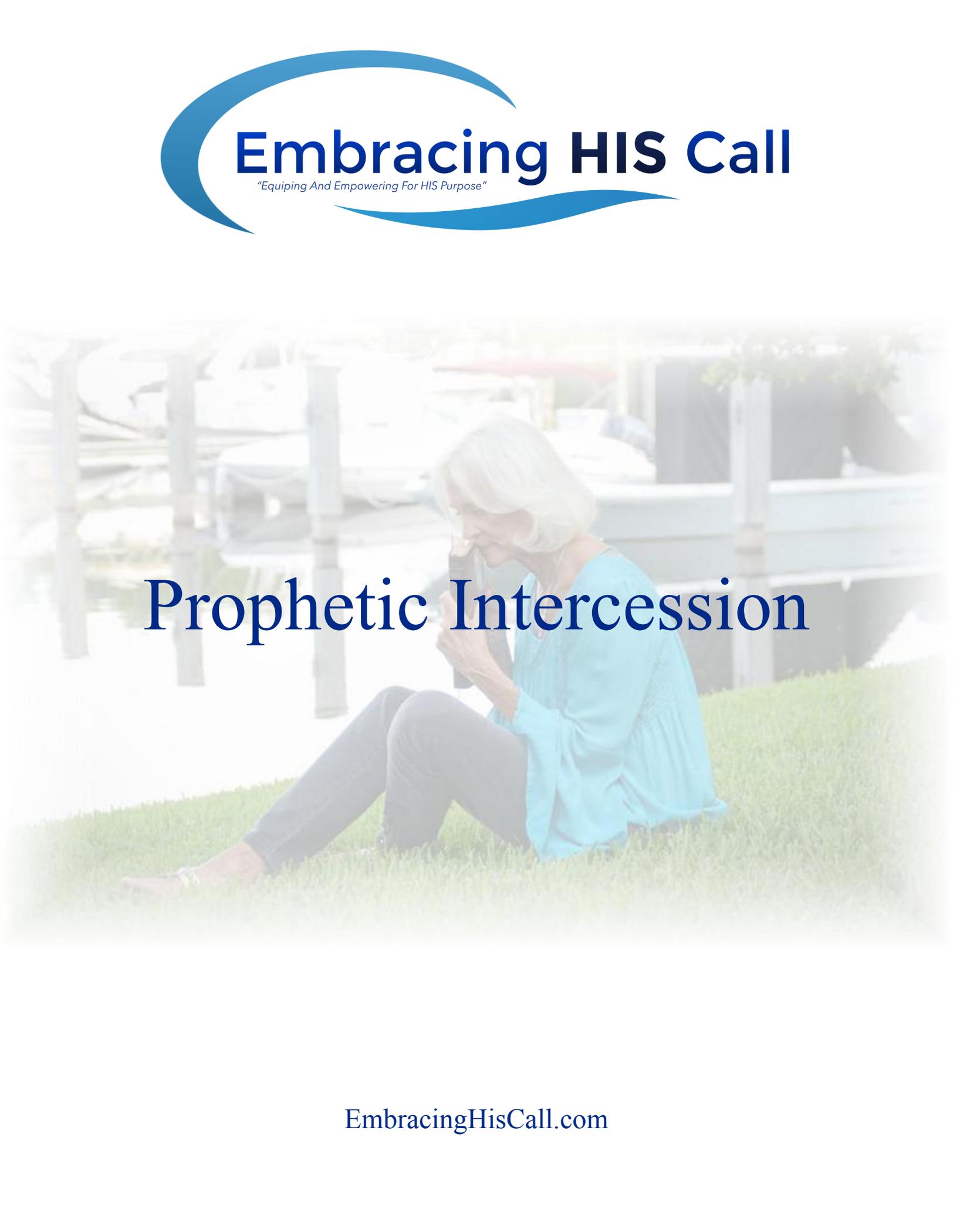




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## Prophetic Intercession

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## A Call to Intercession *Session One*

God delights in us asking Him for help. He loves to empower, instruct, support and strengthen any time we have a need. Let's make God Lord over our prayer lives as well. *1 John 5:14 states: "This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us -- whatever we ask -- we know that we have what we asked of him."*

First, we want to know what God thinks about any situation we're praying about. If we know what God agrees with, we can enter in agreement with Him and our prayers become powerful and effective intercessions. With God agreeing, He already said, "yes" to our request. Therefore, prophetic intercession always includes God. Because of its revelatory nature, prophetic intercession is a combination of intercession and prophecy.

1 Corinthians 14:1 states: *"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy."* Here the Word is asking us to "eagerly desire" the spiritual gifts.

- **Prophecy** is hearing and knowing God's heart and then sharing His love and care.
- **Intercession** is praying to God on behalf of others and declaring what's in His heart over their life or a situation.

We can clearly see that God desires for the gift of prophecy and intercession to be available to all believers. It also means that we do not have to walk in the office of a prophet to receive the gift of prophecy. From this, we can conclude that prophetic intercession is equally available to all believers.

God's word instructs us in *1 Thessalonians 5:16-17, "Be joyful always. Pray continually."* All believers are told to pray and not only to pray, but to pray continually. Prophecy and intercession are meant to be normal parts of a believer's life. With both of them combined we become God's powerhouse.

