

# Undaunted Intercession

Isaiah 62:1-12

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## **Introduction**

When we look at the church today and the low condition that she is in,

- there is nothing more encouraging than to also look at the unwavering zeal that our Lord Jesus has to make us glorious!

When we look and we see all the divisions in the church,

- When we see our lack of love—that we can't even get along in our own families...
- When we see the unfaithfulness and idolatry that so characterises us...
- When we see the church acting like a marketing agency that has no principles but what will sell...
- When we see how the word of God is ignored and how we make up our own doctrine to suit our own desires...

I say, when we look out and we see all of these things,

- there is nothing better than to look at the Lord Jesus and to see that He who is so righteous and so mighty to save is committed to turning everything around for us!
  - He will not rest until He has made us a praise in the earth!
    - Despite our condition—how He loves us!
    - Despite our weakness—how mighty He is to save us!
    - Despite our demerit—how fit He is to make us worthy!

## **I. Jesus is our intercessor and He will not rest until His kingdom has fully come!**

- This is the first thing that is presented to us in Isaiah 62!
  - Look at what He says in the first verse:
    - **Isa 62:1: For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.**

A. Just look at His zeal and consider it!

1. It is for Zion's sake that He will not hold His peace—
  - and for Jerusalem's sake that He will not rest!
- a. Zion and Jerusalem speak of the people that God has given Him to save by making them righteous!
  - They are no more righteous apart from Him than anybody else...
    - It is just that God, in free mercy, has chosen them for salvation.
    - He has mercy on whom He will have mercy.

- They are sinners who are cut off from God—full of wickedness and idolatry...
    - But Jesus will not hold His peace or rest until we are righteous!
  - b. My dear friends, see in this how much He loves us!
    - He is determined that He will do whatever it takes to bring about our complete salvation!
      - He is all about this one great purpose—it consumes Him—it eats Him up!
      - He can think of nothing else!
  - c. He is our David whom we speak of when we sing Psalm 132 and remind the Lord how He expressed His unwavering commitment to make us a habitation for God:
    - **Psalm 132:1-5: Lord, remember David and all his afflictions; how he swore to the LORD, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:**
      - **“Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids, Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”**
    - Zion and Jerusalem are appointed to be the dwelling place of God,
      - And Jesus is here seen as entirely resolved to labour without rest until it is fully accomplished!
      - It is a dwelling place for God made out of living stones—the people that He saves!
2. This zeal is exactly what we see in our LORD Jesus as He is revealed in the New Testament.
- a. Do we not hear Him speaking about His coming sufferings on the cross to His heavenly Father in John 12 and saying,
    - **John 12:27: “What shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.”**
      - He is committed to the task!
  - b. Do we not see Him in the garden labouring in prayer with such anguish that blood begins to ooze through His pours and saying,
    - **Matthew 26:39: "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."**
      - He knows the difficulty, yet still He is fully committed for the sake of Zion!

- c. Is it not this zeal for His church to establish her as a praise in the earth that caused Him to leave the glories of heaven and to be born in a lowly cattle stall?
  - Is it not this same zeal that caused Him to bear with patience the mistreatment He received, even from His own disciples?
  - Is it not this same zeal that kept Him on the cross when the hour had come—was it not for the joy that was set before Him?
  - Is it not this same zeal that now keeps Him praying for us from His throne in glory?
  - Is it not this same zeal that causes Him to send forth His servants to gather in His elect from the four corners of the earth?
  
- 3. There is no one that ever loved you like this dear child of God!
  - No one ever did and no one ever will!
    - There is no love like this love!
    - Even the cross itself where His soul bore all the guilt of His people before the Father of His love could not keep Him from His purpose!
      - What a marvellous thing it is to be loved by Him.
  - Can you harden yourself and be cold and indifferent to this great purpose?
    - Can you have a Saviour, so earnest to make you a praise in the earth, and respond with no zeal to be a praise for Him?
    - Oh how deathly cold and barren we are—
      - how indifferent beside His loving zeal!
        - how unconcerned and unmotivated!
  - But still His love continues unabated!

