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Lesson 3

Change God's Mind?

Who, Me?!!!

Yes, YOU!!

**Examining The Intercession Of
Moses That Saved A Nation.**



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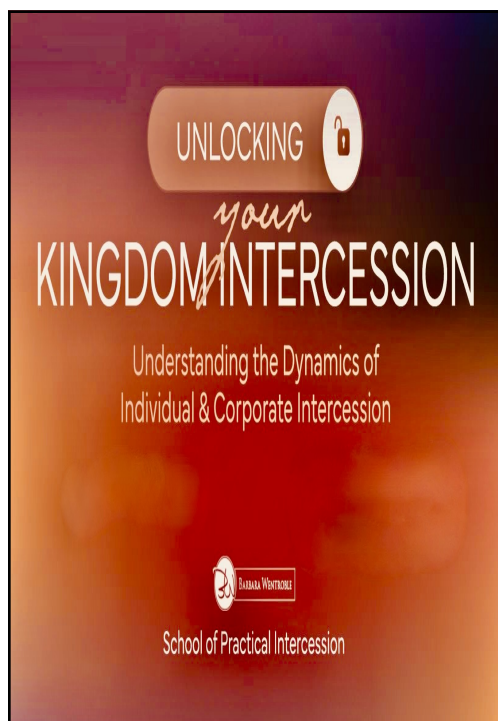
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PART ONE



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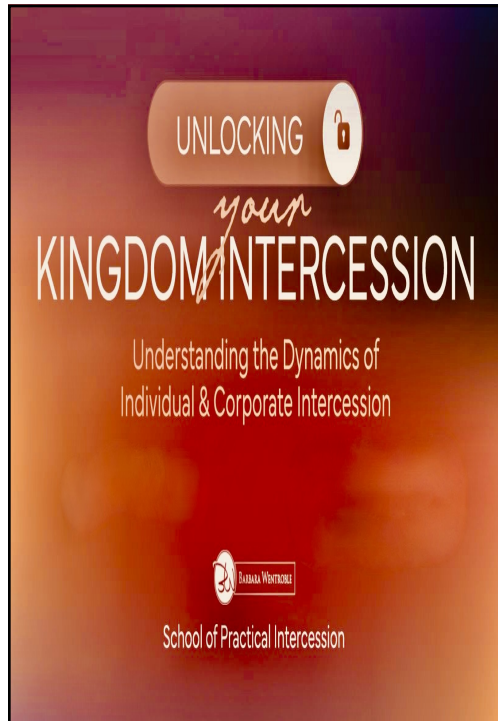
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As children of the King, He has given us access to His Throne of Grace. This is the place where we can present petitions, intercession, and supplications.

Looking around the earth we see the manifestation of Psalm 2:1 in every sphere of society:


**Why are the nations in an uproar
And the peoples devising a vain thing?**



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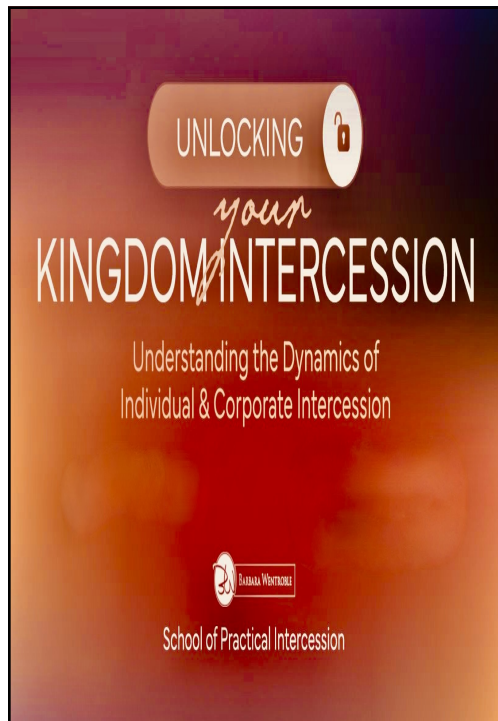

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While preparing the lesson, Father brought me to two scriptures for us to consider before we start the lesson.

Isaiah 66:8 (NLT):

Who has ever seen anything as strange as this? Who ever heard of such a thing? Has a nation ever been born in a single day? Has a country ever come forth in a mere moment? But by the time Jerusalem’s birth pains begin, her children will be born.


