

Intercession: is not a prayer, it is an activity...an act of bringing two parties together.

## 1. **Pagha is associated with the activity of heaven coming to earth.**

Genesis 28:10-12 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. <sup>11</sup> When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup> He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

### **a. Heaven and earth are brought together. Heaven and earth are connected.**

Genesis 28:13-15

### **b. The will of God is discovered and put into motion. Jacob meets God and discovers his destiny.**

Genesis 28:16-19

### **c. An open heaven. Access to God. The dwelling presence of God can be encountered. Bet: house; El: Elohim (God)**

John 1: 51 He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Jesus declares that Nathanael would see what Jacob was seeing, except instead of a staircase bridging the activity of heaven to earth, the Son of God would be this conduit.

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth and the life. No one gets to the father except through me.

## **Intercession is an act of bringing two parties together.**

Jesus is the bridge.

Jesus brought heaven to earth.

Jesus brought God to man.

Jesus interceded to connect God with man, and man with God.

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

**Intercession is action that brings heaven to earth.** Usually we think of intercession as prayer, but it is not limited to prayer.

Last week: God's will cannot be done without a human vessel willing to agree. Because of sin, no man could partner with God to work his salvation on the earth so he became a human himself!

Isaiah 59:15-16 The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.

## **Jesus is the bridge from heaven to earth! We are Called to Intercede!**

1 Timothy 2:1-6 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men.

Who is God calling you to intercede for? Who is God calling you to build a bridge for? What other areas is God calling you to build a bridge for the kingdom of God to come?

### **2. Pagha is associated with attacking the King's enemy.**

1 Samuel 22:18 The king then ordered Doeg, "You turn and strike down the priests." So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck them down.

Jesus is the commander in chief. The Holy Spirit knows the perfect will of God. The Holy Spirit prompts us to intercede: pray & take action. God is looking for a willing vessel to partner with to accomplish his will on the earth. This is our high calling and privilege!

1 John 3:8 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Are you a servant of God ready to strike down the enemy in prayer and in action to establish God's will on the earth? Who is God prompting you to intercede for? What issues is God prompting you to intercede for?

### **3. Pagha is associated with the set boundaries God has established for our lives.**

Joshua 19:11 Going west it ran to Maralah, touched Dabbesheth, and extended to the ravine near Jokneam.

The enemy will not respect your boundaries unless you make him.

He will attempt to shrink your boundaries, diminish your life, lie about where your boundaries are.

When these attacks come, we are to counterattack to protect and reestablish our boundaries. Any attack of the enemy not met with a forceful counterattack will result in diminishing borders...we will lose ground. We surrender ground when we are passive to the enemy's attacks against us!