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# *Overview On Intercession*

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### **This book is dedicated to:**

*Every person that love prayer and feels a strong calling of God to be more dedicated in to the life and ministry of Intercession.*

*To all workers of Katayi Ministries, especially members of the Watchmen, this book is the product of our moments together.*

*Lastly, this book is dedicated to all the intercessors worldwide, it is time we wake up and stand in prayer. LET US PRAY A LITTLE MORE.*

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## INTRODUCTION

*“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”<sup>1</sup>*

In Biblical texts, a context wherein Paul the Apostle speaks of spiritual warfare and the weapons of the spirit; at the end, he asks Christians, equipped with the weapons and armor of the spirit for warfare, to pray for all the saints... it is a request for intercession.

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<sup>1</sup> Ephesians 6, verse 18, **King James Version 1611**

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Once (a few years ago), after a rather tiring day, I was hurrying to sleep when all of a sudden, the Holy Spirit told me to pray for a certain family that I had known quite well. I then proposed to HIM to pray early in the morning at my usual prayer times. But so much the Holy Spirit insisted, that I began to feel a burden in my heart, which took my peace away, so I began to pray for them.

I didn't know **WHY** I was praying for them, but I knew **HOW** I should do it, so I started ***praying in tongues*** while visualizing the family in my mind.

The more I prayed in tongues, the more I felt the burden rise from within my soul, like a weight in my heart and my mind was so heavy, and for a while I started to feel unwell, as if I was choking and getting sick. So, I knew that I had broken through the turbulent area of prayer, so I had started to **INTERCEDE** at that very moment.

After nearly 3 hours of agony, I felt the burden leave and peace rise in me and I immediately fell asleep. The next morning, I got a call from one of the members of that family, that told me that their mother was fighting for her life the previous night and she insisted that they should call me for prayers but I was unreachable, (and that's when I had realized, it was around the same time that the Holy Spirit had put that burden in me and asked me to pray for them).

I then understood that to intercede is ***to represent***, to ***take the place of*** ...

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## INTERCESSION

- The word intercession comes from **Intercessio**, or **intercedo** in Latin, and in Hebrew **pagha**, which means: to speak for a person, to plead for a person.
- And the word, *Supplication* in our introduction scripture is often replaced by petition, of which in Greek, **enteuxis** also means, to intercede.

*"With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and stay alert in this, with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints."*<sup>2</sup>

This version is clear, Paul asks Christians, to intercede for one another, he says for all the saints.

*Here we already note that intercession is when you present before God the interests of others, not your own. Intercession is one of God's most effective weapons of stripping us of ourselves, breaking our egos, and eliminating resentments. Remember Jesus said, PRAY for those who persecute you. In other words, intercession is the most effective way to fight hatred and resentment within us. Because if to intercede is to represent and take someone's place, it would be difficult – If not impossible – to hate or harm the one whom you represent because in its effective form, at that moment you become the one you represent, and his interests become your interests.*

*It is then, that I will always remember this sentence of the Holy Spirit in March 2017, He told me: "no person has the right to stone (criticize) a person for whom he had not yet prayed; for after having prayed for them, you will carry the heart of God for them and you will put yourself in their position."*

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<sup>2</sup> Ephesians 6, verse 18, Holman Christian Standard Bible 2004

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Coming back to our text of Ephesians, we understand that intercession is first of all a call to all Christians. If you are a child of God, and equipped with the armors of spiritual warfare, you must consider the life of intercession, therefore pray for others – advocate for others.

It is like being a lawyer, even in relation with **enteuxis**, it's being like a lawyer that advocates for others, even the guilty. Defend the interests of your client even when the client is guilty.

*So, **to intercede** is to negotiate, with God. It is to stand in the GAP.*



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## **PARTNERSHIP**

God gives men an opportunity to negotiate for fellow men, because an angel cannot speak to God for men, it takes a man, it has to be a man.

That is the reason why God had to become a man so that after having accomplished everything, God (JESUS), the man ascended to heaven as a man that represents men, and then He (Jesus) became our advocate with the father. And He left/established on earth a church that plays the role of advocating on earth. That is the reason why He said whatsoever you will bind here (on earth), will be bound there (in heaven); in other words, you can negotiate things from here and Heaven will take that into account. We are partners.

***Jesus had to become a MAN***, by becoming a man, He then became the son of God.

Son, is **bar** in Hebrew, and bar denotes **the one that comes from...**

And through the life of Jesus we understand the thought and idea of God, He wants a man, a human in the divine counsel to negotiate and talk about the interests of other men.

It's like, in a company in which we all have shares, but if you are not represented in the board of partners, you will be subjected to the decisions of the other partners. That is why God is looking for intercessors; so that through you, others are represented from the earth; we are gods.

And what's the purpose of all this?

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## CONTROL

*"The heaven of heavens is for GOD, but He put us in charge of the earth."<sup>3</sup>*

This verse gives us a heavy and powerful truth:

*God is not in charge or control of the earth; He gave this to men. This is the reason why BEFORE He decides on earth, He had to become a man (Jesus), because on earth, only spirits having human bodies can decide and have legal rights to operate, it is a man's jurisdiction.*

So, in order for God to act on earth, a man must pray, or He must use a man.

*"God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."<sup>4</sup>*

Within this text, God officially and legally gives the earth to man.

Some say: *"If God is righteous and just, why does He do nothing when children get killed, when people die, I lost this or that, where was He?"*

Others say: *"If He is God, He knows everything, why do we have to pray? why ask?"*

All these questions reveal the ignorance of many on the notion of responsibility, the notion of power and the notion of bequeathed or delegated authority.

*Take this example:*

I have my house, I built it, I furnish it and I put a tenant that signs a 1-year contract. From the moment he enters and occupies the house, I am no longer responsible for what happens there; that contract no longer binds me directly to the house, and whatever he does in the house under the terms of the contract.

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<sup>3</sup> Psalm 115, verse 16, **The Message 2002**

<sup>4</sup> Genesis 1, verse 28, **id**

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At the end of the contract, I will come to inspect what damages have been done to my house, and should there be any, he will pay for it before leaving. But while he's under contract, if he leaves the door open; a thief comes and steals, even if I know about it; I do not have the **right** to go and arrest the thief, it is for HIM to do so, because the contract gives him that right, and takes it away from me; unless he told me and asked me, please help me deal with this theft case; then and only then I can intervene.

Is the house still mine? YES; is it under my responsibility? NO. To me, he will be accountable at the end of the contract.

God owns the earth, but we live in under contract.

*Let's understand this:*

*In the kingdom of God, we are not owners but managers. From the Garden of Eden, God gives us things, access to things (gifts...) that He puts under our charge but we will have to understand that we will be accountable for these things for the simple reason that these things are not ours. They are given to us for management purposes. Anyone who tries to take hold of, and own anything is then considered a rebel just like Lucifer.*

*What God gives us in the garden is access, God said to Adam, eat of everything because you have access to everything, but not everything belongs to you; that is why to demonstrate this principle, God placed an exception. Adam, touch everything except this one tree, because the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is a memorial and a reminder that you do not own anything, you have access without owning. You have access to the money of the public treasury (of the kingdom) without using it for you, as soon as you use it for your interests, it becomes a misappropriation and misuse of funds.*

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Then, what we do with it (the earth) is not God's fault, and if we don't invite Him, He has no right to come and intervene.

He awaits the end, for each man will be accountable to God for what was done with the earth according to each person's part of the contract.

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## DELEGATION

That's why God cannot stop wars, the killings; etc. He's not the author of these things, so it's not His responsibility to stop them at all; otherwise HE would violate the contract, article Genesis 1:28, which GIVES US (humans) the legal right, the only ones on earth to decide its fate.

This is why we must PRAY, if we do not pray, He cannot act, He has the power but without our prayers or intercession, He cannot do anything. Understand that you do not love the house (the earth) that you rent more than its owner (God).

Do you think that when God sees wars, children being raped etc. it doesn't hurt Him? To see the condition of His house? As much as it hurts Him, no matter the power He has to act, He is limited by His Word, the contract.

The land, the earth, He gave to? to the sons of man.

So, your prayer gives God legal access to act through the man Jesus on your behalf; that is the reason WHY WE PRAY.

To fully understand this:

*"The serpent was clever, cleverer than any wild animal GOD had made. He spoke to the Woman: "Do I understand that God told you not to eat from any tree in the garden?"*

*GOD called to the Man: "Where are you?"*

*He said, "I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked. And I hid.*

*GOD said, "Who told you were naked? Did you eat from that tree I told you not to eat from?"<sup>5</sup>*

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<sup>5</sup> Genesis 3, verse 1; 9-11, **The Message 2002**

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As you read from the first verse, you will see that God knew lucifer was in the garden, he was in the serpent; but from the time God was in charge; He couldn't do anything.

