**King Priests**

(Isa 59:14-16) 14Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. 16He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

The Fix for failing Truth/Justice/Righteousness is INTERCESSION

Jesus the Great intercessor (Isa 59:16)

 Prayed Often (Lk 5:16), Early (Mk 1:35), After Ministry (Mk 6:46), All Night (Lk 6:12)

 perhaps this is how He “saw what the Father was doing” (Jn 5:19)

 Apostles asked Jesus to teach them to Pray (Lk 11:1)

 perhaps they understood this was the fuel for His public ministry

Jesus the King (Jn 18:27)

 King of Kings (Rev 19:16) – Rule/Justice (Isa 9:6-7, 42:4)

Jesus the Great High Priest

(Heb 8:1) 1Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

(Heb 7:25) 25Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

(Ro 8:34) 34Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Jesus Positioned as the Great King Priest

 He is Ruling/Executing Justice through Intercession

We have been given His Earthly Ministry of Testifying to Truth (Jn 17:18-19)

We have also been given His Heavenly Ministry

(1Pe 2:5, 9) 5you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 9But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

(Rev 1:5-6, 5:10) 5and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 10And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.

(Ep 2:6) 6and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Our Partnership with Jesus is Ruling through Intercession

(Ep 6:10-12) 10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

We War for control of the Heavens (Intercession)

(Da 10:11-13) 11And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. 12Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. 13“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

 regional demonic rulers – we have authority to rule the heavens (Lk 10:18-19)

 We experience the effects on earth (2 Chron 7:14)

 prayer *before* programs (both) vs. better programs

 ex: Billy Graham, border town, Welsh revival

 Open Heavens: Air Superiority (Gulf War) – home, work, city (corporate)

This is why we Wait on the Lord for Strength (Eph 6:10)

 because we’re Partnering in a Spiritual War for control of the Heavens (Isa 40:27-41:1)

Prayer looks Weaker than Activity

(2Co 12:9) 9And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

It’s the most Powerful thing we can do, but it’s His Strength, not ours

(Rev 5:8) 8Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Prayer is Cumulative – Generational (Patience and Persistence)

(Rev 8:3-6) 3Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. 5Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. 6So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Our Prayers are so Powerful the Last Days Judgements from God

 will not happen without our Partnership Intercession

 We are Full Partners now, in the Last Days, in the Millenium...King Priests!