

JOURNEY TO THE REALM OF GOD'S POWER

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Intercession is a journey to the realm of God's power. It is a pleading prayer accomplished through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit residing in our hearts uses us as His instrument to plead to God on behalf of His people and the church. Thus, intercessors, also called *PRAY-ers* or *GAP-standers*, stand in the GAP between God and man. When we intercede, we let the Holy Spirit lead, and in that realm, nothing is impossible.

1. How do we stand in the GAP between God and man?

- 1.1 Pray when others are not praying.
- 1.2 Believe when others are losing hope.
- 1.3 Carry before God the burdens of others.
- 1.4 Plead for mercy and compassion, restoration, healing, salvation, and breakthrough.
- 1.5 Become spiritual watchmen over the people God has entrusted to us.

2. What are the qualifications of a GAP-stander?

God looks for people who are willing to fully surrender their lives to Him. He does not look for "perfect people."

3. What are the marks of a fully surrendered life?

- 3.1 Have a very personal relationship with God, Spirit-filled and baptized in the Spirit. We cannot represent someone to God if we do not know God (Jn. 15:7).
- 3.2 One must have a heart of love and compassion (Exo. 32:32). Intercession is birthed from God's heart for others. It is not a duty. As intercessors, we cannot continually harbour bitterness, unforgiveness, jealousy, pride, resentment and hidden or unconfessed sin (Ps. 139:23-24).
- 3.3 Have faith and trust in God. Believe that God hears and answers prayers (Heb. 11:6; Jas. 1:6).
- 3.4 Must have obedience and a clean heart, i.e. quick to repent and walk in holiness (Ps. 66:18; 1 Jn. 1:9).

3.5 One has persistence and burden to pray (Lk. 18:1; Col. 4:12). Sometimes God gives us a "burden" to pray until breakthrough comes. P.U.S.H. – Pray until something happens.

3.6 We must have humility and a servant heart; pray for others, not to be 'seen' (Phil. 2:3-4; Gen. 18).

3.7 We should have knowledge of God's Word. Pray the Scriptures back to God. We intercede based on God's promise, not just our feelings (Isa. 62:6-7).

3.8 We have sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit tells us what and who to pray for (Rom. 8:27).

4. All of us are called to intercede.

- 4.1 Pray for all people, specifically government leaders and those in authority, so that everyone can live peaceful and quiet lives (1 Tim. 2:1-2).
- 4.2 Watch and pass the warning of God to people (Eze. 3:17)
- 4.3 Wrestle in spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:10-17).
- 4.4 Declare God's Word and promises to others.

5. Hierarchy of Intercessors:

- 5.1 The greatest intercessor is Jesus; He stood in the gap between divinity and humanity.
- 5.2 The next is Mother Mary; then St. Joseph.
- 5.3 Angels and Saints

Conclusion:

Every believer is called to intercede. Some have a specific calling or gift of intercession, but all of us can stand in the gap for someone, provided we live exemplary lives. Truly, God answers our prayers if we are credible in His eyes.

Reflection:

Who have you interceded for? Is there anyone right now that you must stand in the gap for?

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