

# The Liberating Secret Newsletter

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## Ministry News

**Brian Coatney and I** just finished a TV/Radio series on the great book of Galatians. B. and I love teaching together, and can you believe we did a 20 program series? Here it is if you want to see our latest.

[http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/video/TV\\_OD.htm#Gal%20BS](http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/video/TV_OD.htm#Gal%20BS)

Check out the new series on Spirit Radio by our new friend, **Dr. Chuck Thurston**. The name of this very scholarly and compelling series is named—"STARY, STARY NIGHT." You just have to see it to believe it. Have any of you read, "The Witness of the Stars," by E.W Bullinger? Well, this is even better.

[http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/video/Thurston/bible\\_study\\_thurston\\_stary\\_night\\_%20pt1a.htm](http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/video/Thurston/bible_study_thurston_stary_night_%20pt1a.htm)

**Did you miss the Steve Pettit conference? Well, see it now on:**

[http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/video/TV\\_OD.htm#pettit0807](http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/video/TV_OD.htm#pettit0807)

Steve Pettit was unforgettably fantastic in his Spirit-filled teaching. We videoed it so that you might be blessed as much as we were. Here are some of his powerful statements: "**Christians don't have a self problem, they have a source problem!**" Think about it, we already have a new self (Rom. 6:6), yet because we don't draw from the "well that never runs dry," (Christ as us), we constantly try to draw from a wrong fleshly source which is satanic. Another quote was: "**It is easier to satisfy the demands of the law than satisfy the demands of sacrificial love.**" So true. Maybe that is why so many would rather stay under the safety net of the law, than give all to Christ and be "a living sacrifice." Another one I liked is the definition of LIBERATION: "**Liberty is freedom, without hindrance, to act according to ones true nature.**" Go, Steve go—he said, "**Christians have more fear, than faith; more hype, than hope; and more law, than love.**" What about this one?: "**Self determination never leads to freedom, instead we become self-absorbed. Self-absorbed, Self determining people are not free.**" And, "**Legalism is doubt suppressed—we really don't think God can do it.**" And, "**The value of the container is determined by its content.**" And, "**We are all so afraid of freedom—freedom is not trusting in what works, but in Him,**" who is Freedom incarnate. "These are just a few nuggets that we gleaned from his time with us. I hope that you will mine for yourself, what to us was, pure gold, as you watch it on Spirit Radio.

**Comments on Steve's conference:**

Hi Sylvia

I want to thank you and Scott again for opening your home to the teaching of Steve Petit. I have been reviewing all that Steve presented via the web and I am learning again just what a wonderful time I had. Steve really should publish a book. Please keep me up to date on when Steve will be returning I will have my travel bag ready.

Thank you so much for loving the body Christ as you and Scott do.

Paul R Chapman

**Pawley's Island Women's Retreat**—Jenny Fienning is so gracious to conduct a special time for women to come apart from their busy lives and be refreshed in the Spirit of who you really are in Christ. Be with us on the east coast at Pawley's Is., SC (30 miles south of Myrtle Beach, SC) in late October and discover or re-discover your fullness in Christ. Jenny, Fran Giles, Margaret Lester, and I are waiting with open arms and full hearts to receive you. Check with Jenny for more info. - [jennyfianning@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyfianning@hotmail.com) .

**Did you hear about Ed Fienning's Harley Ride? You can see it here:**

[http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/video/Fienning/bible\\_study\\_fienningmotorcycle\\_%20pt1a.htm](http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/video/Fienning/bible_study_fienningmotorcycle_%20pt1a.htm)

Our special friend, and Dad in the Spirit, Ed Fienning at 91 years old goes for his, "Never Too Late," Harley Davidson 60 mile ride. Kathy Chefas, his daughter entered him in a "It's Never Too Late" offer in Guide Post. They took her up on it, and this video is the result of Dad Fienning's Harley adventure.

**Are you Searching for a Church in Louisville, Ky. that teaches the Identity/Grace message?** Look no more; **Wayne Eads, Pastor** of Seaton Park Baptist Church fits the bill. The church's address is 9815 Seatonville Rd right off Bardstown Rd. in Fern Creek. Fern Creek is ironically the same place that I began teaching grace to our neighborhood children some 40 years ago. If you would like to hear Wayne teach check out his message on Spirit Radio:

[http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/audio/seaton\\_park/seaton\\_park.htm#sp](http://spiritradio.net/biblestudies/audio/seaton_park/seaton_park.htm#sp)

Our friend and brother, **Ron Block**, the banjo/guitar player with the Alison Krauss and Union Station band, just released a new spiritual album, and plans to take his music to church. How about asking your church to have Ron come and bless the fellowship with his songs from his inspiring new album, along with his message of Liberation? Check out his web site: [www.ronblock.com](http://www.ronblock.com)

Also, check out this article in "[The Tennessean.com](http://www.tennessean.com)" about **Ron** newest venture of "going to the churches with his music."

