

sacrifices (see Judges 6:25-26, Job 1:5). It is time to rebuild the family altars of worship so that the next generation grows up in the presence and fear of the Lord.

3) Worship in Cooperation

This kind of 24/7 Worship is not just done by an individual but is done in cooperation with others in the Body of Christ. In some places they have a specific place where people come to worship during their one or two hour time slot. This can be difficult with transport. However, If each family in a given fellowship or community takes a one or two hour period when they worship in their home, they can easily cover the 24 hour period with worship. Because those who are participating in 24/7 worship live in different parts of the community, they will begin to raise up a canopy (or covering) of worship over the community where the Presence of the Lord will begin to be felt.

As this kind of worship takes place, God's presence will come down to where we are and as He steps into our communities, He begins to touch families, heal wounds, expose sin, bring conviction by His Spirit and floods the community with the fear of the Lord.

The relationship between worship and Intercession

Worship, Intercession and warfare go together hand in hand. They overlap and can not be separated. While in worship, the Holy Spirit gives direction in how and what to pray or maybe a scripture to declare. Our prayer should be an act of worship and our worship often is the deepest prayer of our heart.

INTERCESSION

*"I looked for a man among them who would **build up the wall and stand before me in the gap** on behalf of the land so that I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. Ezekiel 22:30*

Never before in the history of the world has there been such an urgent need for the intervention of the Most High in the affairs of men. And never before has it been so urgent to call upon Him inviting Him to intervene in our affairs. God allows what we allow. He has given authority on the earth to man (Genesis 2:28, Psalm 115:16) and waits for

men to exercise their authority through prayer before He will step into our realm and work out His will for our family, our community and our nation.

Intercession is the privilege of the believer to stand on behalf of another person, their family, their community, or their nation, to see God intervene on their behalf.

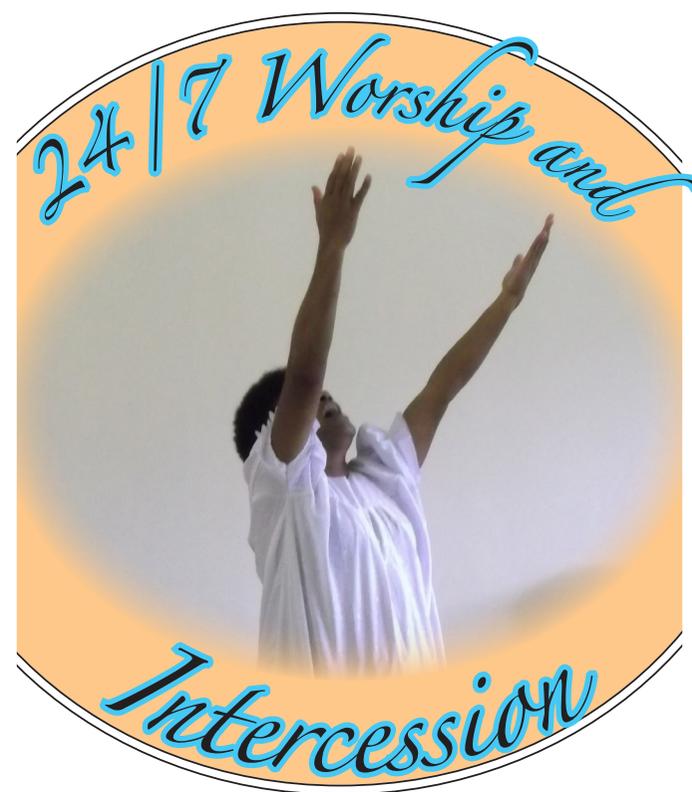
Intercede comes from the two Latin words 'Inter' (between) and 'cedere' (to go). Therefore, an Intercessor goes between ... stand in the gap ... goes to God on behalf of another. (Ezekiel 22:30. Example - Abraham in Genesis 17:18; Moses in Exodus 17 for Joshua; Samuel in 1 Samuel 7:9; Elijah in 1 Kings 18:36-43.) All prayer is not intercession, but all intercession is prayer. Isaiah 53:12 says that Jesus was numbered with the transgressors (law breakers) yet He bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressors. Hebrews 7:25 tells that Jesus our Great High Priest is able to save us to the uttermost because He ever lives to make intercession for us. Intercession is love on it's knees.

An Intercessor has Three Main Functions.

