

INTERCESSION ON BEHALF OF THE WICKED

S – Scriptures

“Listen to me, Lord; hear what my accusers are saying! Should good be repaid with evil? Yet they have dug a pit for me. Remember that I stood before you and spoke in their behalf to turn your wrath away from them.” Jeremiah 18: 20

C – Consideration

Jeremiah is one of the greatest prophets of the Lord. He was called to ministry still a young man and spoke God’s words to Israel for more than twenty three-years (25:2-3). In his book, I can see in many occasions his frustrations and sometimes anger, to the point of God had to rebuke himself because of his own bitterness (15: 18-19).

Jeremiah’s sadness were caused because his people wouldn’t change their sinful behavior. He was a godly man; however, his nation was in spiritual darkness. The verse above called my attention that the prophet not only bring a message of judgment from the Lord, but he also interceded and trying to get more time from God to see if Israel would repent as the Ninevites did in response to Jonah’s message.

C – Commitment

This passage reminds me of the importance of prayer in the ministry. I can't just preach and teach, I have to continually stand before the Lord on behalf of nations, cities, villages, and right where I live. I might not know if they will respond to God's prophets, but my heart must cry to the Lord on their defense.

C – Call

My heavenly Father, help me to understand the importance of intercession. To remember that someone had stood before you on my behalf on I was a rebel and your enemy. Help me also not to allow rage and bitterness to be in my heart, and, when it happens I would be quick to repent. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen!