

## Intercede For Such A Time As This – Part 1

### A. Can God Count on You to Make Things Happen in His Kingdom?

1. Some people are good at making things happen. James 1:25
  - a) By being Hearers and Doers of God's Word.
  - b) <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.
2. Many people hear about what is happening. James 1:23-24
  - a) By listening to testimonies about what others are doing.
  - b) By being a forgetful hearer, not a doer.
  - c) <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.
3. Other people are still wondering, what happened? Mark 14:37-42
  - a) By being inattentive to the importance of prayer and the Word.
  - b) By being complacent is like submitting to a spirit of slumber.
  - c) <sup>37</sup> Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup> Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. <sup>40</sup> And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. <sup>41</sup> Then He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

### B. Should You Intercede?

1. I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, [and] giving of thanks, be made for all men. 1 Timothy 2:1
2. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Ephesians 6:18
3. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way. 1 Samuel 12:23

### C. Who Can Intercede?

1. Any Believer who has a willing heart to intercede for others. Ezekiel 22:30 -
  - a) And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

- b) And He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor [no one to intervene on behalf of truth and right]; therefore His own arm brought Him victory, and His own righteousness [having the Spirit without measure] sustained Him. Isaiah 59:16  
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#### **D. How to Intercede Effectively.**

1. The Definition of Intercession (Intl Bible Standard Encyclopedia):
  - a) Pagha (Greek) means "to assail anyone with petitions,"
  - b) "to urge" when on behalf of another, "to intercede."
2. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Psalm 122:6
3. <sup>1</sup>Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 1 Timothy 2:1-4  
<sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.  
<sup>3</sup>For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,  
<sup>4</sup>who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
4. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
  - a) Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. Romans 8:26-27
5. Follow the examples of great intercessors as our model, like Smith Wigglesworth.
  - a) He did not let 15 minutes pass that he was not praying or reading the Word.
  - b) 2 things dominated his life and ministry: His consuming love for the Word of God and his overwhelming confidence in the God of the Word. In other words, God said it, that settles it!
  - c) He governed his emotions, his body and took dominion over satan.
  - d) God used Smith Wigglesworth to do many miracles including raising the dead.
  - e) Wigglesworth said, "I want you to see that the Master's idea was of a river flowing (like Niagra Falls) through everyone who comes to Him. In Acts 1, we find that Jesus "began both to do and teach" (v. 1); the believer should always be so full of the Holy Spirit that he begins to "do," and then he can "teach." He must be ready for the man in the street. He must be instantly ready, flowing like a river. He must have three things: ministration, operation, and manifestation, and these three things must always be forthcoming. We ought to be so full of the manifestation of the power of God that, in the name of Jesus, we can absolutely destroy the power of Satan. We are in the world—not of it (John 17:11, 14). Jesus overcame the world (John 16:33), and we are in the world to subdue it unto God—as overcomers. We are nothing in ourselves, but in Christ "we are more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:37) through the blood of Jesus—more than a match for satanic powers in every way. Therefore, may the Lord let us see that we must be loosed from ourselves. For if you examine yourself, you will be natural, but if you look at God, you will be supernatural. If you have a great God, you will have a little Devil; and if you have a big Devil, you will have a little god."