Before God had put Adam in the garden; does the Bible speak of Lucifer? No, why? when God is in charge he cannot even arise.

The devil couldn't be in the scenes. But from the moment man was put in charge, the devil came and arose.

And Lucifer took responsibility from man, but it didn't happen when man sinned.

Man let Lucifer destroy the house he was renting (the earth) through disobedience; so when God came He didn't go to Lucifer and ask, what did you do? He NEVER did.

God rather called the Already-Sinful-Adam and said, but it was you who signed the contract with Me for stewardship of the earth, not your wife nor Lucifer, so you are accountable to Me.

And Adam said "uh; it is the woman that seduced me", (what a fool, thank God Jesus Christ was a better and more responsible Adam than the first, whom instead of taking responsibility, blamed his wife; but Jesus took the shame of the world on the cross).

So, God went on to ask Eve, the woman, what happened? And the woman out of fear says, "It is satan", and for it was up to man to explain himself, not satan (as far as he is concerned, he will be accountable at the end of time for what he had done to be driven out of heaven, and all these blunders he is bringing on earth); as far as the earth is concerned, it is a matter between MAN and GOD.

**So how did Lucifer become the god of this world (in charge of the earth)?**

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*“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”<sup>6</sup>*

The god of this world? remember a god is he who rules, who is in charge of a domain, and Adam was created god on earth, it is written, you are gods,

*“I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.*

*But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.”<sup>7</sup>*

Then how did the devil take the position (god of this world) of Adam?

How did it happen?

When Adam sinned, the fact that God first came to him, to ask for account was proof that he was still in charge despite the sin, otherwise God was not going to hold accountable him that is not in charge; but Adam makes Eve responsible by blaming her, so God says okay, you gave the power to Eve, He asks Eve, what's going on? And Eve out of fear, blames the devil, and that's when God realizes that this man and his wife under contract have just handed over the earth to Lucifer, and He directly curses the latter.

Every time you blame the devil for something instead of taking responsibility, you give him the power you had over it. Although the contract is signed by man, it is the devil that got the keys from the man.

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<sup>6</sup> 2 Corinthians 4, verse 4, **King James Version 1611**

<sup>7</sup> Psalm 82, verse 6-7, **King James Version 1611**

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Let's stop blaming satan, he is small, he becomes god in the areas whereby you blame him, because by blaming him you are saying to God, "It is up to him to be accountable", but God cannot hold accountable those He had not given power over the domain, those He hadn't put in charge.



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## THE MAN FROM GALILEE

But blessed be God, because we had a man, Jesus Christ, through whom we have the power to catch up and return into the divine council as intercessors to plead, to defend, to talk, in favor of other men.

Through intercession one becomes the voice of the voiceless, the strength of the weak. Through intercession we become God's support system for weak men.

In kingdom systems, God uses men to bless men, He uses men to reach men, He uses men to raise men up; it takes a man, in reality it takes two that partner and make up ONE PERSON.

*A man in Heaven – Jesus, and a man on earth – YOU.*

JESUS (the man in heaven) and YOU (the man on earth) with the help of the Holy Spirit; this is the new formula of the Dominion of God through man, it is the system of representation. TO BE AN INTERCESSOR is to be the one that answers before God, and that represents and defends the interests of others before God with Jesus by the help of the Holy Spirit. A reminder of what the Apostle Paul said:

*“ In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.”<sup>8</sup>*

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<sup>8</sup> Ephesians 6, verse 18, **The Message 2002**

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## KO SAMBELA

I discovered some interesting things in Lingala<sup>9</sup>,

- Fire in Lingala is **moto** and man (human) is **moto / mutu**  
So, man is fire. Remember it is written: He makes His servants flames of FIRE.
- Head in Lingala is also **mutu**, and in Lingala **O** and **U** are interchangeable  
So, man, head, and fire, are **mutu / moto**.

But I would like to explain in a few sentences the concept of prayer and **why** we pray.

In Lingala

- To pray is **ko sambela**
- To defend yourself in justice or advocacy is **ko samba**
- To advocate for someone is **ko sambela mutu**
- To pray for someone is **ko sambela pona mutu**

We understand one thing; to pray is literally a legal term.

