

# Some Concerns Regarding Statements in the Book “Rees Howells: Intercessor” (PDF 4)

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Rees Howells: Intercessor (official PDF file): <http://www.inspirationalchristians.org/downloads/rees-howells-intercessor-ebook.pdf>

- This is a good book with powerful scripture references and inspiring examples from the life of a man who desired to serve God and do God's best will for his life. He saw miracles happen in answer to prayer and the course of World War 2 changed by way of his and others' prayers. This is an inspiring book to read and seek God through, but it does have some errors, as most Christian books do.
- There are more errors than I have been able to write about. So, we Christians need to be Bereans (Acts 17:10-11). I myself have been misled at times, so I offer this article with a desire to point out why God is a loving, caring, compassionate, patient, gracious, longsuffering Father.

**A. Rees Howells: Intercessor - Note for Page 119 (Chapter 34 -- INTERCESSION FOR DUNKIRK) - God Is Not Hard on Us and He Does Not Give Us a Heavy Burden.**

**Subject: God Is Not Hard on Us and He Does Not Give Us a Heavy Burden. (Matthew 11:28-30)**

In the book Rees Howells: Intercessor, by Norman Grubb, a mistaken belief about burdens (in intercession) is taught. I don't presume to know all there is to know about prayer and intercession. I certainly don't.

In Chapter 34, Rees was described to have a "crushing burden" while he interceded during a period of some days from May 22 to 25, 1940 (see the end of **page 119** in [the PDF document](#)). This was during the beginning stages of World War 2. Naturally, fear would be attacking him. He expressed fear about the Nazis capturing Britain and causing the British to be "slaves" (see the beginning of **page 120** in [the PDF document](#)). It was this likely fear that brought the "crushing burden" upon Rees. It was not God, for Jesus spoke of how His burdens are light and His yoke is easy in [Matthew 11:28-30](#).

Matthew 11:28-30

"[28] Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**The Resurrected Jesus Speaks of Peace for His Church**

In [John 20:19](#), the resurrected Jesus miraculously appeared in the middle of a locked room, in Jerusalem, where the disciples were staying for fear of

religious leaders. Knowing they were afraid and burdened, Jesus said: "...Peace be unto you." He said those words again in John 20:21 and John 20:26.

John 20:19 says: "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

In John 14:27, Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Jesus gives us peace because He is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). Isaiah 30:15 tells of God's peace. Isaiah 30:15 says: "For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not."

Throughout the book, *Rees Howells: Intercessor*, there is a teaching about "agonizing" in prayer or having "agony" while praying or interceding, which is not found in the Bible. I believe that Norman Grubb and Rees Howells meant well by speaking of this, but it is not accurate to God's Word.

### **Jesus in Gethsemane**

It is true that Jesus had agony when He prayed to His Father (God the Father), but we need to look at the context of why the Only Begotten Son of God had agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Jesus in Gethsemane: Luke 22:39-46.)

Jesus knew that all the sins of the world would be put on Him and that He would be separated from God the Father's affection for a few hours (Matthew 27:46). The agony of bearing all the sins of the world and feeling separated from the Father's affection and intimacy was what drove the Savior of the world to weep drops of blood while in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus does not call the Church to bear the sins of the world, for He alone bore them (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus does not call the Church to die on a literal wooden cross because He did that in our place, as a propitiation for our sins. He took our place and died once for the sins of the whole world (Hebrews

[9:24-28](#)). That is how God the Father and God the Son demonstrated God's love to us.

### **God's burden is light**

The burden Jesus gives us Christians is very light ([Matthew 11:28-30](#)). Jesus in [Matthew 11:30](#) said: "*For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*" It is not a heavy thing. It is not agony. It is not hardship. It is peace, fellowship with Abba God, and rest of soul ([John 14:27](#), [Colossians 3:15](#), [John 16:33](#)).

Jesus *did* call us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him ([Mark 8:34-38](#)), but taking up the cross is symbolic. It is dying to the old ways we used to live in, and living with Christ in close fellowship with Him and with Abba Father God ([1 John 1:3](#), [1 John 1:5-7](#), and all of [1 John 1](#)). We must recognize that Jesus alone paid for all our sins, with His own blood (see "**Footnote**" below), and we must make Him our personal Savior and Lord (if we haven't). [*To find out how to be saved, [click here](#).*]

We pay Him *nothing* for what He did because it is a gift. It is free. It was paid for by His precious blood about 2,000 years ago, on a Roman cross.

### **2 Corinthians 3:16-17**

"[16] Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.  
[17] Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

We are not under bondage but we have liberty from bondage and liberty from sin ([2 Corinthians 3:16-18](#)), so that we can walk in the newness of life ([Romans 6:4](#)), which is Christ living His life in us ([Galatians 2:19-21](#)). In this state of rest and peace, we can have great fellowship with Abba God and with Jesus Christ, the Son of God ([1 John 1](#), [John 17:3](#), [1 Corinthians 1:9](#)).

[Romans 6:4](#) says: "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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## Footnote:

The Greek word *teleó* means: "[to bring to an end, complete, fulfill](#)" and it also means to "[pay](#)" and "[discharge \(a debt\)](#)" and "[accomplish](#)". That is the root word that Jesus spoke from the cross of Calvary. It is recorded in [John 19:30](#).

John 19:30 says: "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

Jesus finished and *paid-in-full* all the requirements we humans had to fulfill under the Law of Moses and under the Old Testament. God the Father knew that no one could fulfill all those requirements, except for Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus fulfilled them for us and died in our place on the cross, so that we are free. Now, we are able, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, to walk in the new life that Jesus gives us, which is by His Holy Spirit working through us to walk in obedience to God and in fellowship with Him. Read the passage from [Galatians 5](#) below to learn more about this new life in Christ.

