

Faith Christian Fellowship
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A Closet Revival 5
The Spirit Makes Intercession for Us

TEXT: Matt 6:5-8 / Eph 6:18-20 / Romans 8:26

We pray for revival in the earth, but what does the Bible say we should be praying for? We have seen that:

- ❖ Revival starts in the closet
- ❖ Motive matters
- ❖ Empty repetitions are heathen prayers
- ❖ God will not move in the earth unless we ask Him
- ❖ God responds to the cry of His own covenant people.
- ❖ **Closet first, then open reward. Revival begins in the closet long before we see it in the streets.**
- ❖ Christian prayer is to the Father in the name of the Son.
- ❖ Christian prayer is based on a foundation of righteousness
- ❖ My prayer closet is not primarily for me.
- ❖ **Prayer is for the Church, not the lost! (Matt 9:37-38)**
- ❖ Thanksgiving and praise are the catalyst of Christian prayer
- ❖ I give thanks well when I sing with the Spirit
- ❖ Praying in tongues builds me up and helps me overcome my weaknesses.
- ❖ When I pray in tongues I pray out the unknown will of God.
- ❖ The closet of intercession.
 - 2 Tim 2:1-2. intercessions for all men, *enteuxis* - to confer, to interview, and to entreat. The idea is to have a conversation with another, especially to plead the case of a third party
 - We can intercede for another by making petition on his behalf. Ezekiel 22:30 / Isaiah 43:25-26. We can stand before the throne and plead the case of another based on the Word.
 - We can step in for someone is too weak to fend off an adversary
 - Intercession can be made simply because we know of a need and we determine to pray for that need. Romans 1:9 / Eph 1:16 / 1 Thess 1:2 / Philemon 1:4
 - We plead their case based on the Word and our position.
 - We take authority in the Name and use the Word as our weapon. Ephesians 6:17,18.
 - In praying for others, there are always variables that are beyond our control and our knowledge. Romans 8:26 enables us to pray in any situation: we can pray in the Spirit.
- ❖ The spirit makes intercession for us
 - 1 Cor 14:14 praying with our spirit when we pray in tongues.

- Notice Romans 8:26
 - We don't always know what we need to be praying for, but the Holy Ghost knows. 1 Cor 14:2,4
 - The Holy Spirit supernaturally and tangibly helps us in our weaknesses:
 - Help = *sun+anti+lambanomai* (*gr.*) to take hold of opposite together (Strong's concordance).
 - Weaknesses = *as-then'-i-ah* : feebleness (of body or mind); by implication malady; moral frailty.
 - When we are without strength or ability, the Holy Ghost will grab hold with us against the problem. He does this by interceding with unintelligible words.
- When we are praying in the Spirit, God may prompt us to speak forth under the unction of the Holy Spirit. This prophetic utterance may be the interpretation of our tongues for:
 - Speaking to principalities or situations.
 - Claiming specific blessings.
 - Making supplication for specific situations.
- While praying in the Spirit, God may give supernatural insight.
 - Col 4:12 Praying out the will of God for others
 - Col 4:2. Being vigilant in prayer - a watchman on the tower. He may show us things to come that we can prevent by praying, by warning others, or by making adjustments in our own lives. 1 Pet 4:7
 - Eph 6:18 Be watchful and persistent in praying in the Spirit for ministers to have utterance.
- ❖ Ezekiel 22:24-31. God actively searches for people to pray when crisis arises. I believe if we will learn to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, we will avoid many problems.
- ❖ The reward for your prayer life does not come for the frequency, the length, the volume, or the eloquence. Not even for the results. It comes for the OBEDIENCE
- ❖ When He is searching for someone to stand in the gap, God prompts us to pray by the urging of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Romans 8:26--the Holy Spirit can alert us. We must be **sensitive** If you believe the Holy Spirit dwells in you, you should be **sensitive to what goes on inside you, to the subtleties of the Spirit.**

For the next two weeks, when you have some distress, physical or internal/spiritual, assume first that it is God trying to get you to pray – take it to the closet and begin praying in the Spirit. Pray until you get relief.

Identification – Empathy - Intercession