*“And he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; saying, there was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:*

*And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.*

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<sup>9</sup> Lingala: Traditional Congolese (DRC) language, constituting with Swahili, Kikongo and Tshiluba; the national languages

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*And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubled me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.”<sup>10</sup>*

When you read verse 1, you realize that Jesus wanted to teach his disciples about prayer, **ko sambela**. But in His quest to explaining this mystery, he uses a story of a woman that was advocating, **ko samba**, at the judge for her case. the scenario used is a legal scenario; it's a trial.

It is with a trial that Jesus explains why we need to pray without end.

In the parable in which Jesus explains why we must always pray, He illustrates it with a lawsuit, a legal case.

***So, Prayer (Intercession) is a legal scenario, a lawsuit; in which Justice must be done.***

This woman had to go **ko samba**, or **ko sambela** the judge every day for her case in order for justice to be done.

*Whenever you pray, INTERCEDE; you appeal to the heavenly court, you open a session or a trial.*

***But there is a problem;*** the problem is that the woman demanded justice because she was innocent, but a guilty person will never insist that justice be done because justice will condemn them. And before the court of God, how can we present ourselves without being guilty? and demand justice? What about our guilt?

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<sup>10</sup> Luke 18, verse 1-5, King James Version 1611

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This is the reason why prior to anything, Jesus had to make sure that we are justified before God, so He died for us on the Cross; for without His death and resurrection, we are guilty and we cannot claim and demand justice, otherwise the very act of justice will condemn us. Right before we appear at the court and intercede, one must be a righteous man; all the people who interceded and prayed in the Old Testament were firstly justified by God – through Faith. Abraham, Moses, and so on...

This is how, through the Cross, prayer in the New Covenant becomes an act of conscience and reclamation and we are no longer on the defensive.

Reason being, in front of the **righteous judge** (God), he that defends himself is either accused or guilty, whilst It is written:

*“Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justified.”<sup>11</sup>*

Therefore, since no one can accuse us any more, we do not pray to defend ourselves, we are not the ones on the defensive, because no accusation is no longer present before God concerning us.

Thus, since we cannot be accused, ***we then cannot be condemned, as long as we are in Christ and are led by His Spirit.***

This is why it is written:

*“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”<sup>12</sup>*

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<sup>11</sup> Romans 8, verse 33, King James Version 1611

<sup>12</sup> Romans 8, verse 1, King James Version 1611

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The above scripture is a verse in which many translations have cut off the second part. The verse reads, in order for you to not be under any condemnation, you must be in Christ, and being in Christ does not mean having declared that *"I am in Christ"*, NO; it is beyond that, it means being led by the Spirit of God.

So, if we are not accused and no condemnation is upon us and then praying is to present oneself at the court of supreme magistrate, what then do we do at court? it is written:

*"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."*<sup>13</sup>

Our mind must change and be transformed, and our intelligence must be illuminated. the Bible is crystal clear.

*"So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help"*<sup>14</sup>

- We approach **the throne of grace**
- To take **Mercy**
- And finally, **to accept HELP**. Not beg for it, but accept it, it's already given out.
  
- **Throne of Grace?** when you read *Exodus through chapters 25 to 38*, the throne of Grace here was represented in the temple by the **ark of the covenant**; and in the ark there was what was called the PROPITIATORY, a small throne on which the priest, in order to obtain the forgiveness of the people (which lasted 1 year), sprinkled the blood of the animal killed in the outer-court, and the blood on the throne provided

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<sup>13</sup> Hebrews 4, verse 16, id

<sup>14</sup> Hebrews 4, verse 16, **The Message 2002**

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forgiveness for the nation. And the mercy seat was a place of forgiveness, because it was also the place of judgment, it is the throne, the magistracy.

It is said of Jesus:

*“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”<sup>15</sup>*

Thus, Jesus has obtained for us eternal forgiveness from God, at the throne of Grace.

And it is called the throne of grace, because grace is God's system or technology to help weak and vile men; that is, it is the mechanism of God to give you the things you do not deserve.

Remember, you were guilty, so you did not have the right to pray (**ko samba**) otherwise you would be condemned, but because of the cross you are justified. However, how can God give you what you don't deserve? through prayer?

- **To obtain Mercy?** Before you get anything, you need mercy. A man of God once said, *“mercy is the rope of God that pulls us out of misery”*. In other words, by grace, God uses mercy to remove the punishment that you deserve, so that when grace wants to bless you, nothing claims you. By mercy we have God's forgiveness and our criminal record is washed away and emptied.

The Bible then says, approach the throne of grace with assurance; what is assurance?

