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The Apostle Paul refers to his own intercessory prayers and seeks for a similar service on his own behalf from those to whom he writes. Intercession is based upon the tendency of the heart filled by love and deep sympathetic sense of relations to others. Apostle Paul's examples: (Rom. 1:9); The Spirit's interceding Rom.8:27); Paul's prayer for [...]

Spiritual Warfare Prayer

"So will they fear the name of the Lord from the west and East? His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift a standard against Him," (Isa. 59:1).

Dostoevsky said of the French Revolution and its seething hatred of the church that "revolution must necessarily begin with atheism." Solzhenitsyn says, **"But the world had never before known godlessness as organized, militarized and tenaciously malevolent as that practiced by Marxism. Within the philosophical system of Marx and Lenin, and the heart of their psychology, hatred of God is the principal driving force, militant atheism a central pivot. To achieve its ends, communism needs to control a population devoid of religious feelings. The degree to which the atheistic world longs to annihilate religion, the extent to which religion sticks in its throat, was demonstrated by the web of intrigue surrounding the attempt on the life of Pope John Paul 11 in 1981."**¹

Yet in Russia--where churches have been leveled, where tens of thousands of priests, monks and nuns were tortured, shot in cellars, sent to brutal camps, where triumphant atheism has rampaged uncontrolled for two-thirds of a century, where even today people are sent to labor camps for their faith -- the Christian tradition survives.²

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

God's spiritual authority is the most astonishing power in the universe

The reign of Jesus Christ on earth with His saints is as sure as His birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension and High Priestly intercession. He has always wanted His disciples to participate with Him in spiritual warfare as is shown in (Matt. 26: 40-45), **“And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, they will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 and he left them, and went away again, and prayer the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.”**

The powers of darkness were waging warfare against the flesh of the Lord’s disciples. Satan and every devil’s assignment were to defeat Jesus Christ’s purpose for His life. If they had only known that the killing of Jesus would turn into His victory and our redemption, they would have never crucified the Lord.

Jesus was able to win the greatest spiritual battle of His life against the powers of darkness without the assistance of His followers. He was victorious through His prayer life to defeat the principalities and powers of Satan, but seemed to be heartbroken that these men were overcome by their corporeal weakness of the flesh and could not participate with his victory. Remember, this battle was occurring before they received their power to overcome by the power of the Holy Ghost as is shown in Acts 1:8.

The Supremacy of Christ

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?” -- Hebrews 1:1-3-4-5

The remnant disciple should take pleasure alone in the divine Person, work, and riches of Christ. It is in Jesus Christ alone that **“the treasures of wisdom and knowledge...are hid.”** (Col. 2:3) We are **“complete in him, which is the head of all principalities and powers.”** (Col. 2:10). The saint of Christ is privileged to savor and be ever grateful for the fullest sufficiency of **“the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”** who is the **“propitiation for our sins.”** (Rom. 3:24-25; 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10). He is afforded the opportunity to appreciate and delight in Christ’s name, life, power, and superiority, as the only **“Head,” “high priest,”** and mighty **“Potentate”** or supreme Ruler of His eternal kingdom. All others posing as such unduly elevate themselves as

they seek to steal His glory. These are brazen wolves, thieves, counterfeit, and wholly false (Matt. 7:15-20; 24:5, 11, 24; Jn. 10:1; Col. 2:4-19; Heb. 3:1; 2 Jn. 7-11).³

“Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.” (1 Tim. 6:15-16)

There exists no one else except Christ who is all of God, Creator, Redeemer, Savior, Counselor, and King of all kings (Jn. 1:1-4; Col. 1:15-17; Eph. 3:9; Heb. 1:2-3; Rev. 1:8). Jesus Christ is unique in all of history. No other was born of a virgin by the Holy Ghost, called **“God with us,”** showed us the Father, lived a perfect and sinless life, conquered death by **“the sacrifice of himself,”** satisfied the claims of the Father’s justice as He did **“taste death for every man,”** died on a cross with the superscription **“THE KING OF THE JEWS,”** was buried and guarded by numerous soldiers and then fulfilled His own prophecy by rising from the dead to prove He is the very Son of God and Messiah, and promised to return for His own (Matt. 1:23; 24:30; 27:37; Jn. 1:1-4; 14:9; Rom. 1:4; Heb. 2:9; 9:26). There is no one comparable to Jesus Christ.⁴