Prophetic intercession begins with waiting on God and praying continually until the prayer is answered. As we press into God, He will often show us what's going on behind the scenes. Often He reveals spiritual hindrances or gives us direction on how to pray and what to specifically focus on. 2 Peter 1:21 states, *"Above all, you must understand, that no prophecy of scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."* We expect God to reveal what's in His heart by asking Him, "Who do you want me to pray for and how do you want me to pray?" We invite the Holy Spirit to partner with us as we pray in agreement.

### **Intercessory ministry of Jesus, our example:**

Jesus was motivated to pray out of love. He laid down His Glory and became the Son of Man so that He could set the example for us. He was still Son of God without sin but wanted to demonstrate how to pray, how to trust, how to believe and how to receive.



1. Jesus had a heart of compassion; we are motivated by His compassion to be seated with Him and pray in agreement. Romans 8:34 *“Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.”*
2. His goal was to draw all to His Father; we are to share the same goal. Hebrews 7:25 *“Hence, also He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”*
3. He is an Advocate; we also advocate - I John 2:1-2 *“My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”*
4. He used His authority. He has now given us authority. - In Matthew 28:18, Jesus states: *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.”* Further he states in Matthew 10:19: *“I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

There is another part to holding the keys. We will need to know which door they will fit. God is willing to show us. There is a spiritual principle involved in warfare. The more we are yielded to God, the more effective we are and the more fruit we produce in His Kingdom.

#### **Jesus’ heart is revealed in prayer.**

*God likes us to ask questions. Questions builds intimacy. What is God saying to you as you read His Word? Journal the following scriptures and reflect on God’s heart spoken through Jesus’ prayer:*

What are the seven requests found in John 17:1-26:

1. He prayed the Father would **keep** you. (Hebrews 4:15)
2. He prayed the Father would **sanctify** you through His Word. (Hebrews 7:26; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18; Ephesians 5:27).
3. He prayed you would have His **joy** fulfilled in your life.
4. He prayed the Church would be united together as **one** with Him and with each other. (I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:4-6)
5. He prayed the church would be brought to full **maturity**. He knew this would have to be the process of an experience and it would not be easy. (Ephesians 4:12,13)
6. He prayed God’s **love** would be manifested in you. (John 13:13,14; John 15:12,13; 15:17; I John 4:20)
7. He prayed you would live in His presence and behold His **glory**. The word “glory” is translated from the Greek word *doxa*, which refers to all that God has and all that He is – all His divine attributes.

The Lord is searching for people who are willing to step into the breach and develop into bridges for others so that they can turn back to God. God has placed power in our hands – the opportunity to transform and release people.

*“Earnest prayer makes the intercessor like a king; investing him/her with authority so great that it can release captives! We must therefore persist in intercession, using the victorious name of Jesus and the quickened Word of God, until Satan gives up his booty. Our willingness to engage in prevailing, earnest prayer will decide the eternal destiny of our neighbor and ourselves.”*

*- M. Basilea Schlink – Author, teacher, prayer leader*



## **We are positioned as a Kingdom of Priests:**

### **A. A Royal Priesthood – *You are called***

I Peter 2:9 *“You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession that should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

Revelation 1:6 *“He has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”*

Revelation 5:10 *“Thou hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth.”*

I Peter 2:5 *“You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

### **B. Continual Sacrifices - *persistent prayer***

Exodus 30:1, 7-9 *“There shall be perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.”*

Leviticus. 6:9, 12-13 *“Fire shall be kept burning continually on the altar; it is not to go out.”*

Leviticus 24:2-3 *“Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you clear oil from beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually...it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations.”*

### **C. Spiritual Sacrifices – *and worship!***

Hebrews 13:15, *“Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.”*

Psalms 100, *“Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing...Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name, For the Lord is good; His loving-kindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.”*

Numbers 16:46-48 Aaron provides a vivid picture of the intercessor. The congregation of Israel had sinned by rebellion against their leaders and God sent judgment upon them in the form of a plague that was taking the lives of thousands. Moses told Aaron, the high priest, *“Take a censor, and put fire therein from the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly into the congregation, and make an atonement for them for there is wrath gone out from the Lord, the plague is begun.”*

Aaron put the incense into his censor and ran out into the midst of the congregation. There, he took his stand between those who had already been smitten by the plague and those who had not. The fragrant smoke, ascending from the censor as Aaron swung it to and fro, formed a line to divide between two groups. *“He stood between the dead and the living and the plague was stayed.”*

The smoke of the incense from Aaron’s censor typifies *“the effectual prayer of a righteous man, James 5:16)*. Where intercession took effect, the plague ceased. Judgment ended and mercy began.

## **Intercession reviewed (James Goll)**

### **A. Webster’s Dictionary Definitions**

1. **Intercede** – to act between parties with a view to reconcile those who differ or contend; to plead in favor of another; to interpose, to mediate or make intercession.
2. **Mediate** – being between two extremes; to interpose between parties at variance with a view to reconciliation; to mediate a peace.
3. **Mediation** – entreaty for another – intercession



## B. Hebrew Definition

The Hebrew word in intercession is *paga*, to meet, to light upon (by chance) to fall upon, attack, strike down, cut down, to strike the mark, laid upon.

