

Intercession

Genesis 18:20-33



...profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16b-17



Evangelism

discerningly and winsomely
teaching the gospel
with the aim to persuade
"One step closer to Jesus"



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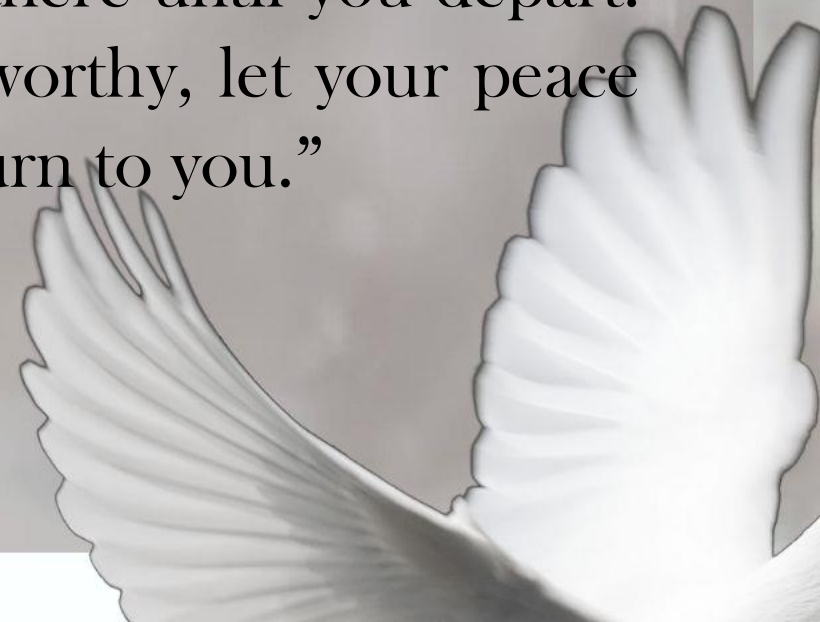
Evangelism Series (Matthew 9:35-10)

- ✓ A Season of Proclamation
- A Season of Peace (almost done)
- A Season of Persecution (up next)



“These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.”

Matthew 10:5-13



"And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town."

Matthew 10:14-15



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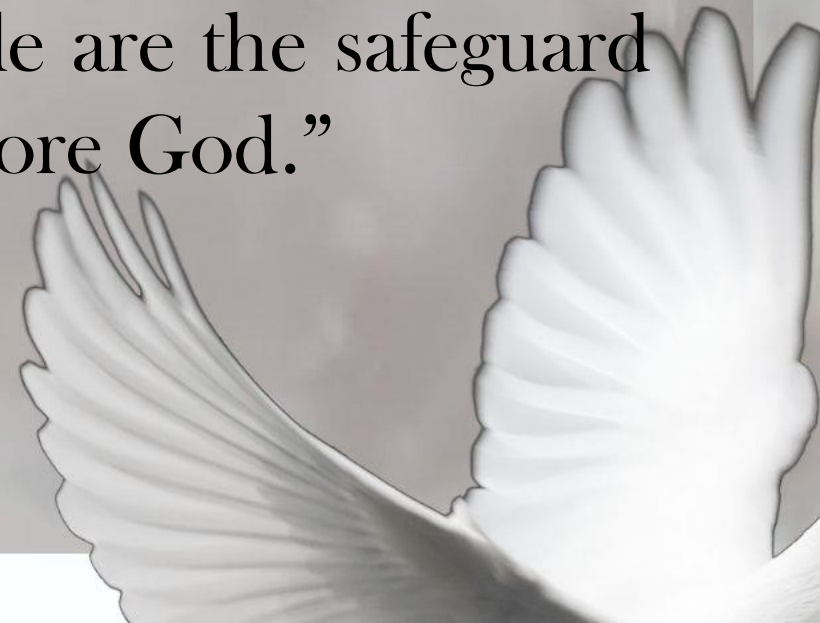
Hebrew pāgā' - to light upon, to go forth to encounter, to meet, to reach out

Greek entygchanō - especially for the purpose of conversation, consultation, or supplication,
to entreat, or plead



“Wicked societies tend to despise righteous people, and yet it is because of the righteous that God’s judgment is often withheld. There are times in history when God declares that a wicked nation has filled up the measure of their sins. When that occurs, even the godly cannot deliver that people from judgment. But until that point of no return is reached, God’s people are the safeguard of a nation, as they pray and live righteously before God.”

- Steven Cole



“Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a disgrace to any people.”

Proverbs 14:34



“When the righteous triumph,
there is great glory, but when the
wicked rise, men hide themselves.”