TRANS> There are some who say that it is not Jesus who speaks here in Isaiah 62—

- Some say it is Isaiah or someone else...
  - And I have no problem with recognising that Isaiah and all the redeemed people of God can say these things in a secondary way!
  - But in the fullest sense, only Jesus can say these things!
    - Our labour and our intercession wavers—
      - It is only He who has no peace and takes no rest until He has fully established His Kingdom!
        - What a Saviour He is!
        - What zeal He has for us!
        - What love!

B. Just look at all that He is so zealous to do for us!

1. He labours until He sees the church's righteousness go forth as brightness and our salvation as a light that burns—
  - a. That's what it says right there in verse 1:
    - **Isa 62:1: For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.**
    - Isaiah has told Zion that she is far from righteousness—
      - Such is our condition forever if we are left to ourselves—
        - We are not acceptable to God because of our sin... nor can we ever be acceptable.
      - But Jesus is wholly committed to making us righteous!
        - Single-handedly, He went to represent us despite all our sin and iniquity...
        - Single-handedly, He Himself took all our sin—
          - As Isaiah has said, "all our iniquities were hammered down upon Him!"
          - He did all this so that He could remove them from us so that we could be righteous before God!
  - b. This is no half way righteousness!
    - He gives a righteousness that goes forth as brightness!
      - It is illustrious!
      - It is brilliant!
      - It is perfect—it gives glory to God!
        - He has purposed that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love!
        - He has purposed that we should have complete remission of sin through redemption by His blood!
    - His obedience and righteousness is credited to us...
      - And all of our sin is charged to Him and has been borne by Him!
      - Nothing remains of all that we have done but what we have done for Him!
        - Glory be to His holy name!
  - c. This is our salvation!
    - It is our complete rescue from our ruined condition in sin and misery.
      - It is deliverance from our helpless state!
      - There is nothing like it!

- We were on the brink of utter ruin—an eternity in Hell forever and ever under the wrath of God!
  - But He came forth with zeal to rescue us and with such zeal that nothing could stop Him!
2. In verse 2, He tells us that the righteousness He gives us is a righteousness that the nations will see!
- They will not be able to miss it!
    - As we saw in chapter 60, you will be radiant with His glory—the light of the world!
    - Even kings who often see no other glory but their own will be amazed when they learn what the Lord has done!
  - These nations will flow up to Jerusalem to learn of this righteousness and to partake of this righteousness!
    - Not, of course, to the Jerusalem in Palestine, but to the Jerusalem whose throne is in the heavens where Jesus is reigning King!
      - To the city of living stones, all who are redeemed, united to Him as our Lord and Saviour through faith!
        - These nations see our righteousness because Jesus opens their eyes to see it that He might bring them into His kingdom.
        - He will not rest until it is done!
- And He goes on telling us what He will do for us in the second part of v. 2...
3. He says that we will be given a new name by God:
- **Isa 62:2: “You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name.”**
  - When you name something it means you own it!
    - We were cast away from the LORD in the Garden...
    - And again at the flood of Noah...
    - And again at Babel...
    - And even Israel who was specially gathered out was so scattered that they were no longer thought to be a people...
      - They lost their name for a time and became mingled among the nations.
  - But the LORD Jesus gathers us together in righteousness before the Father and the Father gives us a new name!
    - We are adopted into His family—and so He names us!
      - We are His own—the very members of His household.
        - We belong to Him and have our identity in Him!

- He has created us and brought us forth for Himself so that we who were not a people are now the people of God.
- He will not rest until it is done!

TRANS> Now we do something we never could have done before!

4. We bring glory and honour to God!

- Look at verse 3.
  - **Isa 62:3: You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.**
- A crown in the hand is something that brings glory to the one who makes it and owns it...
  - A diadem is the symbol of His rule and government—and it is a beautiful and glorious rule and government in His hand!
- What a glory we are in His hand!
  - That which was vile and ruined and scattered and tossed out...
    - is now lovely and restored and gathered together in Christ!
    - It is all by the glorious working of God,
      - by His unspeakable grace!
      - by His matchless wisdom!
        - The angels look at us and marvel at the manifold wisdom of God!
        - We are His workmanship created in Jesus!
          - Jesus makes us to be glory to God forever and ever!
          - He will not rest until it is done!

