



THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERCESSION



KEY SCRIPTURE: "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."Ezekiel 22:30

OTHER BIBLE READING: EZEKIEL 22:29–30; EZEKIEL 4:4; ACTS 20:29–30

God needs an Intercessor

This is a staggering truth hidden in Ezekiel 22 — God, the Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, went looking. He searched for one person willing to stand between His judgement and a nation. And He found none! This tells us something profound about how God has chosen to work on the earth: He partners with people. God does not act in isolation; he looks for a human vessel — someone who understands what has been written in heaven and is willing to labour in prayer with God until his will is established on earth. This individual is an intercessor! A person God seek for on earth to stand in the gap (Ezekiel 22 v30)

Who Is an Intercessor?

An intercessor is not merely someone who prays. An intercessor is a gatekeeper — one who stands in the gap; ensuring the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matt 6 v10) Think of it this way; if your father owned a company and one department was failing — understaffed, neglected, and unproductive — would you not step in? Would you not sacrifice your comfort to strengthen what is lacking? God is the Father! The earth is His company. And there are departments — families, nations, ministries, generations — that are in desperate need of someone to stand in the gap. The intercessor says: "I will go. Send me."

The Peril of Being Present but Not Functioning

Ezekiel 22 reveals something deeply sobering. There were people stationed at the gate — but they were not doing their role. The gate was left unguarded, not because it was abandoned, but because those assigned to it were present without function. Acts 20:29–30 warns that wolves would arise — even from within the fold — to scatter the flock. This is precisely why intercession cannot be treated as optional. The enemy does not



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rest. The gates of the Kingdom require watchmen who are alert, faithful, and functioning. What matters is not where you are stationed — it is what you do with where you have been assigned.

A churchgoer fills a seat, but an intercessor fills a gap. God was not looking for attendance but for those who are ready to do his will.

The Disciples: Portals of Intercession

When Jesus walked the earth, He carried the full weight of intercession Himself. At His ascension, He passed that mantle to the apostles. The disciples became portals; that is, living points of connection between heaven' and the earth. Now that baton has been passed to this generation, we are the generation called to labour in prayer until the second coming of Christ, until the body of Christ comes into the unity of faith. This is why in IWMI, we pray six times daily, because you can only bless and protect what you consistently pray for.

When the enemy seeks to fight the mission of Christ and his end-time armies on earth, God alerts those who are watching. The intercessor is the first to know; the intercessor that is watching in the place of prayer & intercession.

The Example of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 4:4)

Ezekiel did not sin, however he bore the sins of Israel on his shoulders. God called Ezekiel to bear the sins of Israel by lying on his side for 390 days, representing 390 years of Israel's iniquity. The burden of an entire nation was placed upon one man's body as an act of intercession. Ezekiel did nothing wrong, He simply filled the gap. He positioned himself between a holy God and a wayward people, and he held that position for an entire season without wavering. This is the heart of intercession; it is not glamorous nor always visible, but it is eternally significant.

Intercession did not begin in the New Testament. It is an ancient, sacred, and honoured calling — and it remains one of the most powerful things a woman on mission can do for the Kingdom of God.



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Function Over Title

Dear Gatekeeper (Intercessor) — do not be moved by titles. A gatekeeper is defined by function and responsibility. True leadership is not what places your name before people. It is the weight you carry on your knees when no one is watching.

Oneness with God. Oneness with the Body of Christ. Oneness with the nations. This is the heartbeat of the intercessor.

Reflection; Ask yourself today: What strange and sacrificial things have I done for the Kingdom that eternity will not forget?

What we do for the Lord is not a burden — it is a privilege. Guard your assignment. Fulfil it with your whole heart. It is not optional that while we are on this earth, the will of God be done.

Conclusion: Guard Your Assignment

Dear Gatekeeper (Intercessor), do you understand the importance of your call to intercession? A failed Intercessor is anyone who stationed at the gate and never functioned in their role.

At the second coming of Christ, every earthly possession will be left behind. Only that which was done for the Kingdom of God goes into eternity. You must guard your assignment with all your heart, stand firm in your office, and make the vision plain so that you may run the race to the finish line.

What we do for the Lord is a privilege. Do not take it lightly. Fulfil it faithfully!