It is written:

*“Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.”<sup>16</sup>*

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<sup>15</sup> Hebrews 9, verse 12, King James Version 1611

<sup>16</sup> Hebrews 11, verse 1, American Standard Version 1929

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It is faith. So, when you have faith, you come before the throne of grace to get, not ask or beg for mercy but come to take, take it – for it is yours. It's already been made available, through the work of the cross.

alleluia!

And what's the reason for all of this?

- **To be helped in need, to accept help.** This is what Grace does for you; you come BY FAITH by PRAYING at the supreme high court of heaven, you TAKE MERCY, which makes you STAND-RIGHT and acquitted of ALL SINS AND CONDEMNATION in order to be HELPED in your needs.

**This is the reason why when you pray, you are ko samba, not to defend yourself but to claim your rights.**

Just like this woman of Luke 18, you must claim what belongs to you. We pray without an accuser, it is a moment between God and us, the devil is excluded because of our faith in Christ.

The problem is that, many Christians do not know their position in Christ, they do not even know what the constitution of the kingdom says for them, what are they rights; so the devil manipulates and frightens them, he abuses many; and makes them cry.

Yet it is written:

*“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;”<sup>17</sup>*

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<sup>17</sup> Colossians, verse 14, King James Version 1611

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So, the devil has no legal document against us. Before you accuse someone before the judge you must have evidences; but every time you sin, for all your faults, Jesus tore everything apart, the devil may have seen your weakness, your sin, but he cannot prove it before the judge, as long as you do not make sin your lifestyle, and that you stay IN Christ, that is, to be led by His Spirit.

It is written:

*“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”<sup>18</sup>*

### **Jesus Is Your Lawyer.**

Therefore, we claim our rights, by prayer. We pray to impose the will of God who has already classified us just and righteous (before the law, we are therefore good citizens of the kingdom by virtue of our position in Jesus Christ).

Nonetheless, in order to claim your rights, you must know them; hence, before going to the judge, make sure that you to know your rights, duties and the things which are already acquired to you by faith. There are things that the judge can't help with because the cross had already dealt with those things. Come closer to God to fix what is wrong.

I can – through Jesus – ask for justice to be done; because I am justified.

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<sup>18</sup> 1 John, verse 2, **King James Version 1611**



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## RESPONSIBILITIES

So, what do you have to do?

- Read the Constitution Completely (Bible) and understand the will of God; know your rights and duties, it will prevent you from praying in vain, and praying for things which should not be prayed for.
- Draw near with Faith to the Throne of Grace (Hebrew 4:16), through Prayer (attitude).
- Above all, never ever stop praying

Have you prayed? pray again!

What should I do after I pray? Pray again. The prayer point must change only until justice is done.

Like this woman in Luke 18, never stopped praying until praying/interceding becomes a pleasure.

**Ko samba** becomes a pleasure when you know there is no evidence against you, and you know your rights. You will pray with joy, because you know that with a lawyer like Jesus, you can only win.

**I ALWAYS WIN**, whatever happens or seems to be happening, even if it sounds complicated, as long as I stay in Christ, Justified and know what the constitution says for me? My rights will be established (restored). When the devil bothers you, when circumstances, problems call for you? go before the court, the throne of grace, and pray until you are restored in your rights. Everything will be alright. you will win at all cost; this is the reason why it is written:

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*"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."<sup>19</sup>*

It simply means, although I didn't have to fight, I still won, because Him that loved us, won for me.

I am accused; but my judge has already removed the evidences against me.

This is why it is written:

*"... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availed much."<sup>20</sup>*

Fervent prayer is prayer without ceasing, that is to say; the trial may take days, weeks or months, sooner or later I will win. So, the righteous (by Faith, child of God) must pray earnestly in order to stand before the throne. So don't stop, your consistency will accelerate the final decision that will be in your favor. This is why, after having prayed, pray again; after having fasted, fast again; but at all costs, pray, pray, and pray again. Pray with revelation.

Now you can **samba** but **samba** with the confidence of winning the case.

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<sup>19</sup>Romans 8, *verse 37*, **King James Version 1611**

<sup>20</sup>James 5, *verse 6*, **King James Version 1611**

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## **INTERCESSION pt2**

We have therefore seen that to Intercede is to advocate, it is to negotiate, it is to Carry the Burden of ...

Intercession is a noble work, in the kingdom of God, one group of people closest to God according to my personal studies are the intercessors. Moreover; according to Ephesians 4:11; God has given gifts to men, the 5 ministries that we exercise on earth.