Key phrase:
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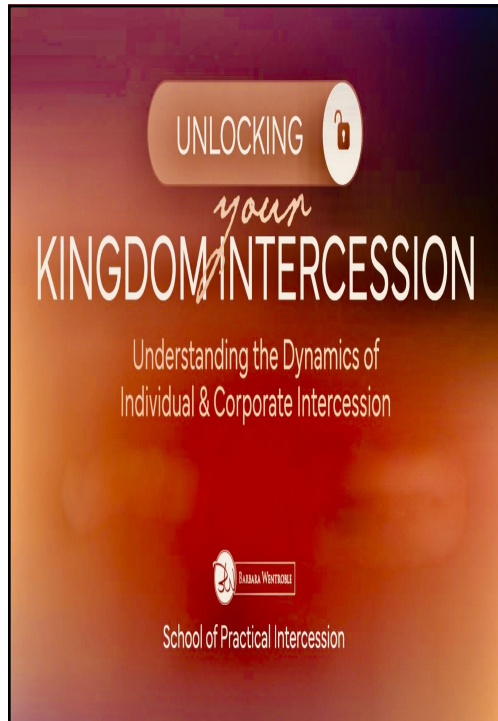
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Isaiah 64: 1-4 (NLT):


Oh, that You would burst from the heavens and come down! How the mountains would quake in your presence! As fire causes wood to burn and water to boil, Your coming would make the nations tremble. Then Your enemies would learn the reason for your fame! When you came down long ago, You did awesome deeds beyond our highest expectations. And oh, how the mountains quaked! For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like You, who works for those who wait for him!



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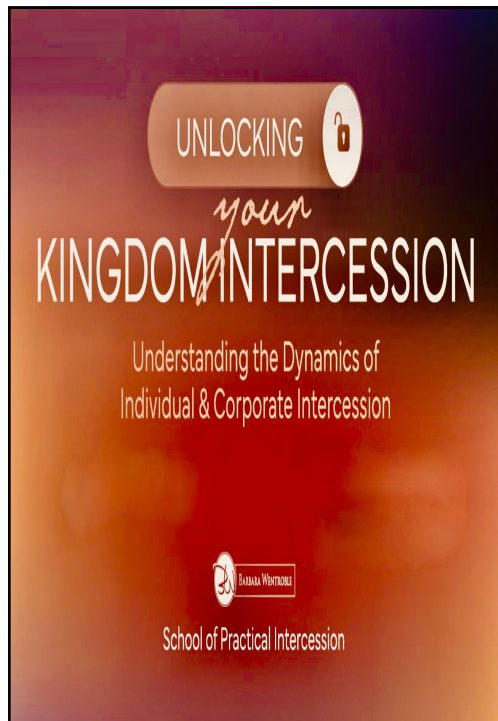
What can we take away from the verses:


The Lord is unveiling the power of His Might to His children.

Can a nation be changed by the God who tears open the Heavens and mountains shake at His presence? Since the beginning of the world, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like You, who works for those who wait for and partner with Him!

God is positioning us to engage with Him so the nations with vain imaginations toward Him “change in a day” because of the revelation of His glory.


Moses’ intercession in Exodus 32 provides us with keys of relating with our Father, partnering with Heaven, and seeing righteousness prevail.



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Exodus 32: 1-14

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods^[9] who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”² Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.”³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.”

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Exodus 32: 1-14

So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.⁷ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'⁹ "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