1. To meet – Isaiah 64:5 “A meeting with God for the purpose of reconciliation.”
2. To light upon – Genesis 28:10-17 Our “Helper” aids our intercession by moving us from the natural to the supernatural, from finite ability to infinite ability, taking hold of situations with us so as to accomplish the will of God.
3. To fall upon, attack, strike down, cut down – I Samuel 22:11-19; 2 Sam. 1:11-16.  
Intercession is the readiness of a soldier to fall upon or attack the enemy at the command of his lord, striking and cutting him down.
4. To strike the mark – Job 36:32 Intercession releases the flashing forth of His glory/lightening, directing it to the desired situation and allowing it to strike the mark.
5. Lay upon – Isaiah 53:12 (intercession); Isaiah 53:6 (laid upon). Intercession reached its fullest and most profound expression when our sins were “laid upon” Jesus. Jesus was able to fully identify with us, having the totality of our condition placed upon Him; then as the scapegoat, He carried it far away. There is an aspect of this form of intercession into which we, as His Body, can enter. Colossians 1:24 calls us to “*share on behalf of His Body, which is the church, in filling up that which is lacking in Christ’s afflictions.*”

**Prophetic intercession isn't simply praying. It is a divine connection, a revelation, an agreement between man and God based on His word or revelations received from the Holy Spirit, and then the manifestation of the answers.**

Hebrews 10: 19-22 states: *“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God, with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”*

### **Lord, teach us to pray.**

*Dear Father,*

*Thank you that we can come boldly to the throne room because of the blood of the Lamb and the name above every name, Jesus Christ, the Anointed One. We ask that the Holy Spirit teach us, guide us and lead us into all truth so that we can be effective intercessors who represent the Kingdom well. We ask for grace so that our life’s work may become praying without ceasing to draw down the blessing of heaven on all our surroundings on earth. We accept your call and thank you for choosing us. We willingly yield our whole being and desire to be transformed into the image of Christ. Form, train, and inspire us to be one of Your prayer forces who watch and pray with power and victory. Fill us with the desire to glorify God in the gathering, sanctification and union of all Believers. Take our minds and give us wisdom to know when prayer can bring a blessing. Prepare us as a priest to stand in Your Presence to worship and bless Your Name so that we may change destinies. Help us to be everything for You and nothing for ourselves to build an everlasting relationship with You and the Church.*

*In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*



## Praying With Spiritual Vision *Session Two*

God can release His voice in the form of vision so that we can prayer specifically over the needs of an individual or the church. Visions are often multidimensional and come as inward vision; outer visions, like a movie being played on a screen in front of you. You may even have a trance, such as Peter experienced in Acts 10. Mark Virkler, in his book Four Keys to Hearing God's Voice, describes the voice of God as a series of flowing thoughts and flowing pictures. This connects with *John 7:38*, "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." What this means is that you will often hear the voice of God by paying attention to your inner thoughts and to the pictures that pop into your imagination in the context of prayer.

To increase your spiritual vision, take time to journal the following scriptures and to reflect on what God is saying specifically to you. When effort is taken to mediate on a Word, God gives an individual a Rhema or a "now" word. In Greek, the word Rhema means "an utterance." Therefore, the Rhema word in Biblical terms refers to a portion of scripture that "speaks" to a believer. In most cases, a Rhema word received while reading the Bible applies to a current situation or need. In essence, the Rhema word is timely and extremely valuable in a Christian's walk with God and in agreement in prayer.

In 2 Timothy 3:16, the Apostle Paul says that God inspired the writers of the Bible. *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."* In the NIV version of the Bible, it says that Scripture is God-breathed. No matter the interpretation, the writers of the Bible put words to paper as the Holy Spirit instructed them. As you meditate on a verse, ask God to give you a visual image to help you to see the promise in the spirit realm.

As an intercessor, our desire is follow Jesus example in *John 5:19* "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for what things the Father does, the Son does likewise." Therefore, we ask the Father, "Show me what you're doing in heaven, Father? Thank you for revealing what I shall pray so that I may bring heaven to earth." That's the prayer of faith that moves the hand of God and we get to see the results of an effectual, fervent prayer.

### **Four distinct Biblical definitions of an Intercessor:**

Intercessors have the honor of carrying many assignments. The joy of seeing results is to understand what God is saying in each assignment. The more we understand the heart of God and know His Word, the assignments come more naturally. Take time to journal the following promises and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His heart with a Rhema Word, a "now" or an "ah ha" message that enlightens your spirit to see what's happening in heaven so you can pray in agreement with His will.

1. **An intercessor is one who reminds the Lord of promises and appointments yet to be met and fulfilled.** *Isaiah 62:6-7* "On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You, who remind the Lord, "take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. *2 Corinthians 1:20* "All the promises of God in him are yes and in him amen for the glory of God by us."