<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070824/ENTERTAINMENT01/708240339/1055>

When you log on to the [Liberating Secret web-site](#), you will hear a song from Ron's new album. He gave it to us to use long before his album was released. What a friend!

I hope that many of you might have caught the interview that Ron did on the [700 Club](#). It was powerful and totally to the "identity point." It played on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Also, check out another great interview on [Christianity Today](#):  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/music/interviews/2007/ronblock-0807.html>

Hey everybody, Ron is willing to do a [Christian Bluegrass concert in Louisville](#), how would you like to come? Julie Lee, and Sierra Hull can come too. We could have it in our front yard, or rent a hall or church. Any Ideas?

Kathy Flannery is **inspired to do jail ministry** by listening to Dave Moss's talk at the 2006 May conference. She said:

Dear Sylvia

I also wanted to tell you and Brian that I have your series about What is Man on my ipod and play it all the time when I am in the car. It has been so uplifting and such a good reminder of what is important as I go through my day. I really have enjoyed passing these concepts on to the prisoners in jail. Sylvia, I also want you to know your son's testimony last year really inspired me to move forward with offering myself to God for going into the local county jail. I really had been a bit fearful, but when I heard him talk, I knew if God wanted me to go, He would do it, and He did. I go for 2 hours every Wednesday and Thursday and they are my favorite days of the week.

Well, I must go now and will look forward to ordering the DVD's from the conference!

Love, Your sister in Christ,  
Kathy Flannery

If you don't remember it, here it is:  
<http://209.101.56.82/video/Conf06/Dave%2020th.wmv>

## *Web-News*

There are lots of changes on Spirit Radio we have rearranged our TV and radio section—"Sermons of Demand," (currently re-named Bible Studies) for easier access. The new icons to the left signify what type of file you might need. Mac as well as iPod can now view our video programs. If you have a cell phone, iPhone or PDA that can surf the net, you can now view the websites on: [www.spiritradio.net](http://www.spiritradio.net), and [www.theliberatingsecret.org](http://www.theliberatingsecret.org). We are also posting our video's on Google video, and on YouTube. For <http://video.google.com> Search for: The Liberating Secret, and for [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com) search for: Sylvia Pearce. And we are soon to be on My Space.

## *To all you Kierkegaard buffs:*

Check out this excellent article by Nick Cabbiness:

<http://theliberatingsecret.org/Authors/Kierkegaard/Nicks%20Kierkegaard.pdf>

### *Quotes*

**“**When we began to see “God Only” in all our life’s circumstances, good as well as evil, it unifies our divided consciousness and brings great peace in us. Our one thought now when all hell breaks out, which it often does, is to say, “Well God, what are you up to?” Seeing God on the front end of all our troubles is freeing; it ends up being an adventure that transforms the adversity into great joy. That does not mean that our soul doesn’t agonize, for it does, but through our soulish pain, we I see a God who can do nothing but **good** to every aspect in our life, in our family’s lives, and in our ministries. Now, most often, His good comes in devilish, distorted clothing, and if we stumble at the outer appearances, we will miss His blessings, or maybe just prolong things anyway. Seeing “God Only” keeps us inwardly steady no matter what is happening outwardly.” By: Sylvia Pearce

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### *Question:*

Dear Sylvia,

Sorry to over load you with questions. How do you handle it when you want to talk about Jesus and the truth with someone you love, but it actually seems like it’s driving them away? Seems like you wrote something like this Concerning your daughter. Do I restrain my desires, or what.

Denny

### *Answer:*

Dear Denny,

You are not interpreting your desires clearly. Your real desire is for your wife to know Jesus and find release in Him. The real question is how can she know Jesus...Is it through your communication with her, or is it by faith alone? The desire is not wrong, but how to bring it into being, and when does it come into being? We all try to bring things into being by force instead of, by faith. You know what force means, now do you know how to do nothing except stand by faith alone?

