

The role of the intercessor is to petition God on the behalf of other people in prayer. The whole bible story, is a book of ongoing intercession on behalf of human failings and weaknesses by chosen people during troubling times. This principle is far more effective and numerous, than what we might originally think.

Moses interceding after smashing the 10 commandment tablets in disgust. EXO 32:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: **10** Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. **11** And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? **12** Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, **For mischief did he bring them out**, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. *People can be very frustrating, but we still support the ones that listen.*

Elijah intercedes for the poor woman. 1KIN 17:17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. **18** And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me **to call my sin to remembrance**, and to slay my son? **19** And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. **20** And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, **hast thou** also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? *(Despite his uncertainty, Elijah intercedes).* **21** And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. **22** And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. **23** And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. *In James 5 we are also reminded that Elijah had similar failings and doubts as we all do... but his intercession like ours, will save souls from death.*

Jesus intercedes for the father, interceding for his dead daughter. MAR 5:35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? **36** As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. **37** And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. **38** And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. **39** And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. **40** And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. **41** And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. **42** And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. *Mockers were removed.*

Jesus Christ intercedes for all of humanity. JOH 14:16 **And I will pray the Father**, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. *Jesus intercedes in prayer and sacrifice.*

The Holy Spirit interceding on our behalf. ROM 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The voice gifts are also a strong form of spiritual intercession for the church. 1COR 14:31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. **32** And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. *The gifts are also a form of intercession whereby we edify and build each other up.*

Preaching is the only intercession revealing effective salvation to mankind. ROM 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! *God relies on us all, to do our share of interceding. The combination of all forms of interceding mentioned above bring about a greater blessing for us all. There is no life without intercession, only death.*