


Take No Prisoners
*“The Language of
Intercessory Prayer”*



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The Language of Intercessory Prayer

- Base Scripture: Ephesians 6:12 (Amp)
¹² For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere

Background

- As we race into the 21st Century it becomes apparent we the Body of Christ are engaging in Spiritual Warfare on a level none of our predecessors faced. If we are to survive the desperate attacks of Satan and the kingdom of darkness we must “prepare ourselves for WAR”



I. Due to the attacks upon our families, marriages, churches and our souls we must prepare ourselves to fight back as never before.

A. There is a war going on in the heavenly realm, if we are to win this battle we must arm ourselves for spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:10-12

- ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

B. Our armor of protection is not like natural armor, we must protect ourselves.


Ephesians 6:13-16

- ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- ¹⁵ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- ¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

C. We must also arm ourselves with the weapons of spiritual light!

Ephesians 6:17-18

- ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- ¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;



*II. As with any War, one of the most important resources of your warfare is **COMMUNICATIONS**. No army or fighting force can survive without effective communications. When we engage in spiritual warfare our vehicle of communication is **PRAYER!***

A. Prayer has the power to reach and operate in the heavenly realm. This is where spiritual conflict occurs

Matthew 18:18

¹⁸ Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

B. Prayer has the ability to accomplish many things.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

C. Prayer must be Spirit born and used to aid the people of God.

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

D. Prayer engages the Body, Mind, and Soul of humanity.

II Corinthians 10:3-6

- ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- ⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
- ⁶ And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

E. Prayer seems to be identified as having four stages or levels.

- **STAGE #1** **Praise and Thanksgiving**
Warming up to God, Getting God's attention
- **STAGE #2** **Communion**
Interacting with God and relating to Him,
Finding common ground
- **STAGE #3** **Supplication**
Ask God to act on your behalf, asking Him to
move in the affairs of men


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• **STAGE #4** **Intercession**


Engage in spiritual warfare on the behalf of someone else,

Wrestle in the spirit for the souls of others

Fight with, principalities, powers and rules of the darkness, spirit wickedness in high places.



III. The letter Paul wrote to the church of the Ephesians stressed to the saints of God to work very hard to become and remain unified as a community of believers. (Ephesians 4:1-3) Could this be because of the power of the Language of Intercession of the “Prayer of Agreement”?

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- Note #1: The word AGREEMENT defined:
 - Greek: “To be harmonious or symphonize”
 - IE: Like a great orchestra of many instruments playing in harmony with each other.

A. Jesus teaches His disciples about the awesome power of agreement

Matthew 18:18-19

- ¹⁸ Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- ¹⁹ Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

B. Jesus said if we work with our brothers and sisters in Christ to support one another He will personally come to be in their presence.

Matthew 18:20

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Jesus is moved to action by the power of the
Prayer of Agreement

C. It would appear Peter understands the advantages of the power of the Prayer of Agreement and seeks to find a way to bring peace with some brothers who he may have had odds with.

Matthew 18:21-22

- ²¹ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
- ²² Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

D. It would also appear whenever there are two or three intercessors praying in harmony there is a release of “Revelation Knowledge”

Amos 3:7

⁷ Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

IMPORTANT!!

E. Never let the devil make you think your prayers are too small to make a difference; your portion counts as much as anyone else.

- Note #2: Example of Agreement

1. Person #1 = 50% of power

2. Person #2 = 30% of power

3. You #3 = 20% of power

Everyone is blessed 100%

F. When the Prayer of Agreement is being experienced, your load seems to be lighter and you feel yourself fitting into the groove of your prayer group.

- Note #3: Be careful of making allegiances with outside prayer groups without the knowledge of your spiritual covering (Pastor).

G. Praying and chain fasting has power to perform greater works.

Mark 9:28-29

- ²⁸ And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?
- ²⁹ And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

H. The Prayer of Agreement can yield exponential results.

Deuteronomy 32:30

³⁰ How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?


1. How do we get into agreeing in prayer with someone through a Prayer of Agreement?

1. Ask the person what their objective is and see if you can agree with them in prayer
 - IE: Marry unsaved person?
Don't heal loved one, but take them home?
2. If you don't agree with the way they are praying, tell them right away and come to a prayer you can both agree upon.