I think that the Lord is teaching you how to not touch it. We really have a hand’s off gospel, not a hand’s on gospel. I think that you are tempted to try to make it happen yourself, and you do not know how to interpret your desires because you don’t know your soul from your Spirit.

Your Spirit says it is already done, because your Spirit agrees with God who does not live in time, does not judge by appearances, and sees it already accomplished in eternity. While your soul says... I've got to see it before I will believe it, and if I don't see it, then faith doesn't work, so then I will try to make it happen. The BIG I has risen from the dead again, and wants to work for God, instead of letting God work through us in faith towards the problem.

Yes, the Lord reduced me to silence with my daughter. She would not take anything from me. Thank the Lord for her persistence. I would not have learned faith if I could have talked to her. There is great power in silence. We hardly know how to be silent. There is great power in your word of faith. Didn't Jesus say to the centurion, "I have not seen so much faith in all of Israel." All that the centurion said was, "Lord, speak the word only." Jesus called that great faith. Jesus spoke it and walked the other way not seeing anything or even noticing what happened. How could he pay it no more attention? Simply because he already had it on the inside. "Faith is substance!" Substance is inner assurance, not outer evidence.

Speak to your situation, speak the word only. See her as God sees her, already healed and already home. Say it, then God will bring into being inside of you the assurance. But, you speak it, not looking to the right or to the left, just say it. Even if you are tempted 300 times a day, speak against it. Faith has progression in it. We start by agreeing with God, we walk by faith in it, then we stand in faith, then the Spirit causes us to sit down in faith. That is when you have it. Just like Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father. He has the intercession, he is resting without one ounce of labor. The book of Hebrews 4:11 says, "Labor to enter into rest. That seems like an oxymoron...it is. It means to labor and speak it into being, until God gives us rest on the subject. The whole context of the subject in Hebrew 4 centers around the creation story. God worked for six days, and then on the seventh day he rested. What did he do for six days? Didn't he just speak into being...all he did was say "let there be." That was his work. After that, on the seventh day he rested from speaking, why?? Because he already had it. That is our same pattern of faith. Romans 4:17 says that God called Abraham his friend, because Abraham operated like God, "He called the things that be not as though they already were." God is calling us to operate just like he operates.

I tell you Dennis, we hardly know what it means to be joint heirs with Christ. Christ is the creator, and we are joined to him. So now we are co-creator with him. What can we create. Well the Bible says, "Whatsoever, you desire." (Mark 11:23) Get in touch with our spirit desires. Ask the Lord, what your real desire is for your wife. Wait on it, ask for perfect clarity. Don't believe anything unless it is very clear. If there is a hint of confusion, wait some more. When God speaks, it is very clear and has great peace in it. I am believing for you.

Love,

Sylvia

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*Question:*

Dear Sylvia,

What does the Bible mean when it talks about the mind of the flesh?

Love,

Bettie

### ***Answer:***

Dear Bettie,

I think that it is important to see the false self, is really a Satanic self. You, as well as all of us, have had, in our fallen condition, Satan's mind. His consciousness sees separation as its reality. The "mind set on the flesh," (Rom. 8:6&7) or thinking like Satan thinks, is death to us. Why? It thinks separation, it thinks itself to be just itself and alone. An alone self is very needy, and full of self-pity, but tries to be sufficient while acting out of separation. We not only see separation, but we act out of separation. That is why we strive to make things work, so that we will be fulfilled. But as the scriptures say, "the mind of the flesh is death." As you so rightly say, "as a man thinketh, so is he." Our thinking or our consciousness governing us. So even if we are a new creation and Christ is in us, until we have a radical reversal in our consciousness, we are still operating from the mind of the flesh (Satan's mind).

There is a deep deception in mankind's thinking that totally defeats him and controls him. The children of Israel were a picture of new creations that still had Egypt's thinking in them. They still had Satan's mind. The majority of God people today still think separation as well as act out separation through self-effort. I was a good Union Life person who knew the union truths, but my consciousness had not been changed. Until our consciousness is radically transformed by the wisdom of God, which is the mind of Christ, we are still New Creations acting out old thought patterns. In my book, Psychology is trying to improve the Satanic mind and its deadly patterns. We don't need the old patched up, we need a new mind.