ANOINTING AND POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST

Jesus established His Church upon the rock of His blood sacrifice and the anointing and powers of the Holy Ghost. He believed that His Church should be able to wage a militant successful war against the powers of the Devil. His church was given the absolute ability to conquer the powers of darkness and win the souls that He had died for. He left His power for His people to be victorious because we have the same anointing through the Holy Ghost as Jesus did. Will you sleep during the greatest battle of the end time Church while millions are in the valley of decision?

New Christians are like babies that have to learn to live in a new supernatural environment. They have to establish a different connection with the powers of darkness after salvation. They are now the sworn opponents of the legions of Hell. Whoever they were before they became Christians; adulterers, idolaters, horoscope readers, witches, warlocks, fornicators, they must not have any delusions about the devils’ reality or their hostility. They must not fear them or believe that the devils’ have any power over them. The Lord Jesus inside of the Christian terrifies the devils. The devils cannot touch them but they will try to seduce them. If they become a serious Christian, the devils will target them. The Christian at times will experience great opposition. The Christian should call upon the name of Jesus and asks the Lord to send warring angels to protect them. They must read the Bible and learn to lean upon the Lord.

The Bible shows the devil at a great disadvantage concerning his power over Christians. He is shown as an inferior antagonist in light of what Jesus Christ gave to His church. Satan can only take the place that he is given. The Word of God says in (Jam. 4:7), **“Submit yourselves to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you.”**

The Scripture makes it clear that the battle is not our personal battle; we are part of the war but the battle is the Lord's. We are led by the unconquerable One. The battle rests upon His ability and He has already won the war! (Read Jn. 14: 15-27).

Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man, (I Tim. 2:5). His mission was fully accomplished and He is in full control and is exalted to the Father's right hand. He is the Master with almighty power. Jesus came to defy the power of Satan, Acts 26:18. He challenged the rule of Satan, (Col. 2:10); conquered the right to dominion, (Col 2:14, 15). He set us free from the cause of sin, (I Pet. 3:18). He can set us free from the curse of sin, (I Pet. 5:10:1).

Life with Jesus Christ can be exciting and blessed with constant triumph over evil forces but the battle never ends. Always remember that you and Jesus are a majority. The warfare is stacked against Satan, not the Christian. They may have periods of darkness and may encounter times of painful struggle and discouragement. Then the Holy Spirit will break through the darkness and moments of exultation and glory will be experienced. God is always on our side!

PRAYER IS THE HIGHWAY TO VICTORY

Prayer is certainly the highway to Christian victory. It is God's way of developing a loving relationship with His people. However, it is also the chosen vehicle to change the plans of Satan for your life, family, community, church, city and country. Isaiah shows there must be a time of waiting before God in prayer, (Isa. 40; 31). The apostle Paul gives a plea to the church to pray, (I Tim. 2:8), **"Men everywhere should pray."** The apostle James tells us the potentials of powerful prayer in James 5:16. There is no limit to the power of the prayers of the righteous. The early church started with enduring prayer in Acts 1: 3. They prayed for ten days. This was Christ's command, (Lk. 24:49). We see the experience of prevailing prayer in (I Thess. 5:27). Christians should always be in the attitude of prayer. However, we see in (Matt. 6:6), a call to personal prayer. Secret prayer is the miracle of the Christian life.

When we come to worship, Jesus should be our focus. If every part of the organization of the church is not Christ centered, we would do well to discontinue its activity. Every brick, block, nail, song, prayer, and program should be the means of worshiping Christ and winning others to Him.