1. How do we get into agreeing in prayer with someone through a Prayer of Agreement?

3. Seek to have a scripture you both can focus upon in prayer.
4. Pray and mention the person request, your request and what God's word says about what you are praying.

END Prayer of Agreement



IV. As we seek to become effective in our prayer we must seek to understand “How do we know when we have prayed enough to satisfy our souls.” We must understand what it means to “Pray Through”.

A. One way to understand if you have prayed through is that person or circumstance no longer presses on your spirit.

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

B. We can also understand when to stop when we lose the unction for the prayer.

- IE: Like a mother giving birth to a baby, she pushes until she does not feel like pushing anymore. *“Her child has come forth.”*

I John 2:20

²⁰ But ye have an unction from the Holy One,
and ye know all things.

C. When God uses the scriptures to get our attention that the work is done.

II Chronicles 7:14-15

- ¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
- ¹⁵ Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.


D. When God speaks to us through our circumstances, we see the person healed, delivered and set free and/or conditions changed.

I Kings 18:41-44

- ⁴¹ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.
- ⁴² So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

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- ⁴³ And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.
- ⁴⁴ And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not.

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- NOTE: Praying through is like the P.U.S.H. principle.

- P= Pray

- U= Until

- S= Something

- H= Happens

E. Many times when your breakthrough comes, you may not be aware that it's done!

1. Daniel kept praying for 21 days

Daniel 10:12-13


- ¹² Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.
- ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.




2. Saints were shocked at the power of their own prayers.

Acts 12:11-16

- ¹¹ And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the LORD hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.
- ¹² And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.
- ¹³ And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

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- ¹⁴ And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.
 - ¹⁵ And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.
 - ¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

END “Praying Through”



V. When dealing with “spiritual” oppression and hindering spirits we must come to understand how do we break free from the things that can hold us captive. We must discern and learn the discipline of “Breaking Yokes”.

A. Yokes can be spiritual barriers and obstacles that hold you in a certain place or position without your consent.

Genesis 27:40

⁴⁰ And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

B. Yokes are spiritual oppressions and heavy loads that Satan puts on people to hold them in bondage.

Luke 13:11-16

- ¹¹ And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.
- ¹² And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
- ¹³ And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

B. Yokes are spiritual oppressions and heavy loads that Satan puts on people to hold them in bondage.

- ¹⁴ And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.
- ¹⁵ The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?
- ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

C. Good yokes can also be a blessing if you are connected with the godly.

Matthew 11:29-30

- 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 yoke with Jesus is light, easy”
“The yoke of Satan is heavy, oppressive. It brings people into bondage.”

D. The Word of God warns us not to be linked together with the ungodly because it will pull you down, you will lose your anointing.

II Corinthians 6:14-16

- ¹⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
- ¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

D. The Word of God warns us not to be linked together with the ungodly because it will pull you down, you will lose your anointing.

- ¹⁶ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

“Being spiritually yoked with anyone who is not spiritual is asking for serious trouble.”

(Remember Samson)

E. How do we intercede for those who have been enslaved by Satan's yokes?

- Method #1 Fasting

Isaiah 58:5-6

- ⁵ Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?
- ⁶ Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

*Chain fasting is also good

E. How do we intercede for those who have been enslaved by Satan's yokes?

- **Method #2** Binding and Loosing

Matthew 18:18

¹⁸ Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

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- Method #3 Command Satan to stop blinding their eyes to the light of the Gospel.

II Corinthians 4:4

⁴ In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

E. How do we intercede for those who have been enslaved by Satan's yokes?

- **Method #4** Fornication or Adultery; Fast and pray against the witchcraft of the men's soul hunters.
Ezekiel 13:18-23
- ¹⁸ And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you?
- ¹⁹ And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?

E. How do we intercede for those who have been enslaved by Satan's yokes?

- ²⁰ Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly.
- ²¹ Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

E. How do we intercede for those who have been enslaved by Satan's yokes?

- ²² Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:
- ²³ Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD

E. How do we intercede for those who have been enslaved by Satan's yokes?

- **Method #5** Praise releases captives from their captivity.

Psalms 149:1-9

- ¹Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.
- ²Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- ³Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

E. How do we intercede for those who have been enslaved by Satan's yokes?

- ⁴ For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.
- ⁵ Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.
- ⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

E. How do we intercede for those who have been enslaved by Satan's yokes?

- ⁷ To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;
- ⁸ To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- ⁹ To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

E. How do we intercede for those who have been enslaved by Satan's yokes?


- **Method #6** Receive and walking in the anointing of the Holy Ghost with power and demonstration.

