

## INTERCESSION #2

### I. Rom 8:22-27

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

A. vs 22-24 teaches us about creation itself groaning & laboring in birth

Pangs:

1. Creation / nature has been in a fallen state / became cursed due to sin & the fall of man In the garden of Eden:

a. Gen 3:17 "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

2. Rom 8:22 **Creation Groans:**

(1) **Def Groan:** moaning

a. **Creation labors:**

(1) Creation groans, moans, travails, or labor in birth pangs, like a woman in labor giving birth to a baby

(2) Travailing to birth a creation as in the Book of Genesis before sin came Into the world:

(a) when there was no weeds, thorns & thistles

(b) when there was no earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, droughts

B. It is not just nature that is travailing & groaning, but the **creation of mankind**

Is doing the same in regards to the redemption of our physical bodies:

1. Rom 8:23 Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan** within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

a. We have the first fruits of the Spirit of God living inside of us when Born Again

b. But, if Jesus tarries, our flesh will taste of death

(1) so a groaning is taking place within us causing us to be:

(a) “eagerly awaiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body”

(1) or when we receive our glorified bodies

(a) bodies that will never taste of weariness, sickness & death

C. Then the Holy Spirit compares this groaning & travailing to: **INTERCESSION**

1. Rom 8:26 Likewise / Likewise / Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. (some translations say: infirmities)

a. “**Infirmities**” is not speaking of sickness . but weakness

(1) that infirmity or weakness is not knowing how to pray / not knowing what the will of God is.....which hinders praying effectively

(a) Rom 8:26 “For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought,”

2. The scripture goes on to teach is that the Holy Spirit will help us in the prayer & enable us to pray according to the will of God:

a. Rom 8:26 but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

D. Note how this help in **prayer called intercession** / to intercede on behalf of Another) is described in:

1. Rom 8:26 the Spirit Himself makes **intercession** for us with **groanings** which cannot be uttered

a. described as “**GROANINGS**”

b. “groanings which cannot be uttered”

(1) this actually translates out to say: unable to speak in an articulate language

(2) in other words: no language / no words can come from our minds to express what is coming forth out of our spirit man as we are interceding

(2) instead groanings come forth

(a) **Amp Trans:** Rom 8:26 “but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.

2. Even **Jesus** experienced this deep level of intercession & travail:
- a. John 11:32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He **groaned in the spirit** and was troubled.

(1) "**He / Jesus groaned in the spirit**"

(a) When Jesus looked at Martha weeping & seen the sorrow that death has brought not just upon Martha...but all mankind

(1) there were no words that He could speak that could express the burden He sensed in His Spirit...so Jesus groaned in the spirit

3. That is the very same thing Rom 8:26 is speaking of

a. Entering a realm of prayer called **INTERCESSION**:

b. and from the depths of your spirit groanings begin to come forth / travailing in pray with groanings that directly correspond with the will of God

(1) even though our natural mind may not even know what the will of God is about a particular situation

(2) even though we may not be able to express the burden upon our heart with words in our natural language / English

III. We also find Intercession described as **travail**:

Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I **travail in birth** again until Christ be formed in you,

A. Travailing is linked with & compared to a woman giving birth:

1. Rev 12:2 And she being with child cried, **travailing in birth**, and pained to be delivered.

a. how many have been in a delivery room either giving birth as a mother / or watching your wife give birth

b. She was not in there singing a pretty song...rather TRAVAILING in birth

B. **Travailing is a form of intercession that gives birth to something**

1. Travailing reaches into the spirit realm

2. and grabs hold of the will of God & promise of God

3. and intercedes / travails until what God has promised is birthed out from the spirit realm and into this natural world & in the lives of people