1. Standing in the Gap - To stand between God who's wrath is about to be poured out on rebellious people. (Numbers 14:11-13, Numbers 16:3-5, Psalm 106:23)
2. The Priestly role of carrying burdens for others and lifting their needs before the Father. (Ephesians 1:16-23, Colossians 1:10,11)
3. Detecting and putting a stop to the enemy's strategy or attack on others. (2Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 6:12).

Prayer is the means by which the authority of the Kingdom of God is exercised on the earth. In Leviticus 6 we see that the fire on the altar must be kept burning day and night. In Isaiah 62:6 we are told that God has posted watchmen on the walls and they will never be silent day or night until He accomplishes His purposes. In our generation, we are being called to united prayer which continuously goes up before the throne of God night and day. We invite you to join in the river of prayer that will power the last great harvest on the earth before the Lord returns. Participate in a 24/7 prayer watch in your community or start one yourself.

²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:23, 24



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⁶ I have posted watchmen on your walls O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest ⁷ and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. Isaiah 62:6, 7

24/7 WORSHIP AND INTERCESSION

WHY WORSHIP?

Although there never needs to be a reason to worship, because it is a natural response to how awesome, Holy, gracious, loving and wonderful our God is, there are some important aspects that result from worshipping in spirit and in truth.

One clear purpose for worship is, that it was what we were created to do; and it produces the environment that we were created to dwell in. Adam was created in God's presence; that is to say that God was present when Adam was created, so naturally Adam thrived in His presence and began to die and decay when away from His presence. We were created to dwell in the Presence of the Most High God and the environment in which we best operate (body, soul and spirit), is in His presence. Our minds operate at maximum efficiency in His presence. We find wisdom, knowledge, understanding, council, power and the fear of the Lord in His presence. Our body operates at its maximum peak in His presence and tiredness, weakness and sickness are diminished in His presence. Our spirit soars in His presence and we find total peace, joy and love in His presence.

There are some things which attract the Presence of the LORD, like humility, holiness, prayer and worship. It is when we walk in humility, holiness, prayer and we begin to worship with all that is within us, that His presence begins to manifest and He begins to come down. Worship becomes the platform for His presence. Worship creates an environment that most closely resembles the glorious intimacy, sinless perfection and unbroken fellowship that occurred in the Garden of Eden back in Genesis.

The more we worship, the more we focus on the King of the Universe and begin to view situations through His eyes. No longer are our problems at home, at work, in our community or nation, the focus of our attention. He becomes magnified or bigger and bigger in our eyes and everything else becomes smaller. We no longer are plagued by hope-

lessness, despair or the desire to just give up. We see Him as the Creator who holds the whole universe in His hands and that there is truly nothing too hard for Him.

Worship is also a pure form of Spiritual Warfare. Because worship brings down the Presence of the Lord of Heaven's Armies, every evil presence, every agent of the enemy and even the powers of darkness will naturally be driven back. Just as King Jehoshaphat sent out the worshipers at the front of the army when they went into the battle and the Lord sent an ambush against their enemies (2Chronicles 20:22), when we focus on Him in worship, He does battle on our behalf.

WHY 24/7 WORSHIP AND INTERCESSION?

We read in Revelation 4:8 that "*Day and night, they never ceased to say "Holy Holy Holy, is the LORD God Almighty who was and is and is to come,"*" Around the throne there is a continuous stream of worship that is being lifted up to the Lamb Who Sits on the Throne. He is the Alpha and the Omega and is the focus of all worship and every being ever created, was created to worship Him. Continuous worship is the primary activity that takes place around the throne.

1) Worship, a Mind Set and a Life Style

Although we could never technically participate in this kind of worship because of our need for food, sleep, exercise etc, we must make worship a lifestyle and it must be our heart attitude. We take worship wherever we go and our mind is conditioned to worship at work, at school, at the market in the store or while driving. Worship is not just words or music, but it comes deep from our spirit. Words and music are just an expression of what is in our hearts.

2) Worship in the Home

Worship is not just to be done among the congregation on Saturday or Sunday. Each home must be a house of worship. The worship that takes place when we gather with other believers must be an extension of what is already taking place in the home. There is evidence in the Old Testament that families had altars where they worshiped, called upon the name of the Lord and made

A Sample Form For Setting Up 24/7 Worship

Time	Family/Individual	Location
12:00 - 1:00am		
1:00 - 2:00am		
2:00 - 3:00am		
3:00 - 4:00am		
4:00 - 5:00am		
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