Isaiah 10:27

²⁷ And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

F. Practice “Yoke” Breaking PRAYER!!!

- Samson
- Hunters of Men’s Souls



*VI. As we seek to fulfill the great
commission given to us by
our Lord Jesus Christ we
sometimes face an uphill
battle as we seek to overcome
Satanic “Strongholds”*

A. Strongholds are fortified places where Satan builds opposition to the mind and knowledge of God within our minds and spirit.

II Corinthians 10:3-4

- ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

B. Satan has been known to set up strongholds in areas of the earth realm and has controlled entire countries and cities.

Revelation 2:12-13

- ¹² And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
- ¹³ I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

C. There may be a high level of witchcraft that is free to roam in these areas like “Empowerment Zones”

Revelation 2:14-15

- ¹⁴ But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
- ¹⁵ So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

D. There seems to be a diversity of types of strongholds that may rise up and establish itself in the earth realm.

#1 Territorial Strongholds

These strongholds appear to operate in a hierarchy of controlling spirits and effect or influence control of nations, states, communities and even families.

Ephesians 6:12

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.



- #2 Ideological Strongholds

Satan seeks to control the minds of people through worldview and philosophies that influence the culture and our society.

ie: Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and natural selection.

We as God's people must bring our spiritual thinking into the truth of God's Word and its ideas.



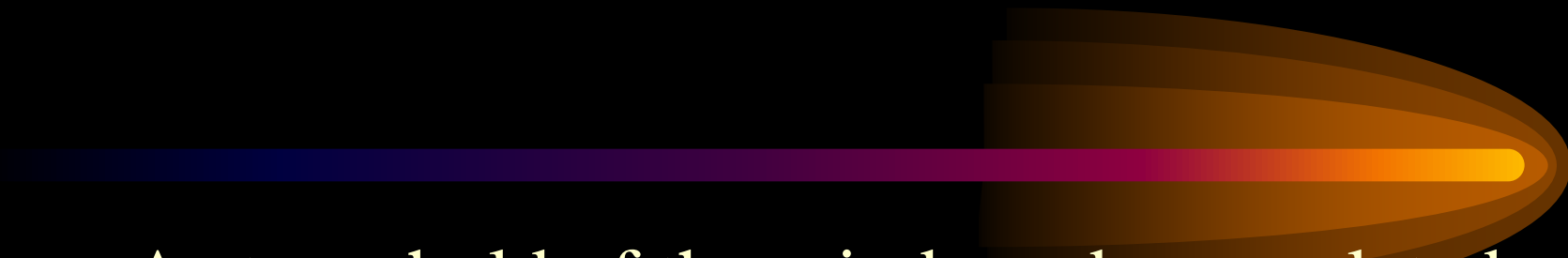
II Corinthians 10:5

⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;



- #3 Personal Strongholds

Satan can also set up thinking patterns in your personal life by influencing your personal convictions, your personal feelings, and your attitude towards certain sins that the Bible clearly states are wrong.

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- a. A stronghold of the mind can be populated with thoughts of “hopelessness” causing you to never witness the saving power of Jesus Christ. (“What’s the use attitude”)
 - b. When our prayers become powerful and potent enough we can arrest the strongman and dismiss him from our areas.



Luke 11:21-22

- ²¹ When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:
- ²² But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

END STRONGHOLDS


VII. As our society struggles against “Strongholds”, we must understand how to deal with them through biblical identification and prayer; let's examine the stronghold of a “Seared Conscience”.


A. As we examine this stronghold we must look at the “Seared Conscience” as being very devious to say the least.

- We can see this stronghold when Jezebel hired two men to tell a bold-face lie to kill a man so Ahab and Jezebel could steal his land.

I Kings 21:7-13

- ⁷ And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite

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- ⁸ So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.
 - ⁹ And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:
 - ¹⁰ And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

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- ¹¹ And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.
 - ¹² They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.
 - ¹³ And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

B. The stronghold of a seared conscience was very much alive in Apostle Paul's day.

I Timothy 4:1-2

- 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

C. Everyone is born with a conscience so the enemy of our souls seeks to neutralize our conscience before seducing men to commit certain sins.

