



## CELL GUIDE

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<b>TOPIC</b>	Principles & Promises of Divine Intervention	<b>SPEAKER</b>	SP Daniel Foo
<b>THEME</b>	Pray for our Nation	<b>DATE</b>	29 & 30 Sep 2018

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

Even as we have been taught on how to contend for our faith, we are reminded this month that as Christians, we are called to seek the welfare of our nation as well. This week, Senior Pastor Daniel Foo exhorts us to stand as elders at the gates of our Nation, and elaborates for us on the principles and promises of divine intervention (2 Chron 7:14):

**Principles:** Humble ourselves. Pray. Seek His Face. Turn from our wicked ways.

**Promises:** God will hear us. God will forgive our sins. God will heal our land.

As God's people we are all called, as priests, to stand in the gap and represent our nation to God, praying for our nation and for the leaders of our nation so that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and reverence. (1 Tim 2:1-2)

## PRINCIPLES & PROMISES OF DIVINE INTERVENTION

SP reminds us that the Bible is full of examples of identificational repentance, where a person or a group of people stand in the gap for another. Abraham stood in the gap for Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18), Moses (Ex 32), Samuel, Nehemiah and Daniel all stood in the gap for the people of Israel. In the same way, 2 Chron 7:14 exhorts us to take responsibility for the state of affairs in our nation.

### PRINCIPLES FOR DIVINE INTERVENTION

#### 1. We must humble ourselves.

The first principle for God to intervene, is for us to humble ourselves, and to guard against pride. We need to walk in brokenness (Isa 57:15; Ps 51:17), and in total dependence on God (Pro 3:5-6). We need to continually deal with our pride, the core of our self-life, and have self-awareness and a realistic estimate of ourselves. (Rom 12:3)

#### 2. We must pray.

The second principle for God to intervene, is for us to pray, and to guard against *prayer-lessness*. *Prayer-lessness* is when we rely on our own self and our own resources, when we are disconnected from God and cut off from the mercy and grace of God.

We need to come to God and pray without ceasing, and ask and not lose heart (1 Th 5:17; Js 4:2; Lk 18:1). We must learn to approach God as Father, Friend and Judge, that we might come boldly before Him to obtain mercy and find grace and help in our time of need (Heb 4:16).

### 3. We must seek His Face.

The third principle for God to intervene, is for us to seek His Face, hunger after God and to guard against self-satisfaction and over-familiarity. We trust in God's promise that we will find Him when we seek Him with all our heart (Jer 29:13), and that He will reward those who diligently seek Him (Heb 11:6). Seeking His Face means we live our lives in a God-conscious manner, always seeking His word, His Kingdom and His Righteousness.

### 4. We must turn from our wicked ways.

The fourth principle for God to intervene, is for us to turn from our sins and serve God by walking in righteousness (Mal 3:18). Anything that runs contrary to the Word of God, the Ways of God, and the Will of God is sin, and we must repent of these wicked ways and turn to God again.

## PROMISES OF DIVINE INTERVENTION

As we humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways, God has promised us that He will act for us.

### 1. God will hear us.

God will hear and answer, and show us great and mighty things (Jer 33:3).

### 2. God will forgive our sins.

God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 Jn 1:9).

### 3. God will heal our land.

God will restore the years that have been lost and we shall be satisfied and praise God who has dealt wondrously with us (Joel 2:25-26).

## CONCLUSION

We are the people of God, saved not just for our own sakes, but to stand in the gap for others and show the glory of God to the rest of the world.

As 2 Chron 7:14 exhorts us, let us repent of our indifference in praying for our nation, repent of our sins and seek His righteousness, and bless this nation that we are in by our prayers and our deeds. Let us pray for the leaders of this nation, and the future generation of this nation, that God will raise up men and women bold and zealous for God and His kingdom.

# QUESTIONS

1. Recall the promises of divine intervention. Which of these promises have you personally experienced? Share how this has impacted you on your faith journey.

2. Which of the principles of divine intervention are you currently already in step with, and which do you struggle with more?

3. What do you wish for the nation of Singapore? What is most important to you for this nation? Create a prayer list for Singapore.