

## ***RESTORING THE ART OF PLEADING YOUR CASE (Part 2)***

### **Defining the Terms - PLEAD**

This clear biblical precedent establishes the fact that we have God's permission and invitation to plead our case and make appeals in the courts of Heaven before our great Judge and God. The dictionary definition of plead is "1. to argue a case or cause in a court of law, 2. to make an allegation in an action or other legal proceeding," and a definition for plea is "an earnest entreaty."

The Hebrew word translated as "plead" in Isaiah's declaration is *shaphat*. It means "to judge," to pronounce sentence, to vindicate, to punish, or to litigate. The Hebrew word translated "declare" or "state your cause" is *capfar*, which means "to score with a mark as a tally or record, to inscribe, and also to enumerate; to recount, to number."

The definitions taken together to paint a clear picture of a judicial setting described in purely judicial terminology: to argue the case as in a court of law, to pronounce sentence, to punish, to litigate. We must have a revelation of God Almighty as the Judge of all flesh. We are privileged to "practice before the bar" under the authority and invitation of our Judge Advocate, Jesus Christ.

### **Assisting the Advocate**

At our new birth, He was our defense attorney. As intercessors of the Lamb, we serve as assistant advocates of the Kingdom, charged with defending the King's people and prosecuting the King's enemies in the spirit realm (the adversary and his rebellious followers). Each time we come before the "bench" of the Judge of all, our Chief Advocate comes alongside and takes us by the arm to formally present us before the Judge and enumerate the legal credentials that He has delegated to us. We literally "practice before the bar" as assistant advocates sent from His high office as First Born, the Lamb of God, Chief Intercessor, and Chief Advocate of the redeemed.