But Jesus, in Heaven holds a more effective ministry, the ministry of intercession. To intercede is to be an advocate, to be a defender of... and it is said of Jesus

*“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”<sup>21</sup>*

And in this we realize that Jesus chose in heaven, not to be an Apostle, a Pastor or a Prophet for men but an INTERCESSOR for men.

### **Why?**

Other ministries are functions that we have before men on God's behalf; that is to say, it is an equipment and a function for men, better yet, it is serving men while representing God to them.

But intercession is to serve God by representing men; it is serving God directly, communicating with God. Even if in the New Covenant, God expects all of us to serve men (one another), but to serve with men effectively, we must learn to Serve with God effectively through the ministry of Intercession.

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<sup>21</sup> 1 John 2, verse 1, King James Version 1611

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Intercession is the boiler machinery of the church, it is the maternity of spiritual awakenings, it is the workshop of the heroes and warriors of tomorrow, it is the workshop of the great works and moves of God. God needs Intercessors, the world needs Intercessors, the Church needs Intercessors.

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### GROANING THAT CANNOT BE UTTERED

*“Likewise, the Spirit also helped our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”<sup>22</sup>*

The original texts and some early commentaries state that it also means, The Holy Spirit intercedes **with us**, not really for us but with us, therefore in Partnership. There is the presence of a determinant which means at the same time **by, for and with**, this is why other translations read of praying by us, and others with / for us (in other languages especially).

God seeks for legal voices to manifest His Grace to the nations. A man of God recently said something that I liked, he said:

*“Today many of the prophets, do not know how to explain what is happening in the world, do not know how to give exact answers to the children of God, Corona etc.... because they are too present at the table of kings of this world because of the advantages (money, partnership, etc.) than at the table of the King of kings. They are much more with men that they are scarce in the divine counsel of God.”*

I believe he meant that, we spend a lot of our time with people than with God. We are absent in the divine council, so we do not have the latest news from Heaven. Where are the parents that are informed in advance of the destinies of their children? Where are the Christians to whom God shows things before they happen?

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<sup>22</sup> Romans 8, verse 26, King James Version 1611

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## THE PROPHETS

*“Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealed his secret unto his servants the prophets.”<sup>23</sup>*

Why is Amos talking about the prophets? because the prophet was the only one that had the legal right in the old covenant to stand before God and speak for God to men, they were, together with the priests – the approved intercessors of the people of God.

But that had to change with the new covenant, God bestowed this dimension to all Christians, even if there are always those that have a particular grace in the prophetic.

But God speaks to **ALL** of us.

*“God, who at sundry times and in divers’ manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 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;”<sup>24</sup>*

The prophetic and intercession are no longer an **EXCLUSIVITY** of some. Through intercession one has access to the DIVINE counsel of God in order to negotiate in favor of others.

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<sup>23</sup> Amos 3, verse 7, King James Version 1611

<sup>24</sup> Hebrews 1, verse 1-2, King James Version 1611

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## VOICE OF THE INTERCESSOR

An Intercessor can live his whole life in preparation for when, after gaining value through trials and endurance in prayer over time; he must raise his right of veto on matters so important to Heaven. There are men who have something to say about people, families, nations, etc.

The impact and the strategic position you occupy in your family, in your nation, etc.... is also defined by/linked to your journey in the ministry of intercession.

We all have voices, but we are not all voices in a generation, in a nation or even in a family.

To become a voice, there are prices to be paid (beside God's election); among which

- **Isolation:**

Often, God isolates you from everything, from family, from your nation... He must separate you from those for whom you will become the voice. Isolation can even be physical, as the crowd does not follow the voice of those speaking in the crowd, but of one who is not in the crowd.

God often has to take you out of the crowd to make you a voice and give to your voice a message for the crowd. Remember John the Baptist, he had the promise, but had to isolate himself and consecrate himself in the wilderness, and there, God made him a voice, crying in the wilderness. The desert experience confirmed the prophecy of his life.

When you are in the crowd, your voice is a noise; even if you have the anointing and a message; LEAVE THE CROWD.

*When everyone is criticizing, isolate yourself and pray,*

*When everyone is complaining, isolate yourself and pray,*

*When everyone is crying, isolate yourself and pray!*

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- **Intercession:**

Isolation will involve time alone with God. And because you will not always speak of yourself before God, then God will be working on the cases of others through you. And the life of intercession will be born from within you.