- C. In this passage of scripture the **Apostle Paul was travailing** in intercession For his spiritual children / the Galatian Believers:
1. He is in deep intercession on their behalf that the Jesus who saved them Would be formed in them
    - a. that they would become spiritual / like Jesus...instead of carnal
  2. These Christians were getting caught up in:
    - a. legalism & a religious spirit
    - b. they were not bringing forth the Fruit of The Holy Spirit in their life & walk with God
      - (1) so Paul enters in intercession on their behalf
      - (2) he travails for them & did not give up until Christ was formed in them
- D. Better yet.....you can take this same spiritual principle of travailing & **apply It to your own life:**
1. As an Intercessor we are to travail until in prayer
    - a. with groanings
    - b. and praying in the Spirit
      - (1) until the will of God is birthed into a situation
      - (2) “travail again until Christ is formed” in the life of the one we are interceding for
- E. What does it mean to have “**Christ formed in you**”
1. **Def Formed:** to fashion, resemblance
    - a. or in other words: to have Christ the Anointed One & His anointing making us like Jesus, every area of our life & being resembling Jesus
      - (1) Doing what Jesus would do
      - (2) Saying what Jesus would say
      - (3) Thinking like Jesus would think
      - (4) Living like Jesus would live
      - (5) ministering like Jesus would minister
      - (6) loving like Jesus would love

- F. An area of your life where you are still walking in the flesh
- a. and carnality is still ruling over your spirit man
  - b. an area of your life where you are bound by a habit or some form of sin
  - c. you can go into Intercession / Travailing in prayer even for yourself until that thing is broken and Christ is formed in you
    - (1) then victory manifests
    - (2) and you will bare Fruit of the Spirit where you once lived in defeat

G. Paul was the Apostle & Pastor of this church in Galatia

1. and the **scripture is giving every leader a model to follow**

a. that can bring Christ like change in the lives of the people we pastor, lead & minister to:

- (1) Gal 4:19 My little children, for whom I labor / travail in birth again until Christ Is formed in you,

H. Also Travailing in Intercession is necessary to birth the primes of God:

1. **“for whom I labor in birth....”**

a. God plants the seed of His word / The seed of Promise in our heart:

- (1) thru reading the scriptures, hearing teaching & preaching & even with a prophetic word, as well as thru visions & dreams

(a) spiritually speaking we become pregnant with the promise of God

(b) just as in the natural a woman goes into labor when it is time to give birth

© Travailing in Intercession is needed just as much in order to give birth to your baby / birth the promise of God

(1) I am not talking about casual prayer & the “Lord bless them prayer”

(2) I am talking travailing in intercession until you give birth to what God Has promised you

II. **Intercession plays a vital role in the spiritual climate of nations:**

A. 1 Tim 2:1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, **intercessions**, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

1. This passage of scripture teaches us of the responsibility of every believer to

Be praying for those involved in the politics of leading a nation:

a. **Def Supplication:** requests & petitions

b. **Def Prayers:** giving of thanks

c. **Def Intercessions:** praying on the behalf of another / one who pleads

the case of another

- (1) It does not say to give supplications, prayers & intercession for the Individual you voted for....or to only intercede for certain politics Of your political party of preference
  - (a) It states: “**all who are in authority**”

B. **Results** of our Supplications, Prayers & Intercessions:

1. “**that we may lead a quiet & peaceable life....**”

a. Prayer changes things / Prayer changes people....even politicians

- (1) Prov 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will

(a) God can turn the heart of a king...or any politician

- (1) especially when our Intercessions come up before the Throne of God

III. **Intercession of the evangelizing of a nation:**

A. Ps 2:8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And

1. “**ASK**”: not implying basic, casual prayer

a. **Def Ask:** earnestly inquire

2. This word “**Ask**” is describing a prayer that is **filled with passion**

a. A passion that has gone beyond the emotions of our soul & comes from the depth of our spirit man & not our head

B. This type of earnest prayer is mentioned in the life of **Elijah**:

1. James 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed **earnestly** that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

1. **Def Earnestly:** to apply oneself

a. casual prayer does not stop & restart the rain

- (1) It requires going into a realm of intercession that becomes earnest prayer

**IV. God intends that every Born Again Spirit Filled Believer, goes beyond a Casual prayer life and into intercession:**

A. James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, **fervent prayer** of a righteous man avails much.

1. **Def Fervent Prayer:** powerful, effectual prayer

a. This powerful type of prayer does not come from man's intellect

b. Rather: it comes from an prayer life that has learned to enter into the dimensions intercession that taps into the anointing of the Holy Spirit

B. Note who can prayer on this level / in this depth of prayer:

1. **"A righteous man"**

a. 2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

(1) If you have been Born Again

(2) If your sins have been washed away by the Blood of Jesus

(3) You have become "The righteousness of God in Him / Jesus"

(a) That means if we are willing to develop our prayer life we can Enter into Intercession & pray "FERVENT PRAYERS that Are anointed with the power of God