2. **An intercessor is one who takes up a case of justice before God on behalf of another.** *Isaiah. 59:15-16 “Yes, truth is lacking and he turns aside from evil and makes himself a prey. Now the Lord saw, and it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede.” Isaiah 33:22 “For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us.”*
3. **An intercessor is one who makes up the hedge; builds up the wall in a time of battle.** *Ezekiel 13:4-5 “O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins. You have not gone up into the breaches (breaks), nor did you build the wall (hedge) around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the Lord.” Luke 14:23 “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”*
4. **An intercessor is one who stands in the gap between God’s righteous judgments that are due and the need for mercy on the people’s behalf.** *Ezekiel 22:30-31 NIV “And I searched for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. Thus I have poured out my indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; their way I have brought upon their heads, declares the Lord.”*

### **The Price and Power of Intercession**

Intercession reached its fullest and most profound expression when our sins were “laid upon” Jesus. It is little wonder that the Bible called it a mystery, hidden deeply within the mind of God! Somehow in the wisdom of God, Jesus was able to fully identify with us, having the totality of our condition placed upon Himself; then as the scapegoat, he carried it far away. There is an aspect of this form of intercession, which we, as His Body, can enter into. It isn’t exactly the same as His was, of course, in that His was redemptive in nature. There is, nonetheless, a sharing on behalf of His body (which is the Church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ’s afflictions (Col. 1:24). *“Now I, Paul, rejoice, in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the Church.”* (NIV Study Bible) “Paul experienced all kinds of afflictions because he was preaching the good news of Christ’s atonement. Christ suffered on the cross to atone for sin, and Paul filled up Christ’s afflictions by experiencing the added sufferings necessary to carry this good news to a lost world.”

### **Modeling the Work of Christ**

You are to identify with the Church and be a burden bearer. Galatians 6:2 “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ”. We cannot add to what Christ has done, but modeling what He did, we have the burdens and weaknesses of others placed upon us for intercessory purposes. We carry them to the throne, allowing the Holy Spirit to then appropriate the benefits of the Cross, acknowledging and receiving the grace of our Lord and the power of His shed blood as sufficient.

### **Identification in Intercession**

It is identifying with the needs of the people to such an extent that in your heart you seem to “become one with them.” Out of a heart of compassion, sorrow, and desperation, your heart pounds with the sufferings of others as though it were your own. As you receive the heart of the Father, by the spirit of revelation, it is your own. You identify with God’s righteous judgments, His desire for mercy, the peoples’ horrifying condition, and their sins, which block the way. Then, by choosing to be “one of them,” and laying aside



your own position, your heart is burdened by the Spirit of God and a cry of confession of sin, disgrace, failure, and humiliation quietly and sometimes dramatically pours forth from your heart unto the Lord. You carry away the blockage of sin, so as to open the way that God's promise might precede forth.

### **An Invitation Extended**

Ez. 36:37 "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Once again I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep." "I will let you ask me to do what I want to do for you!" This is an invitation and high privilege to change history by untying God's hands through prayer. In summary, the Church's full standing with God will be restored because God allowed petitions to come to Him again.

### **Lord, teach us to identify with Christ**

*Dear Father,*

*I come to you in the name of Jesus and ask that you give me Your heart and Your grace for this deepening work of identification in intercession and burden bearing. Open my eyes to see the needs and grant me your broken heart. Give me spiritual vision to see into the heavenly realms so I may pray the effectual, fervent prayer. Help me to lay down my life, grace me to agree with the sin and condition of Your people and help me to carry their burdens. Make me a true intercessor, willing to be an answer to my prayers. I ask for Spiritual vision to see into the heavenly realms so I may pray your Kingdom come, Your will be done. Help me, Holy Spirit to model the life of Jesus. For Your Kingdom and Your glory's sake.*

*In Jesus' name I pray,*

*Amen.*



## **Pleading Our Case**

### ***Session Three***

As believers, we have the honor of entering into the Courtroom of heaven and pleading a case before the Righteous Judge. *Isaiah 33:22* “*He is the Righteous Judge, He is the Lawgiver, He is the King. He will save us.*” If you’ve ever prayed in agreement with God’s will and yet the desired answers did not come, this teaching will help you pray to get results.

The answer is found with our prayer towards the Courts of Heaven and not only the battlefield. In the courtrooms of Heaven, breakthroughs can be found for God is the Master of Breakthrough. *Micah 2:13* “*The Breaker goes up before them; they break out, pass through the gate and go out by it. So their king goes on before them, And the LORD at their head.*” When you learn to operate in His Court, know His Word, and His authority, there you will see your answers unlocked and released. He has asked us to bring our case before Him. *Isaiah 43:26* “*Put Me in remembrance, let us **plead** together: declare thou, that thou may be justified.*”

Presenting your case and detailing your arguments not only pleases God, it also helps you understand a need more completely, moves your compassion, strengthens your determination, and arms you with greater holy hunger.

#### **Definitions of “Plead”**

1. *Webster’s Dictionary* – to argue a case in a court of law; to entreat or appeal earnestly.
2. *Hebrew* – (shaphat) to judge, pronounce sentence, vindicate, punish, or to litigate.

#### **God as Judge**

We must have a revelation that God is the Judge and we have a rightful position to present our case through our Advocate/Lawyer – Jesus Christ the Righteous!

*Hebrews 12:22-24* - “*But you have come right up into Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to the gathering of countless happy angels; and to the church, composed of all those registered in heaven; and to God who is Judge of all; and to the spirits of the redeemed in heaven, already made perfect; and to Jesus himself, who has brought us his wonderful new agreement; and to the sprinkled blood, which graciously forgives instead of crying out for vengeance as the blood of Abel did.*”

- a. First, we find a description of God’s dwelling place.
- b. Second, those who dwell there with God.
- c. Third, the presentation of God Himself.
  - i. God as Judge of all.
  - ii. Jesus as the Mediator.
  - iii. Blood, which “speaks”.