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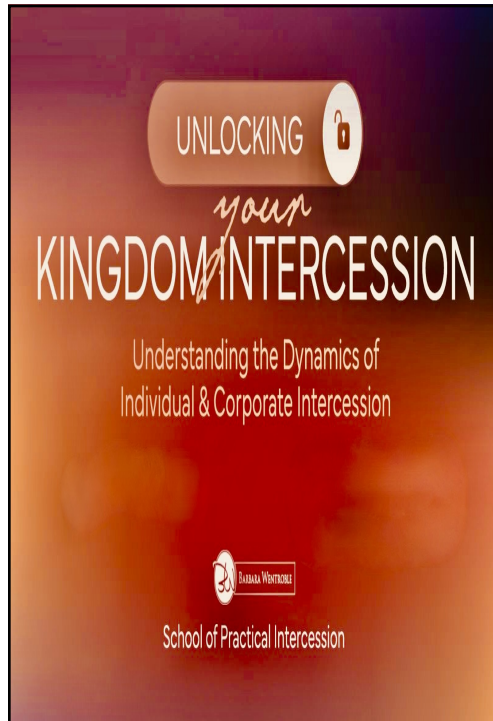
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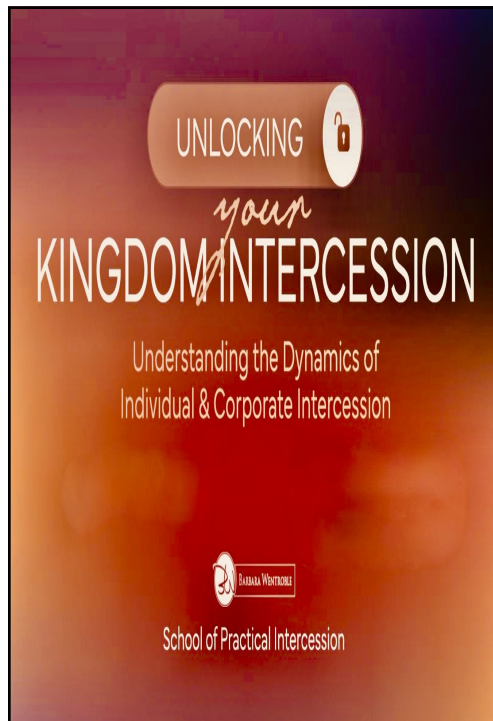
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Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"¹⁴ Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.



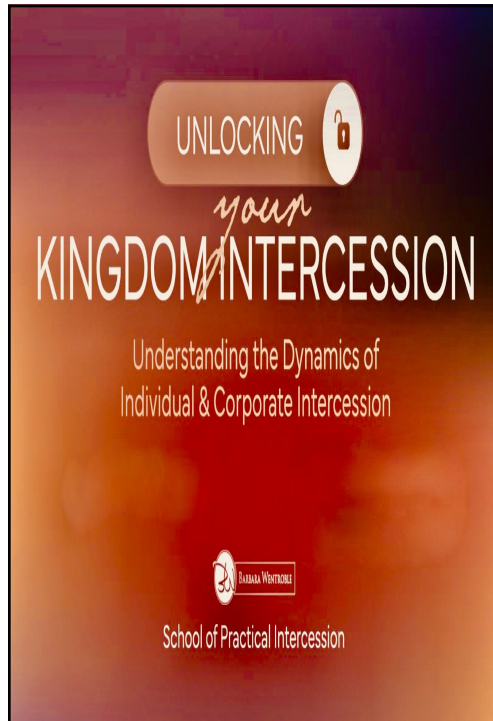
Becoming a Prayer Warrior by Elizabeth Alves

“The Power of Prayer Prayer can cause God to relent. Many times the fate of the world is not in the hands of governors or kings, but in the hands of mighty intercessors. You, too, can influence society as did Abraham and Daniel and others in the Old Testament (see Genesis 18: 17–30; Numbers 14: 11–23; 1 Samuel 7: 8–13; 2 Kings 20: 1–11; Daniel 9: 2–3). It is exciting to realize that your prayers not only affect those you are praying for but can also help to mold national or international events. As you read the following passage, notice how God changed His mind based on Moses’ prayer: Then Moses entreated the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, ‘With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your burning anger and change Your mind about doing harm to Your people.



Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” So the LORD changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people. Exodus 32: 11–14 Not only does the Lord change His mind when His people pray, but He also gives revelation knowledge and the mind of God through His Holy Spirit.

As you pray, He will pinpoint a problem area in someone’s life or in a situation, allowing you to see as He sees. Luke tells us that “all things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him” (10: 22, italics added). The role of intercession is a sacred trust. The intercessor must carefully guard the secrets God reveals during prayer and be obedient.