- **Trials**

The trials of life are the mills through which God will make you pass, in order to reproduce in you the necessary form/image/shape to carry the burden of others in prayer. A person that had been seriously ill in the past and whom God has healed will know how to identify himself and bear the burden of one who is going through the same experience. God will use some trials to give your life the color and shape of your call to intercession. So, don't neglect anything, no experience, no pain, no burden, all of these things are the spices in the sauce that people will eat from you, through intercession.

- **Consecration**

God's goal is to have you all for Himself. And consecration becomes the life of the intercessors, through a deep dedication and attachment to accompanying the movements of God in prayer. To constantly be used by God, one must constantly be devoted to God.

***It is in isolation that you learn to carry the burden, the heart of God.***

Worship allows you to have the heart of God, and intercession allows you to pour out the heart of God before God. Love is to carry the heart of God, to intercede is to relieve the burden of His heart.

And you must be different from everyone.



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## ONE REPRESENTATIVE

Prayer is the main reflex of intercessors, and of those who have God for support. Prayer is the reflex of those who have God for refuge, and are used to remaining in His presence. A word that also defines intercession is **burden**.

But remember that, often you go through difficult circumstances and so different from everyone else because God is tattooing on your soul the burdens of others. If you have been there, you will better understand what the others for whom you must pray are going through, and your prayer will be accompanied by a **STORY**, an authentic story. The journey of an intercessor is filled with wounds, betrayals, disappointments, anger, etc. Because it is God that imprints the marks on you; the burden.

*“Jesus would not have been worthy to represent us in heaven, had He not lived a life like ours.”*

He had to begin to identify Himself with us, before speaking for us; this is why in my opinion, a mother is the greatest expression of intercession in the world, better yet, a mother is the greatest human explanation of the ministry of intercession.

*A mother, not just a woman, but a mother, because in every woman hides a mother. The difference between a woman and a mother is that, a woman has the potential to become a mother. So, in every woman hides a mother; but a mother is a woman in her office, a mother doesn't just give birth, a mother raises and takes care of the life she carried.*

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This is why to prove that God is better than humans, He says:

*“Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.”<sup>25</sup>*

So, God draws a parallel line between His love and the highest form of love amongst humans, that of a nursing mother. The highest dimension and form of love in humanity is the love that a woman has for her child whom she nurtures, and God says, **even when men (human) reach their highest level of love; and fail; I GOD, am here and won't fail you.**

But why use a mother?

I have never seen in my life a greater intercession than that of a mother for her children. When the child is sick, the mother does not sleep, even when the sick baby is sleeping. The mother feels the pain of her baby even from afar. When the baby is crying, it is the mother's heart that feels the pain.

A mother is the only person convinced and that sincerely prays and asks God to die before her children.

A mother has such a strong ministry of intercession that God made sure to leave the world under the care of a woman (the Church). If before He had left the earth (His house) to Adam, the male; he was irresponsible because instead of praying for the fallen woman and humanity, he blamed the woman.

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<sup>25</sup> Isaiah 49, verse 15, King James Version 1611

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So, Jesus said, let's make things right, He leaves His kingdom to a woman (the Church) because He knows that like Moses, even if He proposes Moses to kill Israel to start something new with Moses, Moses will say NO; for Moses had the heart of a mother, the heart of intercession.

By the way, a good leader should have a male's rational brain, but with a woman's heart.

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## THE BURDEN

Intercession is carrying a burden, it is carrying another person, another case, a nation, people – like a pregnancy; and love that it disturbs your comfort. Be patient until it becomes reality.

In the same way that a pregnancy disturbs the comfort of a woman, for 9 months, a true burden of intercession will disturb your peace and comfort. This is why, when it comes to prayer, you can pray by faith once; and you see the result immediately (or even over time), you stop and just continue to believe and declare. But intercession? it is a process; it is praying with insistence and patience until manifestation.

*If to pray is to evangelize a soul, to intercede is to follow up the soul.*

*If prayer is to enroll a person in a program, intercession is to school them until they obtain the certificate.*

*If praying is the introduction, then interceding is the body and thanksgiving is the conclusion.*

**God is still looking for intercessors; Ezekiel 22:30 KJV**

He seeks those who will give Him their time, their lives, their voices, their days and their nights. For God (the Holy Spirit) to pray through/with them.

The more we intercede; the more God has access into our affairs. Remember, intercession makes us vetoed voices in the heavenly council.