Proverbs 28:12



“If [lost sinners] will not hear you speak, they cannot prevent your praying. Do they jest at your exhortations? They cannot disturb you at your prayers. Are they far away so that you cannot reach them? Your prayers can reach them. Have they declared that they will never listen to you again, nor see your face? Never mind, God has a voice which they must hear. Speak to Him, and He will make them feel. Though they now treat you despitefully, rendering evil for your good, follow them with your prayers. Never let them perish for lack of your supplications.”

- Charles Spurgeon



“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way.”

1 Samuel 12:23



INTERCEDE FOR...	REFERENCE...
Those in Authority	1 Timothy 2:2
Those Ministering to Us	Philippians 1:19
Peace Around the World	Psalms 122:6
Friends	Job 42:8
Unsaved	Romans 10:1
Sick	James 5:14
People in Your City	Jeremiah 29:7
Those Who Persecute Us	Matthew 5:44
Those Being Persecuted	Acts 12:5
All men and women	1 Timothy 2:1



Intercession Demonstrated



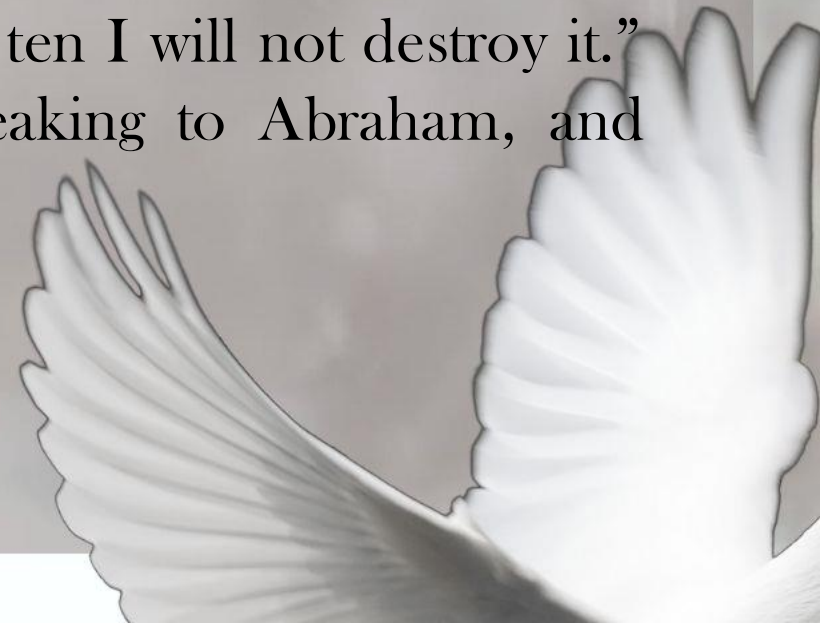
“20 Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” 22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. 23 Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” 26 And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Genesis 18:20-26



“27 Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” 29 Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” 30 Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” 31 He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” 32 Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” 33 And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.”

Genesis 18:27-33



Intercession Demonstrated

1. Draw near to God (v. 23)



“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16



“Watch the tendency to pathetic humbug in your approach to God. If we could see the floor of God’s immediate presence, we would find it strewn with the “toys” of God’s children who have said—This is broken, I can’t play with it anymore, please give me another present. Only one in a thousand sits down in the midst of it all and says—I will watch my Father mend this. God must not be treated as a hospital for our broken “toys,” but as our Father.”