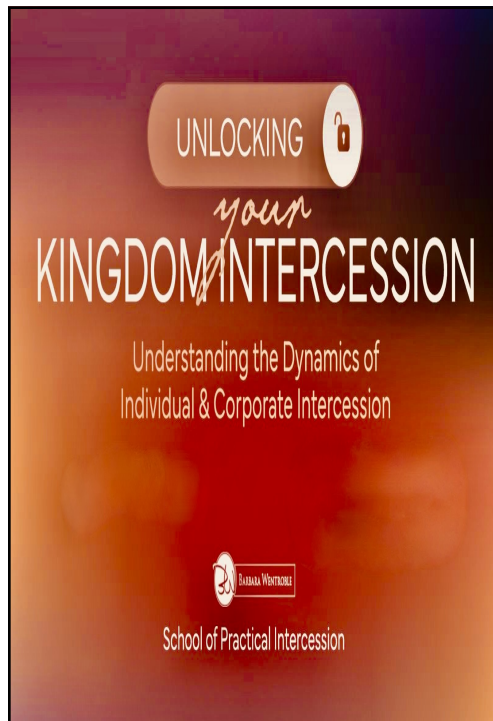


The Art of Intercession by Zacharias Tanee Fomum

**Section: Moses the Intercessor
Chapter: The Art of Intercession**


Immediately after Moses heard this, he must have quickly analysed things and drawn some conclusions, like the following:

1. God was serious.
2. The sin committed was of a very grave nature.
3. If God was allowed to act as promised, the following would happen: a. The people of Israel would all be destroyed; b. The honor of the Lord would be at stake before the Egyptians and all the surrounding nations, who would all say that God brought His people out of Egypt with an evil intent; c. The Lord's promises and oaths to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob about the people and the land would collapse, and God would be seen as a liar; and d. Moses would be the starting point of a new and great nation.



So Moses saw that the action would destroy or tamper with God's glory and would lead to the destruction of the people and he would gain. If Moses had been a self-centered man, he would have rejoiced. He would have said, "What a wonderful opportunity to be promoted by God! I will become the starting point of a new nation. The Lord has at last seen my faithfulness and is about to reward me. How wonderful! Lord, go on. Act quickly, O Lord, my God." Moses was not self-centered, so he did not act along the above lines.


If Moses had not identified himself entirely with the children of Israel, if he had been vengeful, he would have said, "These people have always rebelled against me. Recently they even wanted to stone me. They do not accept my leadership. They do not love me, and they do not want me. Let them have their due. Let them be destroyed, so that future generations will learn. Lord, act quickly. Lord, do it. Let justice be done." However, Moses was identified entirely with the children of Israel. He could not afford to have them destroyed.

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Moses was caught up with what would be said of God. If the Lord broke His oaths, it would be breaking Himself. Moses then interceded. Let us look at the way he went about it; for it is an art that all intercessors need to grow in. First of all, the Lord had rejected the people. He said to Moses, "For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt ..." The Lord was saying, "These people have said that the golden calf was their god. They said that this golden calf brought them out of Egypt, since Moses, the man who brought them out of Egypt, was nowhere to be found. Since I did not bring them out of Egypt, since I am not their God, since you who brought them out were lost and would soon be found by them, they are your people." Moses did not accept this, but he did not fight back. He just spoke to God, calling the people "thy people whom thou hast brought out of Egypt." So the people were shifted back to the Lord.


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Moses then added, “You brought them out with great power and with a mighty hand.” He was exalting the Lord in His power and might. He was also saying to God, “The act of bringing them out of Egypt cost You Your power and might. Surely You do not want to waste these. If You destroy them, Your great power and might that were used would have been wasted.” Moses boldly asked the Lord a question: “Lord, why does thy wrath burn hot against thy people?” He was not being disrespectful. He was being bold and courageous. He was also speaking out of great intimacy. He had just been in His presence for forty days. Intercessors must be intimate with God. This will enable them to speak to God as others are not able to. It will enable them to ask God questions that others cannot ask, and even command God as others who are not intimate with Him cannot do.


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All they will say is that You are a bad God. They will say You are like their wicked gods. They will say that You brought them out with an evil intent to slay them in the mountain and to consume them from the face of the earth. God, that is not the picture of Yourself that You want to present, is it? Certainly not. Because that is not the picture You want to paint of Yourself, and because that is the picture that they will see of You, turn from Your fierce wrath and turn from this evil against Your people.” It was a call on God to change His mind. It was a call on God to “repent.” It was a command to God to “repent of this evil.” This was courageous. It was boldness. But for the intimacy between God and Moses, one would easily have called it foolish boldness, but as it was, the two were very intimate, and between very intimate parties there is nothing like rudeness. There is communion.