TRANS> But that is not all that Jesus says that His zeal will bring forth...

5. In verse 4-5 He shows that we will actually become the delight of His heavenly Father!

- a. What little child does not want to be the delight of his father's eyes?
  - Yet, how many sons and daughters have fathers that seem to hate them and to have no pleasure in them?
    - How many wives find it to be so with their husbands?
    - They find that they are forsaken and cast off as unloved.
  - And so were we because of our sin... need I mention it again?
    - In the Garden, at the flood, at Babel, in the exile... we were cast off from our God,
      - We were an object of His wrath and contempt.

- Not because He is cantankerous and hard to please like our earthly fathers sometimes are,
    - but because we are so unworthy and vile in ourselves!
- b. But look at the change that comes through the zeal of our dear Saviour!
- Look at verse 4-5:
    - **Isa 62:4-5: You shall no longer be termed Forsaken,**
      - Such we were because of our sin...
    - **Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate;**
      - Such it was when God had cast His people from His land...His house was empty...
    - **But you shall be called Hephzibah,**
      - Which means *my delight is in her*...
    - **and your land Beulah;**
      - Which means, *married*...
    - **For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.**
      - What could be better than to be told that the LORD Almighty who had been justly angry with us now *delights* in us?
        - Not just that He tolerates us—but that He *delights* in us!!!
    - And look—not just a little but in the same way that young man delights in the lovely bride he has just taken!
      - **For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.**
    - There is a beautiful mixture of metaphors here!
      - We have seen it before...
        - The church is married to the LORD, but her own sons are also said to marry her—
          - They are the nations that come to unite with the church, to take their vows to care for her and to cherish and to defend her and lay down their lives for her unto death...
      - But what is so marvellous is that this strong language is used to describe the delight of the LORD Himself in you!
        - **He** takes rejoices over you—as a bridegroom!
        - **He** is highly pleased with you!
          - Jesus does not stop until all of this is fully accomplished!

- Until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of God!
- Until we are perfectly united to His father in delighted eternal bliss!
  - Until we are the very delight of His eyes!!!!
- Glory to God in the highest!
  - Jesus is committed to nothing less than this!
  - He will not rest until it is fully accomplished!
    - Amen! May it truly be so!

TRANS> And look, at what our LORD Jesus who is so zealous to bring about all of these marvellous things does...

## II. He calls others to join Him in His great work for His church!

- He says, (in verse 6)
  - **Isa 62:6: I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night.**

### A. What a privilege for these watchmen!

1. He places them on the walls of Jerusalem!
  - He gives them zeal like His own zeal...
    - Zeal so that they “**never hold their peace day or night!**”
    - In imitation of Him, they are fully committed to the kingdom!
  - He uses them to assist Him in the work!
    - He raises them up to be a blessing to His church as shepherds who care for His people and feed them and defend them and watch over them!
2. In 1 Cor 3:9, Paul refers to himself and the other ministers of the word as “God’s fellow workers”
  - What a name!
    - A fellow worker with God!
  - Paul stresses the fact that they are nothing more than servants who have no power to make the work flourish...
    - They are like farmers who till the ground, sow the seed, and water it,
      - but it is God alone who gives the increase!
  - Yet, our gracious LORD works in such a way that He makes their work indispensable.
    - If the farmer doesn’t prepare the ground and sow the seed and water it, he will not have a crop!
      - So it is with the gospel.



- It is God who gives the increase, but He truly makes His watchmen to be His fellow labourers.
3. Jesus alone does all the work!
- He is the One who went to the cross and bore the guilt and who procured forgiveness and righteousness.
  - He is the only redeemer—but He allows the redeemed to share in the work of making disciples of the nations!
  - And I say, there is a sense in which He uses all whom He has redeemed!
    - Not all are watchmen in the official sense, but He hears the prayers of each one of His saints—and He uses them!
      - He regards every word of encouragement and every word of rebuke and every word of comfort that is said for Him.
      - He uses every godly example and every word spoken for Him.
        - What a privilege!
        - What a kind Saviour He is to use us in so great a work!

