

THE INTERCESSORS GOD SEEKS



I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence. And give him no rest.

—Isaiah 62:6-7

Watchmen were ordinarily placed on the walls of a city to give notice to the rulers of coming danger. Similarly, God appoints watchmen not only to warn men—often they will not hear—but also to summon Him to come to their aid, whenever need or enemies may be threatening. The great mark of intercessors is that they are not to hold their peace day or night; they are to take no rest, and to give God no rest, until the deliverance comes. In faith they may be assured that God will answer their prayers.

It is concerning this that our Lord Jesus said, “*shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him?*” (Luke 18:7). From every land the voice is heard that the church of Christ, under the influence of the power of the world and the earthly-mindedness it brings, is losing its influence over its members. There is little proof of God’s presence in the conversion of sinners or in the holiness of His people. With the great majority of Christians, there is an utter neglect of Christ’s call to take part in the spreading of His Gospel. The power of the Holy Spirit is experienced very little.

Amid all the discussions as to what can be done to interest young and old in the study of God’s Word, or to awaken love for the services of His house, one seldom hears of the indispensable necessity of the power of the Holy Spirit in the ministry and the membership of the church. Few people are truly convinced that it is owing to the lack of prayer that the workings of the Spirit are so feeble, and many people fail to see that only by united fervent prayer can a change be brought about. If ever there was a time when God’s elect should cry day and night to Him, it is now. Will you not, dear reader, offer yourself to God for this blessed work of intercession, and learn to consider it the highest privilege of your life to be a channel through whose prayers God’s blessings can be brought down to earth?

Ever blessed Father, hear us, we pray, and raise up the intercessors that You require. Give us men and women to act as Your watchmen, taking no rest and giving You no rest, until Your church again is praised in the earth. Blessed Father, let Your Spirit teach us how to pray. Amen.