

## **FAITH IN INTERCESSION**

**"BLESSED IS SHE WHO  
BELIEVED THAT THE PROMISE  
MADE HER  
BY THE LORD  
WOULD BE FULFILLED.  
(Lk 1: 45)**

"She who BELIEVED" ...Mary, the Mother of Jesus...a special FAITH that in God's awesome ways enabled the incarnation of His Divine Son to actually happen in history.

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Jesus said to the Canaanite woman. "Woman, you have great FAITH. Let your desire be granted." (Matt 15: 28)

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We can think about it in so many ways. The gift of faith can mean a special grace from God that enables someone to personally accept Jesus as Savior, the One Who forgives "my" sins. In intercession, we find a faith that is different than this initial belief in Jesus. Somehow it is like the "grace (Love) that follows upon grace (Love)" of which St. John speaks (Jn1: 16) ... a faith that follows upon faith!

In fact, true intercession is like a special mission of

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...a share in the mission of the Lord Jesus Himself.

"The Son of God. Jesus Christ...was never Yes — and — No : His nature is all Yes. For in Him is found the Yes to all God's promises and therefore it is through Him' that we answer Amen' to the praise of God." (2 Cor 1: 19-20)

Through faith the intercessor seeks, expects, and accepts the promises of God on behalf of His People NOW, and thus spiritually enables others to receive those promises God gives in rhema (NOW) revelation.

Through such faith, intercessors persevere praying the heavenly promises into existence on earth, because they KNOW that God IS ABLE and WILL DO ALL He has said. They are like Moses, who "held to his purpose like a man who could see the invisible." (Heb 11: 27)

"Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen." (Heb 11: 1)

In Hebrews 11, Holy Spirit speaks of all the Holy Ones of God in history as

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"... men who through faith conquered kingdoms, did what was upright, and earned the promises." (Heb 11: 32)

What a beautiful description of a true intercessor — from the perspective of faith ! Holy Spirit continues, "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus,

Who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which lay ahead of Him, He endured the cross, disregarding the shame of it, and has taken His seat at the right of God's throne." (Heb 12: 2)

... where "He stands and pleads for us." (Rom 8: 34)

In these Scriptures we catch a glimpse of two kinds of faith essential to intercession.

One kind of faith flows from a special experience —knowledge of God as the Great "I AM" of Moses...the God of infinite possibility, whose Heart is fixed on Mercy and Who is able to do all that He has said. This kind of faith for intercession actually grows and is strengthened even as our knowledge and experience of God increases "from glory to glory ". (2 Cor 3: 18)

Another kind of faith is the charismatic gift of faith. (1 Cor 12:9) This faith is the deep personal assurance that God WILL act in a specific situation.

"Blessed is she because she has believed..."

"For the sake of the joy which lay ahead of Him..."

This is "mustard seed faith" (Lk 17:6): the "faith without doubt" that Jesus speaks of (Matt 21: 21 -22)

This kind of faith enables us to receive specific promises of God. And it is a kind of faith that can be given to others so they can receive what God has promised.

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is the solid foundation of all creative and prophetic intercession in the Holy Spirit.

Like Abraham, intercessors "look forward to the well - founded city, designed and built by God" (Heb 11: 10), with "confidence that God has power even to raise the dead." (Heb 11: 19) They catch the vision of what God desires to do, which He promised to show ahead of time to His Servants, the Prophets. (Amos 3: 7) Then, faithfully, they persevere in prayer (Lk 11) ..... even watching through the night (Is 62: 6 - 7), to call forth like Daniel did all that God desires to do.

For truly, "He the Lord frustrates the designs of the nations. He defeats the plans of the nations, but His own designs will last forever, the plans of His Heart from age to age." (Ps 33: 10 - 11)

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WE CAN ASK FOR OR IMAGINE;  
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IN THE CHURCH AND  
IN CHRIST JESUS  
FOREVER AND EVER.  
AMEN." (Eph 3:21-22)**