One day, I was being bombarded by demonic attacks, and it continued for months. I knew how to replace the attacks with the truth about myself, but I could not replace fast enough...I would replace one demonic thought and 10 more would take its place. I was totally overwhelmed. I cried out to the Lord, "I'm loosing my mind." The Lord quickly said back to me, "Good, you have to loose **your** mind, in order to receive **my** mind." Then the Spirit started showing me how to replace my mind, and not just my thoughts. I would say, this madness isn't my thinking; it is Satan thinking through me. So I will believe that I have a whole new mind that doesn't have these evil thought patterns in it. It is a mind that is free from Satan's attacks. A mind that doesn't see separation at all. A mind that is free from self-indulgence and analytical self-examinations. I started really believing that I had the mind of Christ, which would set me free from the mind of the flesh.

I had new insights into what the Bible calls, "the mind of Christ." I always knew that I had it, but it was vague to me. I started seeing I Cor. 1 and 2 in a different light. There are two wisdom's, or two minds (the mind of Satan, and the mind of Christ). The whole world is thinking with one or the other mind. Through the cross we have the mind of Christ, not the

mind of Satan. But until we know it and by faith receive it, we still think with Satan's mind. "Christ is the power of God, and Christ is the wisdom of God" (I Cor. 1:24). I have known for a long time that Christ in me was the only source of power in me i.e. I didn't have my own power, but I was vague on the fact that Christ was my only source of wisdom. I guess I thought I had my own thinking. Glory to God, I don't have an independent mind of my own, I have the mind of Christ. That truth has set me freer than ever before.

The Sermon on the Mount says to "take no thought," and "consider the lilies, how they toil not, neither do they spin." It is natural to take no thought in the mind of Christ, it totally lives in the peace of the present tense...the mind of Christ doesn't think separation nor does it operate in separation. I get pulled out, but now I have a hiding place to go to the presence of the Spirit of Wisdom where I can hide, and find my refuge and rest. It is wonderful.

I love what you say about Rhythmic Balance Interchange. Jesus is the balance of the two opposites. His Cross alone reconciled the two opposites and made one new man. The new man is the union of power and wisdom (I Cor. 1:24). Christ is the power of God and Christ is the wisdom of God. I believe that until we are united inside ourselves with these two opposites, we are off balanced. It isn't just learning how to operate principals, that is still self-effort. The person of Christ operates by us in His power and His mind. I can do this without taking thought, because it is natural in the New Man. "Trying" to balance yourself out would drive your mind crazy. It is wonderful to trust in a living PERSON, and not trusting in impersonal principals.

I LOVE YOU,

Sylvia

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I also wanted to tell you and Brian that I have your series about What is Man on my ipod and play it all the time when I am in the car. It has been so uplifting and such a good reminder of what is important as I go through my day. I really have enjoyed passing these concepts on to the prisoners in jail. Sylvia, I also want you to know your son's testimony last year really inspired me to move forward with offering myself to God for going into the local county jail. I really had been a bit fearful, but when I heard him talk, I knew if God wanted me to go, He would do it, and He did. I go for 2 hours every Wednesday and Thursday and they are my favorite days of the week.

Love,  
Kathy Flannery

# *Poems of the Month*

## **Patience**

**Brian Coatney**

Who knows if we have one minute,  
or years?  
Only eternity  
allays our fears.

Somewhere, we alter set,  
from former passive wait,  
into ask and seek,  
not sterile, inattentive fate.

True, God lights first spark,  
*then* we kindle and blow,  
sure of His wind,  
however slow.

When the trying self would grasp,  
pose its lie—return,  
we give it no fuel  
to burn.

So direction looks stalled,  
maybe dead;  
wisdom is your certain star,  
pulsing overhead.

Diversions many,  
proffer intoxicating spell;  
the narrow road slips past  
these traps from hell.

Sometimes there is but one thing to do,  
even though maddeningly slow:  
plant your one seed  
in the next appointed row.

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If you want to read great poetry, check out this link below. It has 17 new poems inspired by the Holy Spirit and overflowing with Brian's own creative style.

<http://theliberatingsecret.org/Poets%20Corner/Coatney/17%20Poems%20by%20BC.pdf>

## THE LIBERTY BELL

### THE BELL

#### I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)  
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)  
I am united with the Lord (I Cor. 6:17)  
I am bought with a price (I Cor. 6:19-20)  
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)  
I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)  
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt. 5:13-14)  
I am a member of the body of Christ (I Cor 12:27)  
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1-2)  
I am a citizen of Heaven I am significant (Phil. 3:20)  
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. \*:31-34)  
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor. 5:17-21)  
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)  
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)  
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom. 8:35-35)  
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor. 1:21-22)  
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28)  
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)  
I can approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)  
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)  
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15:16)  
I am God's temple (I Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col 2:10)  
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)  
I am God's co-worker (I Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)  
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1:5)  
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's  
Child (Eph 1:15)  
I belong to God  
Do you know  
Who you are!?