- Oswald Chambers



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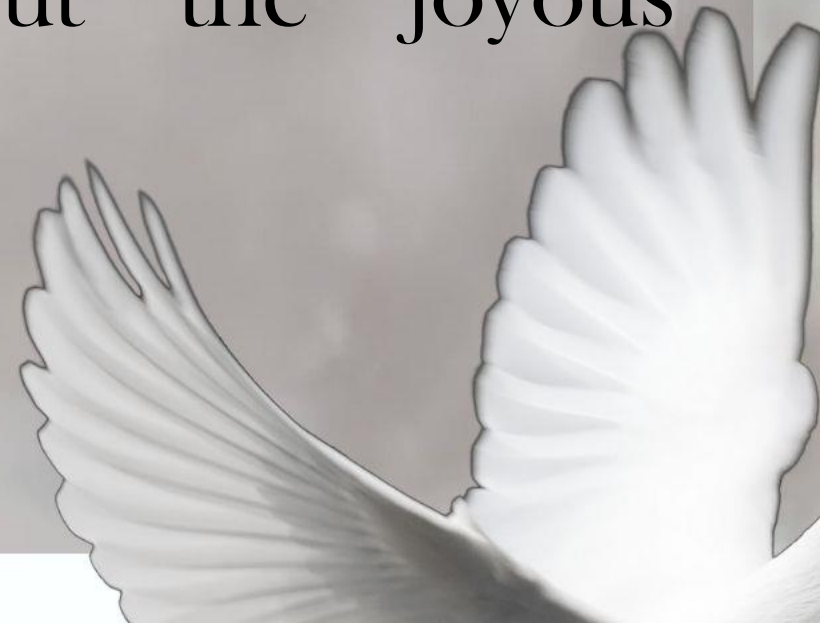
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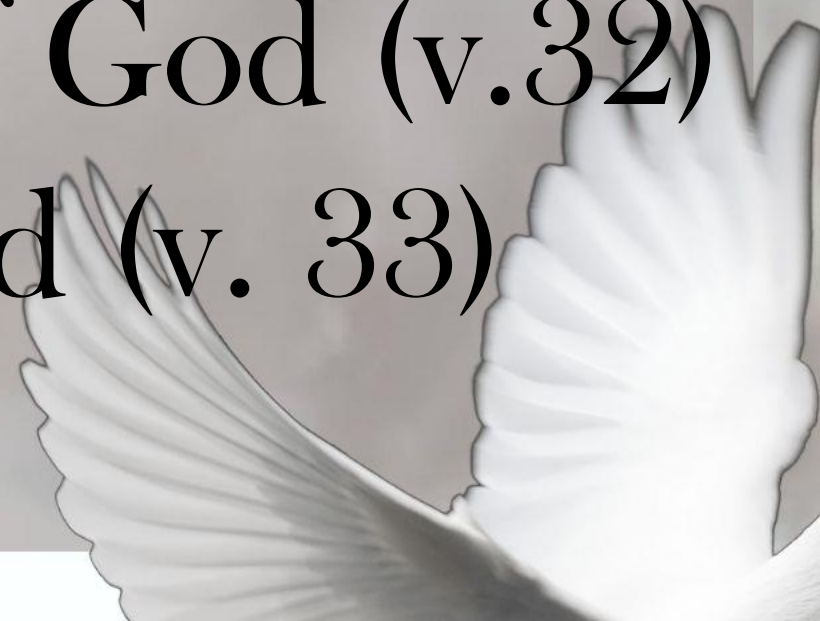
“There is in this prayer of Abraham a distinction between the begging which knows no limit and the prayer which is conscious that there are limits set by the holy character of God. Repetition in intercessory importunity is not bargaining, but the joyous insistence of prayer.”

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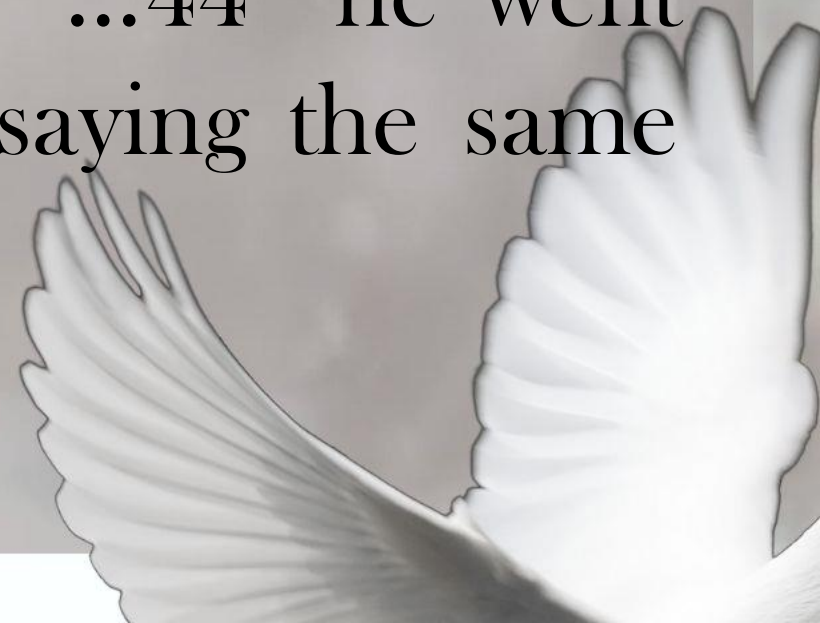
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4. Trust in the will of God (v. 33)



39...“My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”...42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ...44 “he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.”

Matthew 26: 39, 42, 44



“It is an insult to sink before God and say “Thy will be done” when there has been no intercession. That is the prayer of impertinent unbelief—There is no use in praying, God does whatever He chooses. The saying of “Thy will be done” is born of the most intimate relationship to God whereby I talk to Him freely.”

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