TRANSFORMATION

Twenty-five centuries ago, Daniel despaired when He and his countrymen were deported to a foreign land after Judah was conquered. Daniel was captured by an egocentric tyrant and surrounded by idolaters, but he never gave up. He knew that his fate did not lie in the hands of his circumstances but in his faith in God.

King Nebuchadnezzar changed the names of Daniel and the young people from Judah because he wanted to change their religion and allegiance to his country Babylonian. This move was to help assimilate them into a new pagan culture. For instance, Daniel means, 'God is my judge' in Hebrew. His name was changed to Belteshazzar, which means, 'he who Bel favors.' Bel was the chief Babylonian god. Hannaniah means, 'mercy of God', his new name Shadrach,'

means 'under the command of Aku' (the moon god). Mishael means, 'who is like God.' His new name 'Meshach' means, 'who is like Aku.' Azariah means 'whom God helps', his new name means Abednego, 'one who serves Nebo (the fire god). By changing everything familiar to these Hebrew people, the king wanted to change their religion from Jehovah God to the Babylonians' gods. However, Daniel and his friends determined to serve the true God.

Daniel prayed to God for the return of his people to their own land. In Daniel's prayer for his nation, he confessed his own sins using the pronoun, **"we"** throughout. Daniel knew how to pray. As he prayed, he fasted and confessed his sins, in (Dan. 9:3-19). (In verses 9: 11-13), he mentioned the blessings and curses shown in (Deut. 28). God had given the people a choice of obedience to blessings or disobedience to the curses. The purpose for their affliction was to turn the people back to God.

When Daniel prayed, he asked for God mercy, but not for His help. He knew that God's people had done wrong and they deserved punishment. While Daniel prayed and fasted, a war was going on in the heavenlies. A heavenly being appeared to Daniel in (verses 10: 5, 6), **"Behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz. His body also was like the beryl lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude."** The book of Hebrews tells us that God's angels are all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who will be heirs of salvation.

Daniel alone saw the vision of the angel, but the men that were with him, though they did not see the angel, were possessed of great trembling, so that they fled to hide themselves, vs. 8. Daniel was left weak although this was an angel of low rank, a lieutenant in the forces of God. When Daniel was stopped by a major angel of the forces of Satan, he could not go on with his mighty ministry until God sent a ministering angel to his aid.

In verse 10:13 Daniel caught a glimpse of a supernatural battle between good and evil. The angel had to fight against the Satanic Prince of Persia and the Satanic Prince of Greece. The demonic powers had tried to stop the answer of Daniel's prayer from getting through. This supernatural battle proves that even though the devils tried to stop his prayer, angels were warring to bring the answer. Daniel's weapons were repentance, fasting, faith and prayers.

Daniel became one of King Nebuchadnezzar's most trusted advisors. This important promotion angered the other administrators. In jealousy they convinced the King to make a law that outlawed prayer to any other god other than the Babylonian image that the King had made for them worship. Daniel disobeyed this law and continued to pray in front of his window daily to his sovereign Lord. As a result, he was condemned to a lions' den where God shut the mouths of the hungry lions.

CAN CHRIST WIN AGAINST THE POWERS OF DARKNESS?

This is the question. Can Christians war and win against the powers of darkness through the authority that Jesus Christ gives to His Church? Can we take authority and bind these

powers just as we do when we deliver the oppressed from evil spirits? Is territorial warfare a place where intercessors should tread?

Before a Christian can go into the depths of intercessory prayer, he or she should be trained. Indeed we fight in a war which is already won. It was won when Jesus burst from a sealed tomb! The battle is the Lord's. Jesus said, **"I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven,"** (Lk. 10:16). However, our warfare with the powers of darkness is still very real. The apostles said in Ephesians 6, pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert! Keep on praying for all the saints.

Apostle Paul was a front line warrior. He was ever mindful of his need for the intercessors of the church to pray for him. He pleaded with them to, **"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."**^{5 1}

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

The fact that God opens a door does not mean there won't be trials, tribulations, attacks, persecutions, circumstances, and hindrances associated with that direction and to endure. Remember the account in Mark 4:35-41 where Jesus and His disciples were in a boat traveling to the other side of body of water and a **"great storm of wind" arose?** Before they departed from the shore, Jesus had told them **"Let us pass over unto the other side."** Did you catch that? You see, if Jesus Christ, the One who made that lake, said they were going to (definitive) **"pass over unto the other side,"** it is as sure as the divine that they were going to make it!

