

Moving Heaven for Earth

Genesis 18:16-33

“Intercessory prayer is prayer for others. An intercessor is one who takes the place of another or pleads another's case. . . In intercessory prayer, we follow the Old Testament priestly function and the New Testament pattern of Jesus – standing before God and between a righteous God and sinful man.”

❖ Prayer is a relationship with a friend (16-21)

- God reveals his plans to Abraham (16-17)
- Abraham is to bring blessing to the world (18)
- Abraham is to teach about justice (19)
- God will dispense justice to Sodom (20-21)

❖ God responds to his friends' intercession (22-33)

▪ Abraham's prayer is:

- Modest
- Humble
- Persistent
- Persuasive

❖ What should we do?

- We should understand God's plan and our role in helping to carry it out
- We should live righteously in order to enjoy God's benefits
- We should teach righteousness and justice to the next generation
- We should intercede for those who need mercy

*Knowing God's plan for the world,
we must intercede for those who need mercy*