TRANS> And you see that at the end of verse 6 on into verse 7,

B. He calls upon His watchmen to pray as He prays.

- **Isa 62:6-7: You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.**
1. When He speaks of them as “**you who make mention of the LORD,**”
- the phrase could mean those whose job it is to cause the LORD to remember.
    - This was a position that some were given in a kingdom—
      - They were to make sure that the king did not forget anything.
        - They were like a pop-up reminder on a computer...
    - That is what you do when you intercede.
    - You remind God of His promises...
      - not that He is forgetful of them, but this is the way that He has appointed for us to pray.
      - Prayer is the way that we receive the promises when we believe.
2. And you see that He commends importunate prayer!
- a. Importunate prayer is prayer that is persistent—prayer that does not give up—prayer that is not discouraged despite what may be happening!
- 1) We have the example of Jacob when he prayed for his family in the day he was about to meet up with Esau.
- He wrestled with the LORD until the LORD said, “Let me go!”

- and He said,
    - **Gen 32:26: “I will not let you go unless you bless me!”**
    - God was very pleased with this prayer and changed Jacob’s name to Israel!
      - He was pleased with his importunate prayer.
- 2) We have the prayers of Moses in Exodus 33 when God was ready to destroy Israel after they made the golden calf.
- Moses held God to His promise and would not accept any compromise.
  - At first the LORD said He would not destroy the people (in answer to Moses’ prayer),
    - that He would send His angel to bring them into the promised land because they were so stiff-necked that He would destroy them if He went with them...
    - But Moses would not accept that!
      - He insisted that the only thing that distinguished Israel was that God had become their God...
      - If He would not go with them and only gave them the land, they would be just like the other nations...
      - God was very pleased with this importunate prayer!
- 3) We have the Syro-Phoenician women who persisted in prayer until Jesus delivered her child even though she was not of Israel.
- Jesus refused her at first because she was not one of the covenant people He had come to save.
    - But she continued to insist until He delivered her child...
    - And then He said to her,
      - **“O Woman, great is your faith. Let it be to you as you desire.”**
      - He was greatly pleased with her importunate prayer.
- 4) Jesus commended this kind of prayer in the two parables we read in Luke.
- a) In Luke 11, you have the chap who goes and bangs on his neighbour’s door in the middle of the night...
    - to get bread for his guests who just showed up.
    - And He keeps on banging until the fellow gets up...
  - b) In Luke 18, you have the widow who goes to the unjust judge...
    - He has no regard for her or for justice—but she won’t give him any rest until he avenges her—so he does!

TRANS> Jesus commends this kind of prayer!

- He instructs His watchmen to pray like this!
  - He commands them to give God not rest until He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth!
    - They are to be zealous to see God's kingdom come the He is zealous.
  
- b. Why does the Lord like for us to pray like this?
  - It is because in doing so, we attain a greater love and appreciation for what He has promised.
    - And we show Him how much it means to us and how dependent we are on Him to attain it.
    - We recognise that if He does not hear us, we have nowhere else to turn.
      - That honours Him and that helps us because it keeps us in remembrance of the fact that He is God...
        - And when He answers, we know for certain that the blessing came from Him and not for any other source.
  
- c. So learn to pray like this!
  - 1) It is the way Jesus prayed!
    - Have the same kind of commitment to obtain what God has promised that your Master does!
    - Don't you see?
      - Jesus is already interceding for us like this...
      - And you are to join Him in this intercession!
  
  - 2) Your persistence grows as your confidence in Jesus and His work grows.
    - You know that He will not fail to give us the kingdom!
    - Nothing will be left undone...
      - Your confidence is rooted in Him and that confidence is expressed in persistent prayer.
  