There were 12 spies selected to survey the land of Canaan and yet 10 saw the obstacles as deal-killers while Joshua and Caleb knew and believed what God had told them that the land was theirs – **"Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them."** (Num. 13:2) This was the promised land the LORD was giving His people – He made that clear up front and yet, some didn't embrace His Word to them and so fell and never entered that blessed land of plenty.

Has the LORD called you to something? If so, what is it that is greater than the Almighty that could possibly stop you from accomplishing what in His grace He is directing you to do?

Read Numbers 13-14 closely and prayerfully.

When we hear God speak and He leads us into something, we know He will see us through – no matter what stands against us!

"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." 1 Corinthians 16:9

The LORD had opened a "door" of serving for the apostle and yet there were "many adversaries" to be overcome and an infinite LORD of victory to trust in seeing those battles won. **"God is able"** says Ephesians 3:20 and 2 Corinthians 9:8!

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work,” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,” (Ephesians 3:20).

You have been given the victory through Christ’s victory – no matter what giant has and is presenting itself as an obstacle to the accomplishment of that conquest; we are “More Than Conquerors,” (Romans 8:3).

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE ENEMY

Among the most highly respected intercessors and spiritual warriors today is Johannes Facius of Germany, coordinator, of Intercessors International. I point this out so that we understand we are not talking about a novice, but a veteran. He tells how back in 1986, a team of intercessors went to the Soviet Union and entered the Lenin Mausoleum in Moscow, The felt they should pronounce judgment upon the “gods of the Soviet system,” Vladimir Lenin.⁶

Shortly after this prayer, the Soviet Communism soon crumbled. But Facius says, “It was through this move against Satan that I suffered one of the strangest attacks of sickness that I have ever experienced.” The initial attack lasted one day, but soon afterward came a debilitating heart disease. He sees it as a counterattack of the spirit of death that they had resisted in the Lenin Mausoleum. Three years of severe depression followed. After that he was delivered in a session that lasted less than 30 seconds!⁷

Christians must be careful not to fall into spiritual egotism. Spiritual warfare is real and powerful .and we can expect to have Jesus power to be extended to us when we exercise “His power to us as shown in Ephesians Chapter one. However, without humility on our part we can get into serious trouble. Paul said to the Corinthians, **“I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling,”** (I Cor. 2:3), and, **“When I am weak, then I am strong,”** (2 Cor. 12:10). Nonetheless, Paul was one of the most powerful spiritual warriors in the New Testament. He defeated the satanic goddess, Diana of the Ephesians! Effective spiritual warfare requires a delicate balance of weakness and power. Satan will have an open door to attack if we begin to think we are doing it ourselves, the spirit of Pride will make you fall.

Johannes Facius confesses this was his problem. In addition, he should have remained in continuous, intimate companionship with the Jesus; except he got too busy with his ministry. Facius said, “Due too much busyness in the Lord’s business, I came to the point where I let go of my dependency on the Lord.”

Matt 6:33, --“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” KJV

Facius is a modern example of a small group of intercessors taking an entire territory back from the Kingdom of Darkness through faith and prayer. Lenin’s dead body, lying in a glass tomb drew thousands of worshippers every day. His Communistic hold over the nation enslaved Russia in bondage; Facius understood that if he bound the power of the idol according

to Matthew 18:18; the idol would lose its paranormal power! Christians have more power than they can ever imagine and never use, mostly because of lack of understanding of the Scripture.

¹ Solzhenitsyn http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/literature/laureates/1970/solzhenitsyn-autobio.html

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⁶ Johannes Facius of Germany, coordinator, of Intercessors International

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⁷ <http://www.ifi-d.de/index.php?id=7&L=1>

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