#### **Examples of Pleading**

*Isaiah 1:18* “*Come, now, let us reason together says the Lord.*” This is an invitation to a court-time hearing: a court of appeal at the throne of God.

*Job 23:3-5* “*If only I knew where to find Him, if only I could go to His dwelling! I would state my case before Him and fill my mouth with arguments. I would find out what He would answer me.*”



Those who prevail bring forth their reasons and their strong arguments. Faith's act of wrestling is to plead with God and say with hold boldness, *"Let it be thus and thus for these reasons."* This holy debate with God is a passionate presentation to God of the many reasons why it will be in harmony with His nature, His righteous government, and the history of His holy intervention on behalf of His people. You do not plead in a negative, legal adversary in the presence of God the Holy Judge. Rather, you plead in the form in a well prepared brief; prepared by a legal advocate on behalf of a need and for the welfare of the kingdom. At times you are, as it were, petitioning God's court for an injunction against Satan to stop his harassment. The Holy Spirit guides you in the preparation and wording of your prayer argument. Jer. 14:7, 21 *"O Lord, do something for the sake of Thy Name. Do not dishonor Your glorious throne."* Josh. 7:9 *"What will You do for Your own name sake?"*

### **Presenting Our Case**

1. **Know who the enemy is and the authority God has given you.** Ephesians 6:12 *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms"*. Luke 10:19 *"I have given you authority over all the power of the Enemy, and to walk among serpents and scorpions and to crush them. Nothing shall injure you!"* Ezekiel 22:30 *"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one."*
2. **Repent on behalf of the person** who has fallen short and believed the lies of the enemy. Revelation 12:10, *"For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth-- the one who accuses them before our God day and night."* As intercessors, God hears our prayers for the person when our motives are pure. Job 22:30, *"He will deliver even one who is not innocent, who will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands."* We now have the authority to carry the burden and present the case. Galatians 6:2, *"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."* Out of love when Christ said, *"It is finished, we bear the burden with Jesus and repent on behalf of the person."* John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*
3. **Repent on your behalf** for any negative thoughts or actions you might have made – knowingly or unknowingly. Psalm 51:3,4 *"For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you and only you have I sinned and done this evil in your sight that I might be justified when you speak and be clear when you judge."*
4. **Find the Promises and remind God of them:** Job 22:28 *"Decree a thing and it shall be established and the light of God's favor will shine."* Hebrews 6:17 *"Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. 18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. 19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..."*
5. **Present the argument:**
  - a. Speak the promises back to God – require Him to watch over His Word to perform it. Jeremiah 1:12, *The LORD said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."* Now remind Him of His promise with holy boldness that have not yet been met and fulfilled. 2 Corinthians 1:20 *"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."*



- b. Purity of motive – be sure your heart is pure before God and that there is no controversy between God and our own soul. Be sure to argue for that which is in accordance with God’s will, which extends God’s Kingdom and which glorifies God. Job 22:30 *“He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of your hands.”*
6. Seven basis of appeal:
- a. Plead the Honor and Glory of God’s Name
    - i. God saved Israel at the Red Sea *for His Name’s sake* (Ps. 106:8).
    - ii. David prayed for the sake of God’s own name (2 Samuel 7:26).
    - iii. David, knowing the God-given responsibility of kingship placed upon him, prayed for guidance (Ps. 23:3; 31:3) and help (Ps. 109:21; 143:11) and for God’s name sake.
    - iv. Asaph prayed for God to help Israel *“For the glory of Your holy name”* (Ps. 79:9).
  - b. Plead God’s relationship to us
    - i. God is our **Creator** and we are the work of His hands (Job 10:3, 8, 9; 14:15; Ps. 119:73).
    - ii. God is our **Helper** (Ps. 33:20; 40:17; 63:7); our ever-present help (Ps. 46:11).
    - iii. God is our **Redeemer** (Ps. 19:14; Is. 41:14; 54:5); He will have compassion on us because He is our Redeemer (Is. 54:8; 63:16).
    - iv. God is our **Father** (Is. 64:8; Mal. 3:17; Rom. 8:15); cry as a child to His Father, *“Abba”*.
    - v. As our Creator, Helper, Redeemer, and Father, we plead for His protection and provision for all He has created and redeemed.
  - c. Plead God’s Attributes
    - i. Plead God’s **righteousness** as Nehemiah did (Nehemiah 9:33). Christ speeds the cause of the righteous (Isaiah 16:5).
    - ii. Plead on the basis of God’s **faithfulness**. In Psalm 89, Ethan makes God’s faithfulness the basis of his plea six times.
    - iii. Plead on the basis of God’s **mercy** and **love**. Join Moses (Deuteronomy 9:18), David (Psalm 4:1; 27:7; 30:10; 86:6, 15-16). Daniel and the three Hebrew children (Daniel 2:18).
  - d. Plead the Sorrows and Needs of the People
    - i. David was one who took on himself the sufferings of his people. He even wept for the suffering of his enemies (Psalm 16:9). Nehemiah, and especially Daniel, also used this plea greatly as they vicariously identified themselves with the sufferings of the people.
    - ii. Jeremiah used this form of plea as he prevailed for his people. He pleads for God to look and see the sufferings (Lamentations 2:20) to remember, look and see (5:1). In great detail, he lists for God all the sufferings of the people. He does not try to justify his people, for he knows how deserving they are of God’s judgments. Yet he pleads on the basis of their sufferings.
  - e. Plead the Past Answers to Prayer
    - i. David reminded God of His past mercy: *“You have been my helper* (Ps. 27:9). *Since my youth, O God, you have taught me...Even when I am old and gray, do*



