

Intercessory Prayer in a Nut Shell – Why

1. The act of interceding 2. Prayer, petition, or entreaty in favor of another

Look up all verses!

Genesis 1:26 and God said, Let Us make man in Our Image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, AND OVER ALL THE EARTH, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Emphasis mine)

Define dominion _____

Simply stated God gave man great authority and dominion. This authority was usurped by Satan through temptation deception and man's rebellion.

Explain the effects of the fall _____

Psalm 115:16 The Heaven, even the Heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath He given to the children of men. Explain this verse in your own words; if you do not understand it use another translation of the Bible.

I believe in the Sovereignty of God, yet it is very clear that He allows free moral agency (choice). When Jesus taught us to pray "**Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven**" **Mat.6:10**. If God's sovereign will is going to prevail no matter what we do then why did Jesus tell us to pray this? To keep us busy? Of course I am being ridiculous but you see my point! God enters the affairs of man by invitation (through prayer) satan already had entry through sin in the garden about 6,000 years ago.

Define sovereign: _____

Satan holds in his wicked grip of sin, the world's influence, invisible chains (supernatural power) the souls of men and women. The devil knows that the only thing that can interfere with his successfully drowning entire generations of souls in the lake of fire is a praying Christian (an intercessor). Man has the natural inclination to go to Hell, but he has no ability...NONE... to go to Heaven except God intervenes... (Selah)...and what I am trying to say is that I believe this can only happen when God Almighty is given legal rite through the prayer of intercession.

This reveals laws of the spirit realm.... for instance why did God have to come to earth in flesh? God must have limited Himself regarding the affairs of man; otherwise He would have just obliterated the kingdom of darkness and immediately returned everything to perfection. Why did Jesus pray while He was on the earth? These questions are pointed to help us realize the power of prayer.

Intercession is more than changing God's mind see **Exodus 32:9-14**, as we are gleaning truth about the spirit realm we then must also see that through Jesus Christ original authority is restored and even more. **Rom. 5:20** So as a redeemed, yielded and empowered child of God we have GREAT EFFECTIVENESS (**James 5:16b**) in winning lost souls! I believe that the enemy knows this quite well, and that explains his intense hatred and fear that the church will become consistent and fervent IN PRAYER! I can guarantee that never in all your Christian experience has Hell fought harder against any thing you have attempted to do for Christ's Kingdom than answer a call to consistent fervent prayer!

Jesus has ALL POWER BOTH IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH **Matt.28:18** and He gave His disciples power over satan and his demons (disciples includes me...that is how I read the Bible) **Lk.10:19**. But how is this power manifested in the earth? The very same way it was in Jesus' ministry..... a praying man or woman. Quote from Larry Lea' "Jesus made a habit of prayer, and He taught others to pray by His words and example. In the gospels we discover that the most exacting work Jesus did was to pray; then, overflowing with anointing and compassion, He went from those places of intercession to receive the fruits of the battles He had won in prayer - mighty miracles, authoritative revelations, wonderful healings and powerful deliverances." Jesus went from prayer to prayer meeting with mighty miracles in between.

Jesus still prays today in Heaven. **Heb.7:25** The Bible also says that the Holy Spirit intercedes (prays) **Rom. 8:26-27** Stop and think this through.

Desire is everything in our spiritual walk, if we so desire, desire enough to be set apart, we can be used by God to pray for others. List the things that stand in the way before you personally are prepared

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. EZ. 22:30 Why pray the prayer of intercession? Because souls hang in the balance.