### **Galatians 5:16-26**

"[16.] This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."

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**B. Rees Howells: Intercessor - Note for Page 121 (Chapters 35 and 36 -- "BATTLE OF BRITAIN" and "RUSSIA, NORTH ...") - Rees Howells heard from a false spirit**

**Subject: Rees Howells heard from a false spirit which contradicted God's Word.**

While this book is filled with good doctrine, encouraging testimony, and narrative about the inspiring life of an intercessor, the book *Rees Howells: Intercessor* has some false doctrines and wrong beliefs about God. We have tried to expose and compare with scripture the main unbiblical beliefs Rees Howells had in these PDF articles below:

[Rees Howells - Intercessor Notes \(1\).pdf](#)

[Rees Howells - Intercessor Notes \(2\).pdf](#)

[Rees Howells - Intercessor Notes \(3\).pdf](#)

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This section has three sub-sections:

- (1.) [Regarding] Chapter 35 -- "The Battle of Britain" -- Point of Concern
- (2.) [Regarding] Chapter 36 -- Russia, North Africa, Italy, "D" Day -- Deception
- (3.) Conclusion

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### **(1.) Chapter 35 -- "The Battle of Britain" -- Point of Concern**

In the chapter titled "The Battle of Britain", on page 121 in this [official PDF file](#), Rees Howells heard a voice (Rees thought was the Holy Spirit) tell him that he should **not** come to God for protection if he is afraid of the "consequences" of missing God's will. Rees believed the consequences of missing God's will would include Nazi air raids bombing the Bible college and other properties God had given to Rees Howells and his team. This is fear and it is unbiblical. It doesn't agree with [Psalm 91](#), [Psalm 18](#), [Psalm 27](#), and other scriptures.

Rees Howells is quoted in the paragraph below. This is on page 121 in [the official PDF file](#). (Note: This is also on page 242 in the paperback book. See the reference below.).

"The only thing I am afraid of is that I should miss God's will; many people are afraid of consequences. I must be clear on this point, for God says, 'If it is the consequences you are afraid of, don't come to Me for protection.' There is a great difference between a selfish fear of consequences, and wanting God's protection because you have a work to carry out for Him. Have we really got victory?" [Grubb, Norman. (1999). *Rees Howells: Intercessor*. Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade. {See page 242}]

God never tells His children that they *shouldn't* come to Him for protection if they are afraid of bad things happening.

In [Matthew 18:12-14](#), Jesus said:

"[12] How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? 13. And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. 14. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

God does not want any of us to perish. He goes after us to bring us back to Himself and He watches over us as the caring Shepherd. King David, by the Holy Spirit leading him, wrote the famous Psalm 23.

### **Psalm 23**

"[1.] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."

Even when we (born-again Christians) are faced with dark and dangerous times (the valley of the shadow of death), we have nothing to be afraid of because God is with us. His protection (pictured by a staff) is watching over us. God provides for us even in the most adverse of times. He causes His



goodness and mercy to go with us all our days. There is no reason to be afraid of anything.

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## **(2.) Chapter 36 -- Russia, North Africa, Italy, "D" Day -- Deception**

In Chapter 36, on page 123, in [the official PDF file](#), Rees Howells said that God told him that He cannot "guarantee" Rees would be safe if the [Nazi] air raids continued and told him to pray for them to leave the country [of Britain].

Below is what Rees Howells said. (Note: This is also on page 247 in the paperback book. See the reference below.)

"I feel much more strongly today," said Mr. Howells in the January 20 meeting, "that God has stopped me praying more for this town than for the country. He tells me, 'If these air raids are going to be repeated, I cannot guarantee you will be safe, so come and pray them out of the country'; and I said to Him, 'You protect us now, until we get a chance to come up and believe You.'" [\[Grubb, Norman. \(1999\). \*Rees Howells: Intercessor\*. Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade. {See page 247}\]](#)

But, what does God's Word, the Bible, say about these matters? Does God tell us He cannot protect us if we don't pray for something specific that He supposedly wants us to pray for? Please take time to read Psalm 91 and think about the scripture. Does this agree with what Rees Howells said in the quoted paragraph?

### **Psalm 91**

"[1.] He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

10. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

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Notice what Psalm 91 says in verses 8 and 9 and in verses 14-16?

### **Psalm 91:8-9**

"[9.] Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; [10.] There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

### **Psalm 91:14-16**

"[14.] Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. [15.] He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. [16.] With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

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### **(3.) Conclusion**

If we make God our refuge and trust in Him, no harm shall happen to us. But, the voice which Rees Howells heard said or implied to him, essentially, that harm would happen to him if he did not pray for the removal of the [Nazi] air raids from Britain.

The voice that spoke to Rees Howells in the quoted paragraph from Chapter 36 was giving Rees a veiled threat. In essence, the voice was saying that if Rees did not pray for a specific thing (other than his own immediate concerns), then God supposedly would not protect him. This is clearly a threat and a lie, for it is unbiblical. Abba God does not threaten His children to get them to pray for certain things. That is bullying.

([Psalm 86:15](#) says: "But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.")

We Christians need to be spiritually discerning and be Bereans, searching the scriptures to see if what we read is true, or whether it is deception (See [Acts 17:10-11](#)). Let's seek God about what we read, hear, and see. Let's look into the Bible to compare scripture with scripture. And, let's compare scripture with the teachings we take in from other sources.

Abba God is agape love ([1 John 4:16](#)). That is the foundation we each must rest our relationship with God on. And, if we are born-again Christians, God is our Abba Father ([Galatians 4:6-7](#)).

**Galatians 4:6-7** says: "[6] And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. [7] Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

**1 John 4:16-21** says:

"[16]. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 17. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19. We love him, because he first loved us.

20. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21. And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."