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Romans 13:11-12

## ***The Role of an Intercessor Amidst Chastisement***

One of the roles of an Intercessor is to lead by example, anchoring the presence of Christ Jesus through the indwelling spirit. It can be argued that we are already in the midst of a chastisement as a nation. We have been invaded by many diverse factions, attacked in every area of our society and culture. There are other chastisements to come.

The role of the Intercessor is to stand strong anchored in the living Word, to assist others through the challenges and sufferings of chastisement, to bring them hope and into the family of Christ Jesus.

## ***The Purpose of Chastisement of Nations***

The ultimate purpose and goal of chastisement is sanctification. This is to fulfill God's call to "be ye holy as I AM holy." God our Father called us both individually and as a nation to holiness. America shall only fulfill its God destiny when we are a truly holy nation — sanctified, purified and glorifying God and our Lord Jesus Christ through our words, deeds, character and culture. Amen and Amen.

## ***Let Us Pray Together...***

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Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You as your Intercessors, interceding for the people of our nation, interceding for our country America, as we go through the purification of chastisement, on the way to sanctification of our nation. We thank you Lord God Abba, for your grace, love and compassion to bring America to sanctification, a truly holy nation under the Most High God and Christ Jesus, Lord and King.

Abba Father, we take hold of Romans 13:11-14 which provides a summation of these times and the guidance to our holiness in You: "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

Thank you Heavenly Father that through the New Covenant, chastisement is now an act and gift of mercy and grace, rather than strictly punishment; tho we realize that there must be a balancing of the scales, for collective and individual sin. In this regard, please reveal to us and guide us in acts of penance and reparations to mitigate the chastisement on our nation. We ask all this in the name above all names Jesus Christ, Yeshua Hamasheach.

We Embrace Correction For Sanctification

◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I repent for erroneously believing that any hardship or release of the adversary into my life or into America is just some kind of spiritual attack; when in fact You allow and even release

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challenges and suffering for our correction; ultimately for our sanctification.

- ◆ I repent for complaining, anger and rancor; when I should be on my knees in humble repentance and gratitude for providing us with the means of penance and reparations for our sins and character flaws; and for those of our nation.
- ◆ For 1 Corinthians 10:13 instructs: *“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”* Thank you Heavenly Father, for always providing a way out, even when there is such pain and turbulence that it seems otherwise whilst in the midst of it. Equip me to strengthen others through your chastisements.
- ◆ I take hold of 1 Corinthians 11:32, *“Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.”* Heavenly Father, thank you for your purification of our lands, all sectors of our society, every state, city and village; that America will not be condemned with the world, but be a beacon of light on the hill, the Light of Christ Jesus.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, You lay it all out in Revelations 3:19, *“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.”* I commit to living this instruction and sharing it with others in order to bring them hope and encouragement, and to encourage them to receive your salvation.

### Chastisement Comes From God's Love For Us

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, Your Word helps us to move out of self pity and victimhood and into personal responsibility, embracing chastisement as a journey to sanctification and as an expression of your love for us. For Proverbs 3:11 says: *“My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke.”*

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- ◆ I repent Lord God, for the times I have resented and been downright angry at your disciplining me and pruning my character and temperament. I repent for not realizing and appreciating this has been your way of making me holy in order to spend eternity with You and Christ Jesus.
- ◆ For Hebrews 12:5-8 encourages us: *“And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, ‘My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.’ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.”*
- ◆ Father Abba, I surely want to be your true son/daughter. I commit to enduring and embracing hardships as a way of deepening my spiritual discipline and maturity. I commit to encouraging others through their hardships by sharing Your Word and love with them, your love for them.
- ◆ Hebrews 12:9-11 affirms this: *“Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, **in order that we may share in his holiness.** No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, **it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace** for those who have been trained by it.”* What a gracious and loving gift Heavenly Father! Thank you! Thank you for the harvest of righteousness across America!

The New Covenant Chastisement Brings Grace

- ◆ Dear Abba Father, thank you for the grace that You bring in chastisement through the New Covenant. Jesus came as a human man to demonstrate that it IS possible for us to be holy here on earth in the

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flesh. And Your Word in Hebrews 12:14 exhorts us: *“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to **be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.**”* Heavenly Father, I surely want to see my Lord! I pray this for ALL of the peoples of America.

- ◆ Romans 8:1-2 tells us when we walk according to the Spirit in which Jesus walked, we shall not be condemned with the world: *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”* Lord God, please release your law of the Spirit of life across America in this time of the Great Harvest of Souls!
- ◆ Heavenly Father, You warn about ‘*shaking the earth*’, but it is for the ultimate purpose to bring YOUR earth creation and all its peoples back into alignment, one-ness with You and your son Jesus Yeshua. Help me to be an anchor of your light and Word amidst the shaking of the earth that comes with chastisement.
- ◆ As Hebrews 12:25-29 proclaims: *“See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, ‘Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.’ The words ‘once more’ indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since **we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our ““God is a consuming fire.”*”
- ◆ The notion of You as a consuming fire comes from Deuteronomy 4:23-24, which reminds us that being in covenant (living 100% according to your laws, ways and Will) **is** the anchor amidst the storms of life and chastisements: *“Be careful not to forget the covenant of the Lord your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an*

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idol in the form of anything the Lord your God has forbidden. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.”

We Shall Be An Armor of Light

- ◆ Dear Abba Father, Your Word in Romans Chapter 13 exhorts us to “put on Christ’ as our ultimate armor. In this armor, we commit to be an anchor amidst the storms of chastisement on our nation. We commit to encouraging and uplifting others, leading them to the Word, the Incarnate Word Jesus, who brings the ultimate peace and freedom.
- ◆ As an armor of light, I take hold of and proclaim Romans 13:11-14: *“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, I offer my personal sufferings and challenges as reparations for my sins and the sins of my country.

A Holy Nation is Our Destiny

- ◆ Lord God, we take hold of your promise in Ezekiel 20:41: *“I will accept you as fragrant incense when I bring you out from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will be proved holy through you in the sight of the nations.”*
- ◆ We pray 1 Peter 2:9 to be fulfilled over America: *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* Praise You Lord God from whom ALL blessings flow! Amen and Amen.

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- ✦ We proclaim Revelations 1:6-7, *“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.”*

### SEALING PRAYER

*But we have come to Mount Zion,  
to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.*

*We have come to thousands upon thousands  
of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn,  
whose names are written in heaven.*

*We have come to God, the Judge of all,  
to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant,  
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks  
a better word than the blood of Abel.*

Hebrews 12:22-24

*“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.  
He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,  
and God himself will be with them as their God.  
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,  
and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning,  
nor crying, nor pain anymore,  
for the former things have passed away.’”*

Revelations 21:3-4