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Moses did not stop there. He pressed on. In order to press on, he knew the promises that God had made to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Israel. (Intercessors must know God’s Word and God’s promises. These are mighty weapons to use.) Moses then called the Lord to remember. It is as if he was saying to the Lord, “Lord, remember that Abraham was Your friend. Remember that You made a promise to him about his posterity living and occupying the land of Canaan forever. Remember that You sealed the promise with an oath. Remember that You made the same promise to his son Isaac and You repeated it to his grandson Israel. If You destroy these people, that promise will no longer be fulfilled.

The God of heaven would have made Himself a liar. He would have lied to three people on separate occasions. His oath would have become useless.” He might have said, “Lord, if You carry out this action and break Your oath, the principles on which the moral world holds together, i.e., Your Word, will collapse. Lord, remember and do not do it. As for me, I am not interested in being the starting point of a great nation. I have found my greatness in You. I have found my greatness in being Your servant.”

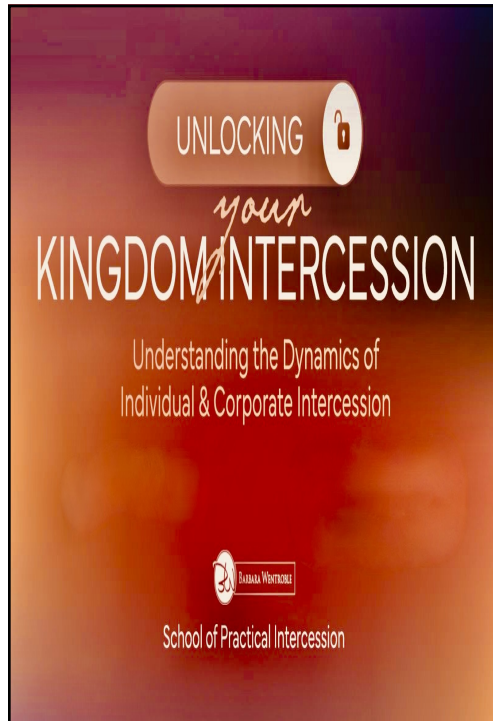
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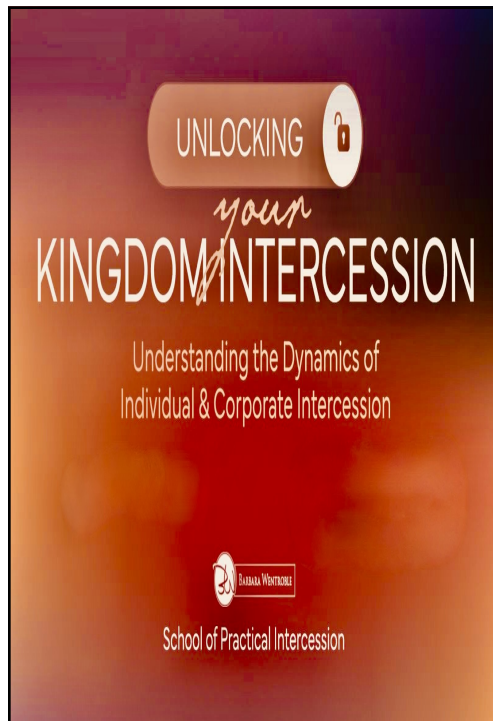

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The Bible says: “And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought he would do to his people.” They were spared death. They were spared destruction. The honor of God as God who did not intend harm for the people that He brought out of Egypt, was assured. The promises that He made to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob were safe and would be fulfilled. Moses was successful. He had won a battle so that the glory of the Lord be established. He had won a battle so that the people of Israel should not be destroyed. The primary purpose of the ministry of intercession is that God’s glory should be maintained. It is a ministry that is primarily unto God.



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The primary purpose of the ministry of intercession is that God's glory should be maintained. It is a ministry that is primarily unto God. It is a ministry that aims at granting Him honor and praise. The intercessor seeks the glory of God. He intercedes so that God may be glorified. All other benefits of intercession, like the salvation of sinners and the provision of human needs, are secondary. May God open our eyes to see this. Amen.



Conclusion

God has given us the honor to come before Him Father and deliberate the fate of the nations together.

As we grow in our intercession with the Father, He is giving us the keys of wisdom, understanding and knowledge to comprehend our partnership with Heaven.

I believe understanding the innumerable dimensions of the interaction will enlarge our understanding of relating a deliberating with our Father over the concerns of His heart.