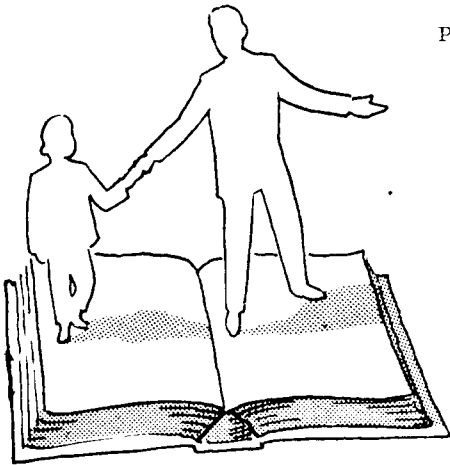


I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions  
for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together.  
Declare thou (set forth thy cause),  
That thou mayest be justified.

-Isaiah 43:25-26



## PLEAD YOUR CASE

- by Kenneth Hagin

Someone said, "It is more important that men learn to pray than to gain a college education." Notice he did not say that a college education is not important. He said learning to pray is more important. People go to great effort and expense to gain a college education. We may have to go to some effort, but it won't be very expensive to learn to pray.

I feel so sorry for folks who don't know how to pray when the crises of life come. They know how to say words, but just spouting words off into the atmosphere isn't praying--there is a vast difference.

In the 18th chapter of Genesis, we find Abraham praying:

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: And that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

-Genesis 18:23-25

Prayer is joining forces with God the Father. It is fellowshipping with Him. It is carrying out His will upon the earth.

John Wesley, founder of Methodism said, "It seems that God is limited by our prayer life. He can do nothing for Humanity unless someone asks Him to do it."

You might ask, "Why is this?" You see, God made the world and the fullness thereof. Then He made man and gave man dominion over all the work of His hands. Adam was the god of this world. Adam, however, committed high treason and sold out to Satan and Satan became the god of this world. He is called that in the New Testament (II Cor. 4:4). God doesn't just move in on top of Satan. If He did, then Satan could accuse Him of doing the same thing he did. But--God has devised a plan of salvation and sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ whom Satan could not touch and did not touch. Through Jesus, God redeemed mankind! Now authority has been restored to us through Jesus Christ and when we ask God--then He can move! That is why it seems He can do nothing unless someone asks Him to do it.

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Here in Genesis, God refused to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah until He had talked it over with Abraham, His blood covenant friend. Abraham's prayer here is one of the most suggestive and illuminating prayers of the Old Testament. Abraham was taking his place in the covenant that God had made with him... the Old Testament...the old covenant.

Abraham had, through the covenant, received rights and privileges which we very little understand. The covenant Abraham had just solemnized with the Lord, Jehovah, gave him a legal standing with God. Therefore, we hear him speaking so plainly as he intercedes for Sodom and Gomorrah, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

All through the Old Testament we find men who understood and took their place in the covenant. Joshua could open the Jordan. He could command the sun and moon and stars to stand still in the heavens. Elijah could bring fire out of heaven to consume the altar as well as the sacrifice. David's mighty men were utterly shielded from death in time of war as long as they remembered the covenant. When you read of them in the Old Testament you will think you're reading of "Supermen". Practically all the prayers of the Old Testament are prayers of covenant men. The had to be answered. God had to give heed to their petitions.

Let's talk about praying under the new covenant for a moment. The believer today has covenant rights just as much as they had covenant rights. In fact, the Bible says we have a better covenant established upon better promises (Hebrews 8:6). We ought to be able to do all they did and more in a greater way because we have a new covenant, a better covenant, established upon greater promises.

Here is a challenge from a covenant-keeping God to Israel.

And, it is also a challenge to the church.

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. -Isaiah 43:25-26

First, God says, "I, even I, am He who blotteth out your transgressions and I will not remember your sins." (Thank God for that!) God doesn't remember that you have ever done anything wrong, so why should you remember it? If you can come to the Lord without a sense of sin-consciousness, you can come with faith and boldness and get your prayer heard and answered. Do you see what confidence that gives you? As long as you come under condemnation and with a sense of spiritual inferiority, you are going to come tongue-tied and fear-filled and you won't get anywhere. God said, "I will not remember thy sins." He has no knowledge that you have ever done anything wrong. That is, providing you have been born again and have become a child of God. And providing that since being a child of God when you have failed you have confessed it. We are told in the New Testament, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Many people say when praying to receive the Holy Ghost or to receive healing, "I don't know if the Lord will hear me. I've missed it and failed. I'm such a failure." Well, He doesn't know you are a failure, so don't tell Him. He plainly said here, "I will not remember your sins." He doesn't remember that you have done anything wrong so why should you remind Him of it? It is not good taste to remind Him. To remind Him that you have done wrong is to accuse Him of being a liar. He does not remember--so don't you remember. Then with what

confidence you can come before the throne of grace.

Secondly, He said, "Put me in remembrance." What does He mean by that? In other words we are to remind Him of His promises in regard to prayer. When you pray, stand before the throne of God, remind Him of His promises, lay your case legally before Him, and plead it as a lawyer. A lawyer is continually bringing up law and precedent. You bring His Word. Bring His covenant promises. He said here, "Put me in remembrance, let us plead together, declare thou (or as the margin of the King James translation says, 'Set forth thy cause') that thou mayest be justified." God is asking you to bring His Word, to put Him in remembrance. He is asking you to plead your covenant rights. Here is a challenge from God to lay the case before Him. If your children are unsaved, whatever it is you are praying about, find the scripture that covers your case and then lay the matter before Him.

#### STAND ON HIS WORD

11 ...Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. - Isaiah 45:11

This scripture is prophetic and quite startling. It does not apply to Israel, it is yours. Israel were servants of God. We are sons (I John 3:2). This verse in Isaiah has reference to us and it is in perfect harmony with the following scripture from the New Testament.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7

The Greek word translated "ask" here means "demand".

"Demand whatsoever ye will and it shall be done unto you," He said.

You do not command in tones of arrogance, but as a partner, a worker-together with Him, you lay the case before Him. You call His attention to His part in the drama of life.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:  
 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. -Isaiah 55:9-11

The eleventh verse is a scripture you should continually use in prayer. It is the very backbone of the prayer life. No word that has gone forth from God can return unto Him void.

God said, "...I will hasten my word to perform it" (Jer. 1:12). The marginal reading of the King James translation reads, "I will watch over my word to perform it."

He will make His Word good if you dare stand by it! The greatest answers to prayer that I have ever received were when I brought God's Word to Him and reminded Him of His Word, I reminded Him of what He said. Praise God and thank God He keeps His Word.

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## HOW TO PRAY

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. -John 15:16

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. -John 16:23-24

Prayer is addressed to the Father in Jesus name. This is divine order. And this statement, "...whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." has enwrapped within it the ability to bring God into our circumstances, into our finances, into our businesses, into our families, into our homes, into our nation or whatever it is that we are praying about.

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23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. -Mark 9:23

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