  - 3) And now that He has actually come into the world and revealed His zeal...
    - We have all the more reason to pray with confident persistence!
      - Daniel turned toward Jerusalem where God had formerly revealed Himself as reconciled at the temple...
      - But now we pray in the name of our Saviour who was crucified and raised to His throne in heaven to rule until all His enemies are made His footstool!
  
    - What boldness! What persistence! What Confidence! ought to characterise our prayers with such a Saviour!
      - Let your prayers demonstrate your confidence in Him!

### III. And here are three things you can be sure of when you intercede in Jesus' name.

A. First, you can be sure that the LORD will deal with your enemies!

1. The first promise God made to us after the fall was the promise that the LORD Jesus would come and crush the head of the serpent.
  - The serpent would crush the heel of Jesus, which speaks of our Saviour's suffering,
    - but He would bring a death blow to the head of Satan who had deceived us and led us into rebellion.
    - Satan and all who are in league with him will be cast into the place of outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.
2. In scripture, our enemies are those who do what they can to keep us from serving God.
  - a. This is the way that Satan always works in the world...
    - In the Garden, he enticed Adam and Eve away from service to God.
    - Today, He uses temptation, distraction, persecution—anything He can to hinder our service.
    - Our enemies are those who do whatever they can to keep us from serving our Lord.
  - b. That is how they are presented here in Isaiah 62.
    - In verse 8-9, they are presented as those who kept God's people from coming to worship Him with the first-fruits of the harvest.
    - A considerable part of Israel's worship involved bringing the produce of the land...
      - But these enemies put a stop to this worship—
        - by raiding them the way the Mideonites did...
        - by conquering them and making them pay tribute the way the Assyrians did...
        - or by dragging them into exile so that all worship at Jerusalem ceased the way the Babylonians did.
    - But the ancient promise is that our LORD will stop them so that we can serve Him without hindrance.
      - Here that promise is stated in these words:
        - **Isa 62:8-9: The LORD has sworn by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: "Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have laboured. But those who have gathered it shall eat it, And praise the LORD; Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts."**

- c. And see how the LORD swears to make the promise all the more certain...
  - Because there are times when our enemies seem so invincible and we start to think that they will never be subdued...
    - But the LORD has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength!
      - This speaks of His personal power, exerted for us!
      - He cannot fail to put our enemies in their place!
  - We are to pray earnestly that Satan's kingdom would be destroyed and that the kingdom of grace would be advanced!
    - Jesus will reign and He will not stop until all of His enemies have been put under His feet!
      - It is for you to unite with His great purpose through your prayer of faith and to give God no rest until it is done!
        - Do not make peace with God's enemies!
          - Labour in prayer and do not let them drag you down!
          - Press on until the work of Christ is complete!
          - It is certain—He has sworn that it will be so.

B. Secondly, you can be sure that salvation of the nations will come.

1. From the scattering of the nations at Babel, God took Abraham to be His own and promised to him the reconciliation of the nations.
  - He told Abraham that in his seed (and that is Christ), all the families of the earth would be blessed.
    - This promise is our salvation as God's people!
    - It is the promise to save us and our people.
2. We are to believe the promise and to prepare for the great harvest of nations!
  - We are to go forth with earnest prayer sowing the seeds of the gospel until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in!
    - We are to go forth praying in Jesus' name, looking to Him to effectually call them as we preach and pray.
- a. This is frequently presented to us in Isaiah as preparing a highway for these nations.
  - Look at verse 10:
    - **Isaiah 62:10: Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples!**
  - The highway is the gospel that brings us to Jesus Christ.