*Do you love God? Worship Him.*

*Do you love your neighbors? intercede for them.*

**Interceding is not just praying; it is carrying the burden in prayer.**

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## CONCLUSION

Like a pregnancy, intercession often goes through these 3 stages:

- **Incubation.**

Here it is when, either audibly or as a thought, in one way or another; God places in you a weight, a burden, for a person, a family, a nation, a church, ... And often at this level, it is difficult to understand why you think so much about a person or situation? Especially when you pray? often, we say to ourselves it's a coincidence, or when a thought of praying for a person arises, we say to ourselves, I WILL, and very often, many abort the burden, because the seed has not been received as it should.

*This is MY OPINION. I firmly believe that, each misfortune, each accident, each death... which intervenes or arrives in the world, God had revealed it to one person prior, either to pray and prevent it, or prepare those that will have to go through it, but we don't pay attention.*

Often, especially responsible Christians or shepherds, when we receive prayer requests, if we are not careful, we fall into the trap of, "I WILL PRAY for you", and then we either forget or hardly do it. That is why, if possible write down all the requests that you receive all day long, it will be easier to come back to them during your hearing in the divine council and pray through them.

- **Growth, the burden.**

Like any seed, or pregnancy, it has to grow in us. The burden of intercession received must grow in us, either in prayer or in time, and at time in prayer through time.

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There is a man, *Daniel Nash*, who has prayed for almost 50 years for the conversion of 2-3 people. It is even said that he could pray for days for the conversion of one person. And he was the strong man of the great revivalist *Charles Finney*. He would always precede *Finney*, before they evangelize a town or a corner, he would go before to prepare the harvest of souls, in prayer, for days and days in agony until the whole burden was released.

Many of our moments of evangelism are empty of true conversions; all we do is send out invitations to our programs because they are not preceded, accompanied and followed up by constant moments of intercessions for the salvation of souls. Often times we pray that God will heal people but forget to pray for their conversion.

And at this level, often as we pray for a person, we begin to feel a growth of sorrow and pain in the heart, the more we pray the more the burden increases, and often we fall short of words and we start praying in tongues or almost crying and groaning. It is at this level that the Holy Spirit joins us, and pushes us to the next level. And at this level, the burden that grows in us for the person can last for hours, days, months and even years. Often the feeling you get when you think about (or pray) a person, is the feeling that explains either what the person is going through, or the presence of the burden for the person in you, and this often disturbs even our peace. And it is here that the Holy Spirit joins with us and intercedes, for us and with us. Have you ever prayed for someone to the point of not having the right words? All you could do is cry? never hold back, groan, cry, dance, sing, but allow the Holy Spirit to pray **for** you, **through** you and **with** you.

**For** you in order to make you more solid, **through** you in order to use you to manifest the will of God, and **with** you because two are better than one, to partner for the same cause.

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And many times people say what if I don't have a burden? then make a list, as Paul asks, pray for the Christians of the world, the pastors, your pastor, the brothers and sisters of your local assembly, the heads of state, the members of your family... make a daily list in order to activate you in the life of daily intercession.

- **Peace.**

Peace here is at the terminal level of pregnancy. It is when you have interceded so much that you gradually begin to feel the burden being lifted from within you and a joy filling you instead. But right before that, the burden is at its peak, like the pain of a pregnant woman just before delivering the child. It is at this level that you even feel what the others are feeling (especially in cases of illness), and then suddenly, peace comes over you. This peace is the note of victory, that your request is passed on and answered. Through you, God has fulfilled His purposes in relation to that person or that prayer point.

Until you feel this peace and joy come over you, do not allow yourself to stop praying, do not stop interceding. The more the burden persists, the more you should rise in prayer, and if it remains, abide in prayer, the more it grows, sink in prayer and let the Holy Spirit pray through/with you. Even when you have no words, stay quiet but pray. Silence during strong moments of intercession are channels of transmission of heavenly energies. Never stop praying.

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Will you be the intercessor that God will find for your family? for your country? for your generation? for your pastor? then repeat this prayer with me:

*Here I am LORD, Use me. I dispose my life, my time and my body for Your service. Make me a voice for the voiceless, a strength and comfort for the weak and may I be the expression of a dedicated life on the altar of prayer for the good of others. By Your Holy Spirit teach me to live for You and to pray, according to the needs of Your heart and for the advancement of Your kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ.*

AMEN!!!

The crown of intercessors will be great, for more work is done with intercession than with work itself.

So, pray; pray and Pray again!

GOD BLESS YOU

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