

Abraham's Intercession

Genesis 18:16-33

Main Point:

Intercede for others in prayer through the perfect intercession of Christ for you.

1. God wants you to intercede for others.
2. Intercessory prayer appeals to God's nature for its requests.
3. Intercessory prayer is to be bold, persistent, and humble.
4. You should intercede for others in this manner because it works.
5. It works because of Christ's perfect intercession for you.

Quotations and Cross-References

Dale Ralph Davis "These verses don't merely communicate information but act as an invitation. It's as if the Lord is saying to Abraham, 'Now please talk to me about the situation.'"

Ezekiel 16:49 ⁴⁹ "Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. (NKJV)

Hebrews 4:15-16 ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NKJV)

Luke 18:1 ¹ Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, (NKJV)

J.G. Vos "At every point he was keenly conscious of the vast difference that exists between mortal man and the living, eternal God. He was fully aware of both his limitations as a creature and his unworthiness as a sinner."

Matthew Henry "The access we have to the throne of grace, and the freedom of speech allowed us, are ... [a] matter of humble wonder."

Genesis 19:29 ²⁹ And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt. (NKJV)

Matthew 7:7 ⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (NKJV)

1 Timothy 2:5 ⁵ For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, (NKJV)

Isaiah 53:12 ¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors. (NKJV)

Hebrews 7:25 ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (NKJV)

John 16:23 ²³ "... Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. (NKJV)