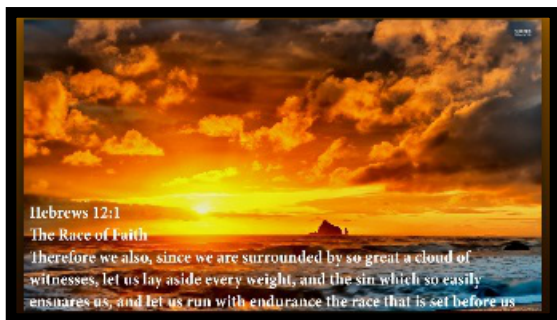


## Truth Series - 1 of 6 - Great Cloud Story

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The Lord bless and keep you, family. May He guide you into all righteousness and truth. Amen.

Well, this is a short story that illustrates the absurdity of confusion over where and when we can pray and cannot pray. And it is part of this series establishing the doctrines that help us to see clearly what the Lord has given us, what

He has left behind for us to do and how He is calling us to live it in intercession in our lives. So, here is the story:

Your daughter is on the high school soccer team, and she is really a great player. You are on your way to the state runoff game to see which team will represent Louisiana in the national competitions. You get to the field and all the parents are anxiously waiting for the game to begin. The bleachers are filled to capacity looking forward nervously to this game. They are facing off a team that won the championship last year, and everyone is very tense. There have been a lot of good changes in your daughter's team and hopes are high.

The game begins. It's obvious that the opponents are tough and seasoned, but your team has done a lot of practicing to prepare for this. The game goes on for a good forty minutes and everyone breaks for half time.

Your daughter comes over to you and hugs you, "It is tough out there, but we are holding up." You look at her with great pride because you know she has been working hard to prepare for this game. Break is over the game starts up, and you can see that the other team's defense is strong. But the game is coming to a close and they are tied. You are growing more anxious by the moment and you start to pray, "Lord help her!" She breaks through the defense and scores the winning goal just as the buzzer goes off. And they won!!!!

Now let us change the scene. You have run your course on this Earth and now you are with the Lord in Heaven, and you are one of the Cloud of Witnesses looking in on your daughter who is in labor with her first child. It is a long painful labor, and the doctors are concerned because the baby's heartbeat is getting weaker and weaker. God has allowed you to be present at this event for a very special reason. You realize how serious the situation is and you begin to pray with all your heart, "Lord save her and the baby. Lord please step in and bring this baby out safely! Please!"

Now a soul standing nearby with you says, "Be quiet! you cannot pray for her, you are in Heaven!" You do not care you just keep praying and say, "Where does it say that in the Bible that I cannot pray in Heaven?" Look Jesus is praying too. He stands forever making intercession for the saints and He said pray without ceasing, and you are telling me I cannot? No way. You watch the doctors as the baby is finally delivered safe and sound and you say, "Thank You God. Thank You for saving my babies!"

And one last story for you, when Jesse Duplantis was taken to Heaven, physically, King David was his escort. When he was leaving, King David said to Jesse, "Jesse, I am praying for you." Wow! Imagine that King David praying for someone on Earth. When Jesse showed up for the service there was so much Shekinah glory on him that no one in the entire congregation said a word, he was like Moses coming down from the mountain. Then he told everyone what had happened to him. Truly we have saints in Heaven praying for us! They see the Lord praying and they join in praying for us.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that has been set before us. And that is Hebrews 12:1.

So, my dear ones, in Heaven we are going to be very busy, very busy indeed, praying for those on Earth.

The Lord bless you.

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