"The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you;

the LORD turn His face toward you  
And give you peace."  
Numbers 6:24-26

## Words of Faith

We at Christ, Our Life Ministries are believing for financial support from God's people. We are saying by faith, that we have no need, right in the middle of our financial need. Praise God with us, for His continual supply.

**"Whatsoever you desire."**

**Mark 11:22-24**

Need produces desire; desire produces faith; faith quenches the pain of desire, and leaps and "laughs at the impossible and shouts, IT SHALL BE DONE." Sylvia Pearce...actually a little of Sylvia and a lot of CT Studd

## This Month's Article:

### What Is an Intercessor?

**Norman Grubb**

(This was taken from "Rees Howells Intercessor")

The central truth which the Holy Ghost gradually revealed to Mr. Howells and which was the his whole life's ministry was that of intercession. The Spirit can be seen leading him into this in with him, from the time He took full possession of him in the Llandrindod Convention until, in hi the tubercular woman, the meaning of intercession became fully clear. From then onward constantly leading him both to gain new positions as an intercessor and to reveal the precious learned to others able to bear them. It will be useful, therefore, to stop a moment and to loc carefully into what is meant by being an intercessor.

That God seeks intercessors but seldom finds them is plain from the pain of His exclamation through Isaiah: "He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor"; and His protest of disappointment through Ezekiel: "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land...but I found none."

Perhaps believers in general have regarded intercession as just some form of rather intensified prayer. It is, so long as there is great emphasis on the word "intensified"; for there are three things to be seen in an intercessor which are not necessarily found in ordinary prayer: identification, agony and authority.

The identification of the intercessor with the ones for whom he intercedes is perfectly seen in the Savior. Of Him it was said that He poured out His soul unto death; and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and *made intercession* for the transgressors. As the Divine Intercessor, interceding for a lost world, He drained the cup of our lost condition to its last drop, He "tasted death for every man." To do that, in the fullest

possible sense, He sat where we sit. By taking our nature upon Himself, by learning obedience through the things which He suffered, by being tempted in all points like as we are, by becoming poor for our sakes, and finally by being made sin for us, He gained the position in which, with the fullest authority as the Captain of our salvation made perfect through sufferings, and the fullest understanding of all we go through, He can ever live to make intercession for us, and by effective pleadings with the Father "is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him." Identification is thus the first law of the intercessor. He pleads effectively because he gives his life for those he pleads for; he is their genuine representative; he has submerged his self-interest in their needs and sufferings and as far as possible has literally taken their place.

There is another Intercessor, and in Him we see the agony of this ministry; for He, the Holy Spirit, "maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." This One, the only present intercessor on earth, has no hearts upon which He can lay His burdens, and no bodies through which He can suffer and work, except the hearts and bodies of those who are His dwelling place. Through them He does His intercessory work on earth, and they become intercessors by reason of the Intercessor within them. It is real life to which he calls them, the very kind of life, in lesser measure, which the Savior Himself lived on earth.

But before He can lead a chosen vessel into such a life of intercession, He first has to deal to the bottom with all that is natural. Love of money, personal ambition, natural affection for parents and loved ones, the appetites of the body, the love of life itself, all that makes even a converted man live unto himself, for his own comfort of advantage, for his own advancement, even for his own circle of friends, has to go to the cross. It is no theoretical death but a real crucifixion with Christ, such as only the Holy Ghost Himself can make actual in the experience of His servant. Both as a crisis and process, Paul's testimony must be made ours; "I have been and still am crucified with Christ." The self must be released from itself to become the agent of the Holy Ghost.

As crucifixion proceeds, intercession begins. By inner burdens, by calls to outward obediences, the Spirit begins to live His own life of love and sacrifice for a lost world through His cleansed channel. We see it in Rees Howells' life. We see it at its greatest height in the Scriptures. Watch Moses, the young intercessor, leaving the palace by free choice to identify himself with his slave-brethren. See him accompanying them through "the waste and howling wilderness." See him reach the very summit of intercession when the wrath of God was upon them for their idolatry and their destruction was imminent. It is not his body he now offers for them as intercessor but his immortal soul: "If Thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy Book"; and he actually called this "making an atonement" for them.