- We are to go out of the gates and prepare this highway so that they can come.
  - We are to lift up the banner to show them where to go!
    - This is the same banner that we saw in Isaiah 11.
      - We saw that it was Jesus, lifted up on the cross, who draws all men to Himself.
    - We go forth telling the nations that He is has been crucified to take away our sins and that we have complete forgiveness in Him!
      - We command them to repent and come to Him in faith so that they too can have forgiveness and life.
- b. Look at verse 11 and you can see that this highway is to extend to the ends of the earth so that all the nations may come...
- It says:
    - **Isa 62:11: Indeed the LORD has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming;'"**
  - The language is a little difficult,
    - but it seems to be showing us the great pattern of God's work!
      - That Jesus comes first to save His people!
      - And then His people go forth proclaiming the salvation that He has given them to the ends of the earth...
        - Through there own testimony, the Lord proclaims how He has saved them so the nations might know.
        - We go out to tell them what great things He has done for us, and then they come to join us.

TRANS> This work can seem quite impossible...for sometimes the nations are hardened when we come to them.

- c. But we are given assurance that this work will prosper—that it will be effective in drawing the nations to Christ.
- At the end of verse 11, it says of the Lord Jesus:
    - **"Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him."**
  - This is an image of His success!
    - It is a description of Jesus coming with the nations themselves as His disciples!
    - They are His reward and His work (that is, what He has produced).
    - Jesus comes with the nations that He has saved as His reward and His work.

- This same language was used back in Isaiah 49 when Jesus assured Himself that He would receive a reward for His labours...
  - In Isaiah 49:4, He said:
    - **Isa 49:4 Then I said, ‘I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.’”**
  - And the Father responded to Him in Isaiah 49:6, saying:
    - **Isa 49:6: ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’”**

3. The promise is certain!

- The Father has given Christ the nations as His inheritance and He is God’s salvation to the ends of the earth!
  - This is what Jesus laboured for and what He yet labours for as He sends us forth in His name with the gospel.
  - Lift up your prayers in Jesus’ name for the success of the gospel!
    - Give God no rest until the promise is fulfilled!
    - Persist my brothers and sisters!
      - Persist with zeal alongside our dear Lord Jesus!
    - The promise is certain in Him.

C. And then thirdly, you can be sure that our salvation (the church’s salvation) will be brought to completion!

1. We are only partially sanctified at this time.

- There is still remaining corruption in us that brings reproach on our God and that destroys our unity.
  - We do not yet serve God as we should; nor do we love one another as we should.
  - We desire to do good; but we find that evil is present with us still.
  - We have the Holy Spirit, but the flesh wars against the Spirit so that we cannot do what we want to do.
  - We still do that which brings God’s chastisement down upon us—sometimes even sickness and death... as described in 1 Cor 11.
    - We yearn to be free of this body of death!

2. You are to yearn for this through persistent prayer!

- Paul constantly prays for the church to grow in this way—
  - to know God’s will, to do God’s will, to love Jesus, to be conformed to Him.

- The flesh is so stubborn and it seems so impossible...
  - But the time is coming when we will be holy as He is holy and when there will be no more chastisement required!
  
- Verse 12 declares that it will be so—
  - **Isa 62:12: And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.**
  - When it says that we shall be called all of these things,
    - it means that we will truly become all of these—
      - A Holy people—set apart from sin and corruption
      - The Redeemed of the LORD—a people delivered and pardoned
      - Sought out and not forsaken—a people who delight our Father in heaven.
  - Already we are called these things because of the work that Christ has now done on the cross...
    - The work that brings to us the Holy Spirit to make us holy...
    - The work that paid for us sins and freed us from bondage and guilt so that we are the Redeemed of the LORD
    - And the work that He did in representing us that makes us the object of God's delight rather than of His contempt.
      - **Already** we have these blessings—
        - **But not yet** do we have them in all the fullness that God has promised!
  
- And so we are join our confident prayers to those of our Lord and to give God no rest until He makes us a praise in the earth!
  - Jesus is reigning and Jesus is interceding...
    - And our intercession is made sure because of His intercession.
    - Come to the LORD in His name with unshakeable confidence and do not rest until He has done all that He has promised!
      - That is the kind of prayer that pleases Him!
      - That is the prayer of faith that He delights in!
      - That is the prayer that brings forth His kingdom in all its fullness!
        - Imitate your Saviour's zeal!
        - Imitate His confidence!
        - Imitate His undaunted intercession!
        - And then nothing that you ask for will be denied!