- not forsake me, O God. (Ps. 71:17-18). A number of the Psalms remind God and the people in detail of His past mercies (78; 85:1-7; 105-106; 136).
- ii. Present pleading arguments for new mercies on the basis of the history of all He has already done. But the task is unfinished. God has invested too much to stop now. Plead for God's mercy and power to be renewed to bring final victory.
- f. Plead the Word and the Promises of God
- i. David held God to His word. Reverently, humbly, lovingly, but with holy insistence. David pressed for the fulfillment of God's promise. *"Do as you promised that Your name will be great forever...So your servant has found courage to pray to you, O lord. You are God! You have promised these good things to Your servant."* (1 Chron. 17:23-26).
  - ii. Solomon prayed the same way. He held God to the promises He had made to David, his father. *"O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven or on earth. You who keep Your covenant of love...You have kept your promise to your servant David my father. Now Lord. Keep for your servant David, my father, the promises You made that you promised Your servant David come true"* (2 Chron. 6:14-17). This was no mincing of words. God had spoken. Now Solomon insisted that God fulfill His word.
- g. Plead the Blood of Jesus
- i. Perhaps the greatest, most powerful, most unanswerable plea of all is the blood of Jesus. There is no more prevailing argument we can bring before God than the sufferings, blood and death of His Son. We have no merit of our own. We do not prevail by prayer techniques or past experience. There is no prayer "know-how" that prevails. It is only through the blood of Jesus.
  - ii. Bring before the Father the wounds of Jesus; remind the Father of the agony in Gethsemane; recall to the Father the strong cries of the Son of God as He prevailed for our world and for our salvation. Remind the Father of earth's darkest hour on Calvary, as the Son triumphed alone for you and me. Shout to heaven again Christ's triumphant call; It is finished! Plead the cross. Plead the blood.
  - iii. Plead the blood. Pray until you have the assurance of God's will. Pray until you have been given by the Spirit a vision of what God longs to do, needs to do, and waits to do. Pray until the authority of the name of Jesus grips you. Then plead the blood of Jesus and the name of Jesus and the blood of Jesus – glory in them.
  - iv. Spurgeon said, *"This is that which unlocks the treasury of heaven. Many keys fit many locks, but the master key is the blood and the name of Him that died and rose again, and ever live sin heaven to save unto the uttermost."*

### **The Result**

*Is. 43:26 "Put me in remembrance, let us argue our case together. State your cause, that you may be proved right."* Isn't it amazing? God calls us into an "interactive relationship" with Him through prayer! He wants us to "pin Him down" and win! He invites us into a courtroom hearing and He wants us to win!



## **An Invitation to Plead Your Case**

Dear Father,

We come in the name of Jesus pleading for the Lost and for those who have fallen short. We honor and trust You as the Righteous Judge. For Your Name's sake, we ask for mercy regarding those who don't know You. See their suffering, hear their cry, and let your love prevail. We plead the Blood and the name of Jesus and reason with you by reminding you of why You sent Your Son into the world. Before the world began, Your divine plan was in place to save the Lost because that's who you are; a righteous God of mercy and grace. May revelation enable us to see the position of dominion, power, authority and might that we are to take with Christ in the heavenlies so that we are used to break sin's hold and release freedom. You said, *"You would deliver the isle of the innocent by the cleanness of our hands"*, Job 22:30. You told us *"Put me in remembrance, plead, declare and you will be justified."* Remember Hosea 14:4 *"You will heal the backslider, You will love them freely; for your anger is turned from them."* You said, in Jeremiah 32:39,40 *"You will give them one heart, one way, that they may fear you forever, for the good of them and of their children after them. You will make an everlasting covenant with them and will not turn away from them; but put fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from You."* For Your Name's sake, we cry out for mercy, forgiveness, and grace. The Lost are Your creation, You are their Helper. You have given them a Redeemer so they might know You as a faithful God of love. Thank you for the power of the blood in bringing freedom, hope, and salvation to the Lost.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen



## **Prayer Anointing for Intercessors Session Four**

God's heart is revealed in *III John 1:2*, "*Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in good health even as your soul prospers*". The Lord wants us to experience spiritual prosperity, which includes: physical, emotional, spiritual healing. *I Thessalonians 5:23* "*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*"

Our soul prospers when we love the Lord with all our heart and we love others as we love ourselves. Our soul prospers when we receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation to know the Lord better. Our hearts must be enlightened to know the hope of our calling and the riches of our inheritance that belongs to us as the children of God. We must realize the enormous power of God that is available to us and become strong in our inner man so that we can help others experience freedom and hope for their future. When we understand the breadth and width and depth and height of the love of Christ, we are filled with the fullness of God. This is the spiritual prosperity that the Lord wants us to experience.

