

RESTORING THE ART OF PLEADING YOUR CASE (Part 6)

Biblical Definitions

There are four biblical definitions of an intercessor that help paint a clear picture of our general calling as priestly intercessors and will bring everything else we study into proper perspective.

An intercessor is one who:

1. Reminds the Lord of promises and appointments not yet met and fulfilled.

Isaiah 62:6-7 NKJV

[6] I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, [7] And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

2. Takes up the case of justice before God on behalf of another.

Isaiah 59:15-16 NIV

[15] Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no justice. [16] He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;

3. Make up the hedge, and builds up the wall of protection in time of battle.

Ezekiel 13:4-5 NKJV

[4] O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. [5] You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the Lord.

4. Stands in the gap between God's righteous judgment, which is due, and the need for mercy on the people's behalf.

Ezekiel 22:30-31 NKJV

[30] So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. [31] Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord God.