

## **Pleading for Coweta County in the Court Of Heaven**

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Did you know that when you intercede for Coweta County you are appearing before The Court of Heaven to present our case before the judicial bench of the Lord God Almighty, ruler of Heaven and Earth?

How do we do this?

We gather our case, using the Word of God, and prepare to present our petitions; this activity is termed "pleading our case".

Then, we come before His Throne in the Courtroom of Heaven as Intercessors for Coweta County. Our Father is the Judge, and Jesus is our Advocate in the courtroom (1 John 2:1), who helps us to plead our case with the Father. The Holy Spirit witnesses concerning Jesus (John 14:16-17a,26) and He helps us plead our case as well (John 16:15). Jesus designated the Holy Spirit as the Paraclete, meaning comforter, encourager or exhorter, one who gives aid, and He declared the Holy Spirit to be our "parakletos" i.e. our legal advisor, pleader, proxy, or advocate, one who comes forward in behalf of and as the representative of another.

So with the Son and the Holy Spirit, we stand before the Judge to honor Him and approach the bench in God's High Court.

Then we fall to our knees before Him in the court room of heaven confessing our sins on behalf of Coweta County, asking for the Lord to deliver us from evil and to free those who are oppressed in captivity and are held in prisons of sin.

"Plead" is a legal word which means to make a plea in a legal action, to put forward a legal declaration, or to address a court as an advocate.

So we begin by pleading the blood of Jesus sprinkled on the mercy seat, which is the most powerful plea we can make. Spurgeon called the blood of Jesus the master key "that unlocks the treasury of heaven." In any court of law, we must have legal standing in that court. Our standing in the court of heaven is by the blood of Jesus. "He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption" (Heb. 9:5,12). We have no merit of our own. So we begin by pleading His finished work on the cross in our behalf in accordance with God's will and His glory.

Then, we plead the honor and glory of God's name, and we plead God's authority as our Creator (Ps. 119:73) and our Redeemer (Is. 63:16).

Then, we plead the Word and promises of God, quoting God's promises reverently back to him. And we appeal to the Lord's attributes (Justice Gen. 18:25, Neh. 9:33; Compassion Ps. 103:8; Righteousness Ps. 97:2, Isa. 42:21; Faithfulness Ps. 89:14, 143:1, Deut. 7:9; Covenant-keeping Ps. 89:34; Mercy Deut. 9:5-6, Ps. 25:6, 4:1, 27:7, 30:10; and Lovingkindness Ps. 119:41, Isa. 63:7.)

And we keep on pleading as Jesus told us to do.

Luke 18:6-8 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" NKJV

Do we really believe the words of Jesus? If so, we must cry out to Him, day and night, as Daniel did, for the people of Coweta County!