

## ***RESTORING THE ART OF PLEADING YOUR CASE (Part 4)***

Wesley Duewel's book entitled, *Mighty Prevailing Prayer*, quotes Charles Spurgeon's comments on intercession in his book: "It is the habit of 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 reaosn and their strong arguments... Faith's act of wrestling is to plead with God and say with holy boldness, 'Let it be thus and thus for these reasons.'" Spurgeon preached, "The man who has his mouth full of arguments in prayers shall soon have his mouth full of arguments in prayers shall soon have his mouth full of benedictions in answered prayer." Wesley Duewel outlines a blueprint for reciting our case before God:

This holy argumentation with God is not done in a negative, complaining spirit. It is the expression not of a critical heart but of a heart burning with love for God, for His name, and for His glory. This holy debate with God is a passionate presentation to God of the many reasons why it will be in harmony with His nature, His righteous government, and the history of His holy intervention on behalf of His people.

You do not plead like a negative, legal adversary in the presence of God the holy judge. Rather, you plead in the form of a well-prepared brief, prepared by a legal advocate in behalf of a need and for the welfare of the kingdom. At times you are, as it were, petitioning God's court for an injunction against satan to stop his harassment. They Holy Spirit guides you in the preparation and working of your prayer argument.

### **DOING YOUR HOMEWORK!**

Effective intercession begins with knowledge and understanding. Do your homework so you will know God's promises. Understand why the promises haven't been fulfilled in specific situations (when possible). Know why society or a particular group has failed. Understand every condition God requires before His various promises are fulfilled. Then commune with Jesus and get His heart on the matter. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide as you present holy argumentation before the righteous Judge of all the living. As you enter His presence, remember that many have come here before you. Thousands of years ago, the prophet Jeremiah and Joshua each ventured to this place of intercession:

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Jeremiah 14:7, 21 NKJV

[7] O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, Do it for Your name's sake...

[21] Do not abhor us, for Your name's sake; Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory.

Remember, do not break Your covenant with us.

Joshua pleaded with God to help Israel, asking, "What will You do for Your own name's sake?" (see Josh. 7:9b).