have been better because at least they would have had a break, but they didn't even have that. "I just feel that compassion for them and Father, I thank You for these people. I thank You, lord, that there is help for them. How can I help? I want to help there." Then you can find ideas on how to get truth to those people and that solves the true problem. Glory to God! Amen and amen

Father, I want to thank You that I can come right now and I thank You for Your love and Your grace towards people. I thank You for your kindness and Your goodness. I thank You for the life that You have brought us. I thank You for Your kindness. I thank You that You just embrace us and You love us. I thank You that You have come to solve the problem and Jesus is the true intercessor. He is the faithful Israelite. He is the One who brought the true light. When people were walking in darkness, You came and solved the problem. Thank You, Lord! Your arm was not far to save and even when our hearts condemned us, You are greater than our heart. Amen!

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