

RESTORING THE ART OF PLEADING YOUR CASE

"It is the habit of faith, when she is praying, to use pleas. Mere prayer sayers, who do not pray at all, forget to argue with God; but those who would prevail bring forth their reasons and their strong arguments...." - Charles H. Spurgeon

How could you presume to argue with God? It is not presumption to obey the Word of God, nor is it presumption to remind God of His mighty works and unmatched power. God is pleased each and every time we come before His throne as we are whispering, reciting, declaring, and pleading for the speedy fulfillment of His unfailing promises in Jesus' name.

He is glorified when His children humbly urge and entreat Him to rise in His power on behalf of those in need - when they recite the countless ways He has delivered in the past, is redeeming in the present, and will overcome in the days to come.

Presumption presumes to act on authority that it does not have or has not been given; obedience only acts on the authority of another or upon the authority that is given by a higher authority. We have been given incredible "royal court" privileges and authority by our Lord, Jesus Christ. He has personally made each of us priests and kings with right of entry to the very throne of God.

Even a casual glance at the instructions of Jesus concerning the prevailing prayer of the persistent widow who pestered the unrighteous judge to take action in Luke 18:1-8 should be a warning that there is more to this "pleading prayer" than most people believe.

Luke 18:4-8 NKJV

[4] And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, [5] yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "[6] Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. [7] And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? [8] I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Isaiah, the prophet, battled with an unrepentant and even defiant nation of Israelites who refused to acknowledge sin or abandon its idols even in the face of defeat, bondage, and literal slavery to other nations. Then God issued a challenge to His creation through the prophet that reveals the heart of God toward us - even when we are in sin and trying to justify our rebellion.

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Isaiah 43:26 KJV

[26] Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Isaiah 43:26 NKJV

[26] Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted.

Isaiah 43:26 AMPC

[26] Put Me in remembrance [remind Me of your merits]; let us plead and argue together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified (proved right).

This verse reveals the "broad shoulders of God," who is so powerful and confident that He can "afford" to listen the arguments of mankind - even those of angry or disillusioned people who often step far beyond the bounds of wisdom in their complaints to God. He especially delights in the humble but confident prayers of His kings and priests who come to His court in the name and company of His Son, Jesus Christ, approaching Him on the basis of His Word.