See the Apostle Paul, the greatest man of the new dispensation as Moses was of the old. For years his body, through the Holy Ghost, is a living sacrifice that the Gentiles might have the gospel; finally, his immortal soul is offered on the altar. The very one who was just rejoicing with the Romans that nothing could separate him and them from the love of God (Rom.8) says a moment later, the Spirit bearing him witness, that he could wish himself "accursed (separated) from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom.9).

This is the intercessor in action. When the Holy Ghost really lives His life in a chosen vessel there is no limit to the extremes to which He will take him in His passion to warn and save the lost. Isaiah, that aristocrat, had to go "naked and bare-footed" for three years as a warning to Israel. We can hardly credit such a thing! Hosea had to marry a harlot, to show his people that the heavenly Husband was willing to take back His adulterous bride. Jeremiah was not allowed to marry, as a warning to Israel against the terrors and tragedies of captivity. Ezekiel was not allowed to shed one tear or the death of his wife, "the desire of his eyes." And so the list might

be continued. Every greatly used instrument of God has been, in his measure, an intercessor: Wesley for backsliding England; Booth for the down-and-outs; Hudson Taylor for China; C. T. Studd for the unevangelized world.

But intercession is more than the Spirit sharing His groanings with us and living His life of sacrifice for the world through us; It is the Spirit gaining His ends of abundant grace. If the intercessor knows identification and agony, he also knows authority. It is the law of the corn of wheat and the harvest; "If it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

Intercession is not substitution for sin. There has only ever been one substitute for a world of sinners, Jesus the Son of God. But intercession so identifies the intercessor with the sufferer that it gives him a prevailing place with God. He moves God. He even causes Him to change His mind. He gains his objective, or rather the Spirit gains it through him. Thus Moses, by intercession, became the savior of Israel and prevented their destruction; and we can have little doubt that Paul's supreme act of intercession for God's chosen people resulted in the great revelation given him at that time of worldwide evangelization and the final salvation of Israel (Romans 10 and 11), and is enabling God to bring it about.

Mr. Howells would often speak of "the gained position of intercession," and the truth of it is obvious on many occasions in his life. It is a fact of experience. The price is paid, the obedience is fulfilled, the inner wrestlings and groanings take their full course, and then "the word of the Lord comes." The weak channel is clothed with authority by the Holy Ghost and can speak the word of deliverance. "Greater works" are done. Not only this, but a new position in grace is gained and maintained, although even then that grace can only be appropriated and applied in each instance under the guidance of the Spirit.

Mr. Howells used to speak of it, in Mr. Muller's phrases, as entering "the grace of faith," in contrast to receiving "the gifts of faith." What he meant was that, when we pray in a normal way, we may hope that God of His goodness will give us the thing. If He does, we rejoice; it is His gift to us; but we have no power or authority to say that we can always get that same answer at any time. Such are the gifts of faith. But when an intercessor has gained the place of intercession in a certain realm, then he has entered into "the grace of faith"; along that special line the measureless sea of God's grace is open to him. That is the gained place of intercession.

Mr. Howells referred to George Mueller's experience. Mr. Mueller had never gained a place of intercession over sickness, but on one occasion God raised up a sick person for whom he had prayed. On another occasion he prayed for another sick person, but there was no healing. Mr. Mueller, however, said that this was not a failure in prayer because he had never gained a place of intercession over sickness, and therefore the answer to the first prayer was merely "a gift of faith," which would not necessarily be repeated. On the other hand, he had gained a place of intercession for the orphans. He was always ready to be the first sufferer on their behalf; if there was enough food for all except one, he would be the one to go without; and in this realm of supply, God held him responsible to see that the needs were always met, for the doors of God's Treasure had been permanently opened to him, and he could take as much as he needed.

Pastor Blumhardt of Germany, on the other hand, was a man who had gained a place of intercession for the sick. In his first struggles with evil spirits it took him more than eighteen months of prayer and fasting before he gained the final victory. Complaints were lodged against him of neglecting his work as a minister and devoting himself to the healing of the sick, but he said the Lord had given the parable of the friend at midnight and the three loaves and, though unworthy, he was going on knocking.

Pastor Blumhardt prayed through, and God did open. Not only were hundreds blessed, but

he raised a standard for the church. After the final victory he gained such ease of access to the Throne that often, when letters came asking for prayer for sick people, after just looking up for a single moment he could find God's will as to whether they were to be healed or not. The sufferings of others became so painful to him that he was pleading for them as if for himself. That was intercession!

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