Prophetic prayers can awaken one to spiritual prosperity when intercessors, *James 5:16* "*...the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteousness man avails much.*" Our desire is to hear what the Lord is saying and to pray His heart so that individuals may experience the love of Father and the freedom God has for them.

### **Four characteristics of Prophetic Prayer Intercessors**

A prophetic prayer is a gift from the Holy Spirit that opens our eyes to God's love and care. It blesses not only the person one is praying for, but also for the person praying is blessed. The power in prophetic prayer is rooted in these characteristics:

- Prophetic prayer comes from the heart of God; it will be filled with love and hope. It edifies, encourages and comforts the church, (I Corinthians 14:3) and provides an injection of faith.
- Prophetic prayer magnifies the Lord Jesus; His love is the center which draws individuals closer to Him and fills them with a desire to know Him and trust Him during life's challenges.
- Prophetic prayer draws the Church into a greater love and obedience to Jesus; it provides a spirit of thanksgiving and praise and a desire is increased to serve Him willingly and cheerfully. It can provide direction and enhance vision.
- Prophetic prayer sets the captive free; it provides insight into counseling situations and gives every individual a new start with a testimony they want to share with others. The prayer is able to hit the issue and save the dignity of the individual from shame or embarrassment. All prayers are wrapped in love.

### **The Anointing**

An anointing is a specific, divine enablement given by God to an individual or group to accomplish a specific task to bring glory to His Name. It can also be defined as God's spirit on man's spirit doing what man can do with His Presence. With His Presence on individuals, they are empowered to do signs and wonders like Jesus. *Acts 10:38* "*God hath anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good healing all that were oppressed of the devil for God was with Him.*"



The anointing that Jesus carried was the Breaker Anointing. It is the ability to call on God to break through any spiritual hindrance either individually or corporately, that would impede His Kingdom and His purposes for the Church in this age. Since Jesus is the Breaker, He went and still goes before us. There is no route, no wall, and no spiritual oppression that God cannot open or break through. He is a gate-crashing, wall-breaking, obstacle-removing God. Breakthrough is something that we cannot do for ourselves. We need Jesus to do it with us for us. *Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."*

#### **The Breaker Anointing accomplishes:**

- **The ability to do the impossible and make it possible** - Matthew 10:7-8 *"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give"*. 1 Cor. 4:20 *"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."*
- **An exchange - your natural ability for supernatural ability** - 2 Cor. 12:9-10 *"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."*
- **Grace and power so that you don't worry about results or solutions** - Proverbs 3:5 *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding"*. Romans 5:17 - *"He's give us the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."*
- **A desire for humility that God honors** - 1 Peter 5:6-7 *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you."*

#### **Purpose of the prayer anointing:**

1. **For God's glory alone** - 3 John 1:9 *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."* Romans 11:36 *"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."*
2. **To produce victory in one's life so God can be glorified** - Zechariah 4:6 *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts"*. Rev. 19:10 *"The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."* What God has done for one, He will do for all.
3. **To bring a change in one's life so they can move forward.** - Acts 20:24 *"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace."*
4. **To see the desire on your enemy** - Psalm 92:10-11 *"But Thou hast exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil. And my eye has looked exultantly upon my foes, My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me."*



### **Prayer for the Supernatural**

Is. 8:18 *“Here am I, and the children the Lord has given me. We are signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.”* The divine, energizing, supernatural power God intended to flow unhindered through the Church in this end-time hour is being released!

**Jesus, our example, said,** John 10:37, 38 *“If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though you believe not me, **believe the works:** that you may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.”* The wonderful thing about prayer is that you can talk to God about anything and everything. You can open up your spirit and go places with God.

**Paul following His example said,** I Cor. 2:4 *“My speech and my preaching were not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in **demonstration** of the Spirit and of power.”* Prayer is a matter of asking the Holy Spirit continually to break in and speak. Asking questions keeps the channel of communication open.

### **The Secret to Power is Relationship**

Everything Jesus did was a result of what the Father had revealed to Him, while He was in His Presence in prayer. John 8:38 *“I am telling you what I have seen in the Father’s presence.”* Not once among the people did Jesus pray for the sick. He did not once ask the Father to heal anyone. He spent time alone in prayer; but when He ministered to the needs of the people, He spoke with power and authority and the work was accomplished. Knowing it was His Father’s will to heal the sick, He spoke the **prayer command** and it was done.

### **Revelation Comes Through Prayer**

Fellowship and communion with Christ and the Father through the Holy Spirit releases His power to pray effectively to produce fruit – to heal the sick, cast out devils and raise the dead. John 15:7,8 AMP *“If you live in me (abide really united to Me) and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you. When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.”*

Christ has planned for you to bear much fruit! When God’s power flows through you to bring healing and deliverance to the world, it brings glory to Him! The key to asking in prayer and receiving whatever you ask lies in your relationship with Christ and in knowing He called you and anointing you for this position. (John 15:16).

