

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying

Message Six: Responding to Christ's Intercession in His Heavenly Ministry

I. Overview :

Christ as the kingly and divine High Priest is interceding for us. He has been constituted our High Priest according to the power of an indestructible life, which can save us to the uttermost; Christ is able to save us because He intercedes for us. Christ is interceding for us at the right hand of God, and the Spirit is interceding for us in our spirit; in His interceding, the Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness. We do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered; His interceding is for us to be transformed in life for growth in life unto the conformation of the image of God's firstborn Son. We need to respond to Christ's intercession in His heavenly ministry; through our prayer Christ, the Head, is given a way to carry out His administration through His Body.

II. Truth and Enlightenment :

Day 1 --

A. How does Christ, our High Priest, as the powerful One minister the divine life into us between these two ends, heaven and our spirit?

Christ as our High Priest is the living Son of God Himself. As the powerful One, Christ is simultaneously both in heaven and in our spirit. Between these two ends, heaven and our spirit, there is the traffic on the heavenly ladder because His priesthood is continually flowing from the throne into our spirit.

B. How can we prove that the life with which it is constituted is indestructible?

This life is indestructible because it has been tested by every kind of situation. It was tested by the Lord's mother in the flesh, by all the members of His fleshly family, by all the sufferings of His human life, and by all the temptations of the devil, Satan. Ultimately, it was tested by death, the grave, Hades, and the power of darkness.

Day 2 --

A. How does Christ save us by interceding for us?

Christ is able to save us because He intercedes for us. As our High Priest, Christ undertakes our case by interceding for us. He appears before God on our behalf, praying for us that we may be saved and brought fully into God's eternal purpose. We need to simply rest in His intercession, trust in it, and enjoy it.

B. What should we do since we have such a High Priest interceding for us?

We should "come forward with boldness to the throne of Grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help". We need to keep coming forward to God. Morning and evening, day and night, we should come forward to Him, saying to Him, "I am open to You. You are rich. I need You. I want to stay open to You all the time."

Day 3 --

A. How to prove Christ today being both in heaven and in our spirit?

Romans 8:34 tells us that Christ died for us and that after being raised, He is interceding for us at the right hand of God. This verse states that Christ today is at the right hand of God in the heavens; verse 10, however, states that He is now in us, in our spirit. As the Spirit, He is omnipresent, being both at the right hand of God and in our spirit.

B. What did Christ do when He was resurrected by the pure word of the Bible?

When Christ was resurrected, He imparted Himself into us as life, and we were reborn. After imparting Himself into us as life, Christ entered into perfection, into glory, where He is now interceding for our glorification. Christ is interceding for us to be saved to the uttermost.

Day 4 --

A. How'll the Spirit do as we groan due to our ignorance of how we should pray?

At times we may have some burden and some feeling, but we have no knowledge about how to utter our prayer. What we can do is groaning and say, "O Lord Jesus." In our groaning the Spirit groans also, interceding for us. His interceding is mainly that we may be conformed to the image of God's Son.

B. What's the difference between the mind of the Spirit and the spirit of the mind?

Whereas Eph. 4:23 speaks of the spirit of the mind, Rom. 8:27 speaks of the mind of the Spirit. The former is for renewing, and the latter is for interceding. Because the Spirit is mingled with our spirit and the Spirit is interceding within us, our mind is set on the spirit making our mind one with the mind of the Spirit.

Day 5 --

A. How does Christ administrate as He being another Angel in Rev. 8?

For His administration He needs our prayers. Our prayers are the response to His heavenly ministry. These prayers He offers to God, then pours out God's answers to them on this earth. This is the meaning of verse 5: "The Angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar and cast it to the earth; and there were thunders and lightnings." The pouring out of God's answers to our prayers is equivalent to His universal administration.

B. Does Acts 12:5 indicate that behind the scene there was a spiritual battle?

Acts 12:5, "So then Peter was kept in the prison; but prayer was being made fervently by the church to God concerning him". This indicates that behind the scene there was a battle between spiritual forces, a battle between God and His enemy, Satan. Apparently the conflict was between Herod and Peter; actually it was between God and His enemy. This battle was fought not by the flesh but by prayer.

Day 6 --

A. Explain what the God's will refers to in Colossians 1:9.

The will of God is profound in relation to our knowing, experiencing, and living the all-inclusive Christ. In this verse God's will refers to Christ. God's will for the Colossians was to know Christ, to experience Christ, to enjoy Christ, to live Christ, and to have Christ become their life and their person.

B. Why is it said that the position of prayer is the position of ascension, with which there is the authority of ascension?

The position of prayer is the position of ascension. You can only pray in the heavenly sphere. Prayer is not only a holy ground, but even more, it is a spiritual realm. The position of

prayer is heavenly. Once you leave the heavenly sphere you lose the position of prayer. As the position of prayer is ascension, the authority of prayer is also ascension. With the position of prayer there is the authority of prayer.

III. Conclusion :

Christ as the kingly and divine High Priest is interceding for us. He has been constituted our High Priest according to the power of an indestructible life and He is able to save us to the uttermost because of His perpetual, constant, and eternal interceding. He is our High Priest, knowing what we need, and what He has done to us is the best, so what we do should be without complaining, reasoning, or even an evil heart of unbelief. In Romans 8 Christ is interceding for us at the right hand of God, and the Spirit is interceding for us in our spirit. Christ's intercession requires our response; through our morning prayer everyday, we may experience that the Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.