

INTERCESSION FOR A NATION By Jarrod Davidoff November 22, 2020

We are facing one of the most challenging times in American history. It's a battle for truth, righteousness and faith to arise. The Lord wants the church to stand in the gap.

This is the account of Moses and God when Moses goes up Mount Sinai to receive the commandments. Now note they have just experienced the most miraculous national deliverance in history with the 10 plagues, the red sea opening and the Egyptian army drowning and they left Egypt with great wealth. Just think how grateful they must have been to God.

Exodus 32:7 The Lord told Moses, "Quick! Go down the mountain! Your people **(THIS IS COMICAL AS THE LORD DIDN'T WANT TO BE ASSOCIATE WITH THEM ANYMORE)** whom you brought from the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

This is also a warning to America where we mustn't think we are so smart and advanced and creative and we built America. It was the Lord's doing. He gives us the gifts and talents, the favor, the ability to build and create. Never forget that because Pride comes before a fall.

9 Then the Lord said, "I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are. **10** Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation." **JUDGEMENT WAS AT THE DOOR**

14 So the Lord changed his mind about the terrible disaster he had threatened to bring on his people.

2 Chronicles 7:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Ezekiel 22:30 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.

Intercession is God's way of resolving situations that cannot be resolved any other way

The intercessor is someone who comes between God and the object of God's judgement....those who God has the right to judge

Some of God's servants played the part of intercessors

Moses and Aaron

There was a rebellion against Moses and Aaron in Numbers Chapter 16 that you can read about. Remember when Aaron was a part of the first rebellion when Moses went up Mount Sinai to get the commandments and they built and worshiped the golden calf. Well Aaron repented of that.

This time a rebellious man by the name of Korah led a rebellion challenging Moses' authority.

Genesis 16:1 Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; **2** and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, **two hundred and fifty leaders** of the congregation, **representatives of the congregation, men of renown.** **3** They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?"

Are these guys so blind and arrogant to come against Moses. You witnessed the miracles of how God used Moses. You saw the big mistake your people do by building a golden calf and how furious Moses was and how He saved Israel from being consumed then you still have the audacity to cause a rebellion.

4 So when Moses heard it, he fell on his face **(HE MUST HAVE CRIED OUT TO GOD)**; 5 and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, “Tomorrow morning the Lord will show who is His and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to Him.

(IT’S GOING DOWN TOMORROW)

23 So the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **24** “Speak to the congregation, saying, ‘Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.’ ”

25 Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. **26** And he spoke to the congregation, saying, “Depart now from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins.” **27** So they got away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, with their wives, their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said: “By this you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these works, for I have not done them of my own will. **29** If these men die naturally like all men, or if they are visited by the common fate of all men, then the Lord has not sent me. **30** **But if the LORD creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected the LORD.**”

31 Now it came to pass, **as he finished speaking** all these words, that the ground split apart under them, **32** and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods. **33** So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly. **34** Then all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, “Lest the earth swallow us up also!”

35 And a fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense.

You would think this would have humbled them but no. Look at their response

Genesis 16:41 On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the LORD." **(FALSE ACCUSATION-THEY WERE REBELLIOUS)**. 1 Samuel 15-23 says that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft

42 Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. **43** Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting.

44 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **45** "Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment."

And they fell on their faces.

46 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the Lord. The plague has begun." **47** Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. **48** And he stood between the dead and the living; (THAT'S WHAT AN INTERCESSOR DOES) so the plague was stopped. **49** Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died in the Korah incident. **50** So Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, for the plague had stopped.

The lessons learnt here is to make sure that you side with true men of God and not false leaders who speak against the Lord's anointed.

I have known people that either came against me or spoke lies about me whose lives are futile and messed up. They are not in their purpose, have lost everything,

struggle, not in church, living in sin and in danger of losing their salvation as they are so backslidden.

The government of God is not like man's government. God calls, God appoints, God anoints.

The plague stopped when Moses and Aaron stood in the gap.

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places

ABRAHAM

Interceded on behalf of the city of Sodom. God came to visit him and warned him about the judgement that was to befall Sodom.

Genesis 18:17 and the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,

20 And the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, **21** I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. **(Abraham had an intimate relationship with the Lord. He was called the friend of God. He was also bold in speaking to the Lord).**

23 And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? **24** Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? **25** Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked,

so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

26 So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."

27 Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: **28** Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?"

So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it."

29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?"

So He said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty."

30 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?"

So He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?"

So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty."

32 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?"

And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." **33** So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

God responds to the prayers of His children and servants. Imagine being able to speak to God on that level as to influence God's decision.

God promised to show mercy if there were 50, down to 10.

There were about 10000 people in Sodom. Gives us a measure to God's mercy.

Just Lot and his family were saved, excluding his wife who turned back.

We are the salt of the earth. We should be representing the piece of land where we are, asking God for mercy and favor.

There is a tremendous influence righteous people can on the earth.

Our prayers can cause God to hold back God's righteous judgment on a whole community.

James 4:17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.