### **Seven Spirits (Isaiah 11:2,3) identifies an individual’s mantle.**

**A mantle:** Prophets were known for wearing mantles as a sign of their calling from God (1 Kings 19:13). The prophet Samuel wore a mantle (1 Samuel 15:27). The prophet Elijah “threw his cloak around Elisha” as a symbol of Elijah’s ministry being passed on to Elisha. **The prophet’s mantle was an indication of his authority and responsibility as God’s chosen spokesman** (2 Kings 2:8). Elisha was not confused as to what Elijah was doing; the putting on of his mantle made his election clear.

The anointing that is in Jesus is available to his followers and his mantle is greater than any prophet in the Old Testament. Seeking these "greater" works may manifest in an individual life in many ways depending on the gifts of the Holy Spirit deposited in them. One may have a healing anointing, another, a



deliverance anointing, another, a gift of evangelism or gift of helps or administration. The mantle that you seek is usually the mantle that God wishes to impart.

**The Spirit of the Lord** – is to establish His government, dominion, and rule in us. To operate with His manifold presence. We learn to yield to righteousness and die to one's dreams, victories and failures. Galatians 2:20, 21 says, *"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."* I Corinthians 15:45, 48 challenges us to "Awake to righteousness, and sin not." and to remain "Steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

**The Spirit of Wisdom** – is to have skill and good sense and the creativity God had when He created the earth. Wisdom helps us to access invisible realm, to see that which is waiting to exist. It's the ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules and patterns, relationships, to create meaningful new ideas, methods and interpretations. Proverbs 8:11, 12 *"For wisdom is better than rubies and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I wisdom dwell with prudence and find out knowledge of witty inventions".* Vs. 32 *"Hearken unto me, O you children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that hears me."*

**The Spirit of Understanding** – is to have power to see the heart of a matter. The ability to interpret and solve problems. Revelation demands go to school of humility, persecution and brokenness. 2 Cor. 12:7, 14 *"Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."* Revelation demands character; therefore, we must be able to carry the "weightiness of the word." And not to cast pearls before swine.

**The Spirit of Counsel** – is to give strategy and the ability to devise the right course of action. Gives people direction and guidance concerning God's mind and will. Counsel demands waiting, listening and praying. Psalm 46:10 *"Be still and know that I am God."* Job 14:14 *"I will wait until my change comes."*

**The Spirit of Might** - demands fasting, discipline and prayer. **The Spirit of Might is boldness and confidence to face challenges.** It is power and military strength and force to carry out strategy of the Lord. Isaiah 58:6 *"Is not this the fast that I have chosen. To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free and that you break every yoke?"* Matthew 10:7 *"Go preach, saying the Kingdom of heaven is at hand, heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you have received, freely give."*

**The Spirit of Knowledge** - demands intimacy. **Life experiences, living understanding, divine encounters and personal relationship will develop The Spirit of Knowledge.** It is the unveiling of the attributes of God by God himself. It paves the way for the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord. Daniel 11:32 *"They that know the Lord shall be strong and do exploits."* Jeremiah 9:24 *"But let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me."* John 7:17 *"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."* John 17:3 *"And this is life eternal, that*



*they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent.” Colossians 1:10 “That you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”*

**The Spirit of Fear of the Lord demands reverential obedience.** It awakens our hearts to a conscious awareness that He is watching, that He cares, and that He remembers so that He may reward us openly due to consecration and holiness. 2 Ti. 2:21 *“If a man therefore purge himself from these (shun profane and vain babbling, error in truth, iniquity) he shall be a vessel of honor, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use and prepared unto every good work.”* Hebrews 10:10 *“We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* Hebrews 13:12 *“Jesus might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.”*

### **Prayer Power Revealed in the Life of Elijah**

Elijah was a prophet, a mighty man of God, whose prayers superseded the laws of nature. Through his prayers God revealed Himself as the all-powerful one and only true living God. Elijah prayed and the heavens were shut so that it did not rain for three and one-half years. His prayer was not a long, drawn out prayer. It was a bold, daring prophetic declaration God directed him to make publicly before King Ahab.

1. **Hear** the Word of the Lord - I Kings 17:1 *“As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.”* Elijah was not speaking in his own authority. His words were divinely anointed, directed and empowered by God.
2. **Believe** the Word of the Lord - At the appointed time God spoke to Elijah, I Kings 18:1 *“Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.”* It was time for a divine confrontation! He had his assignment and he obeyed.
3. **Speak** the Word of the Lord - There was a secret power behind Elijah’s prayers. Elijah’s **faith** and **confidence** were neither in himself nor his abilities he possessed. His unshakeable faith and total dependence was on God Almighty! He had an intimate relationship with God and he knew God would do exactly what He had spoken. I Kings 18:36,37 *“Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy Word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.”*
4. **Expect** the Supernatural – Immediately God answered by fire! God’s glory and power were manifested. When the people saw the fire, they fell prostrate on their faces and cried out, *“The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!”* I Kings 18:39, NIV.

### **You are the Victor!**

The battle must be first won on your face before God through praying, listening, interceding and battling these through the mighty weapon of prayer.

*“In conclusion, be strong in the Lord (be empowered through your union with Him); draw your strength from Him (that strength which His boundless might provides). Put on the whole armor (the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies), that you may be able successfully to stand up against (all) the strategies and deceits of the devil. For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood (contending only with physical opponents), but against the despotism, against the powers, against (the master spirits who are) the world rules of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere”. Ephesians 6:10-12 AM*