Titus 1:15

¹⁵ Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

D. When the conscience is seared, men and women are opened to all kinds of sins and unclean spirits.

Romans 1:21-25

- ²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- ²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

D. When the conscience is seared, men and women are opened to all kinds of sins and unclean spirits.

- ²³ And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
- ²⁴ Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
- ²⁵ Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

E. Once the conscience is compromised then anything goes and when sin runs its course the bill is due; people reap what they sow!

Romans 1:26-28

- ²⁶ For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
- ²⁷ And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.
- ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

F. The curse of a seared conscience is the gateway to unspeakable acts of shame.

Romans 1:29-32

- ²⁹ Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- ³⁰ Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

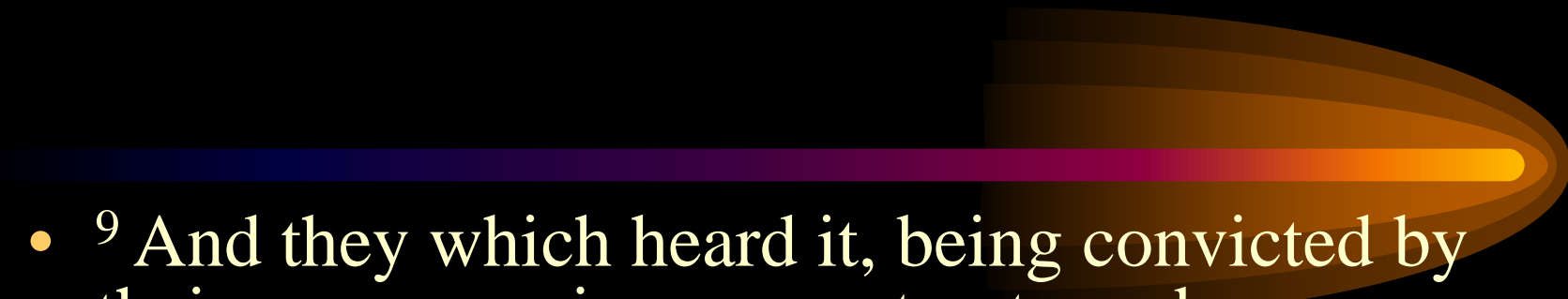
F. The curse of a seared conscience is the gateway to unspeakable acts of shame.

- ³¹ Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- ³² Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

G. However, God's word is like a two-edged sword and will cut through the stronghold of a seared conscience. We must learn to pray and overcome the stronghold of a seared conscience.

- Prayer #1 Stronghold Seared Conscience
 - Lord, when you stood by the woman who was caught in the act of adultery you exposed the men who were also guilty and restored their conscience, and conviction fell on them. Let us maintain our conscience.

John 8:9-11

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- ⁹ And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
 - ¹⁰ When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?
 - ¹¹ She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.



- Prayer #2

- Lord, let us maintain a good conscience before you and man.

Acts 23:1-3

- 23 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.
- ² And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.
- ³ Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?




Acts 24:15-16

- ¹⁵ And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.
- ¹⁶ And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men.



I Corinthians 8:6-7

- ⁶ But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.
- ⁷ Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.



VIII. In the last days before the coming of the Lord we are experiencing many of our loved ones, and family members being tormented by Satan without mercy. In order to help rescue them from the power of darkness we must learn how to engage in the prayer of
SUPPLICATION.

A. Supplication is an earnest beseeching of God to the point of begging Him to move on the behalf of another.

1. Supplication defined

- To beg

B. It took “Ten Days” of prayer and supplication to bring the Holy Ghost down to empowered the Church of Jesus Christ.

• Acts 1:14

¹⁴ These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren

C. Prayers of supplication are like a woman who is ready to have her baby; there is no holding back

D. The prayer of supplication can be empowered by the Holy Ghost and can yield great deliverance.

- Ephesians 6:18
- ¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

E. The prayer of supplication can move the very heavens for the sake of God's people.

- Daniel 9:19-23

- ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.
- ²⁰ And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

E. The prayer of supplication can move the very heavens for the sake of God's people.

- ²¹ Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.
- ²² And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.
- ²³ At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

F. The prayer of supplication may be used in life and death situations. You may call them S.O.S. prayers.

- The Lord can call you in the middle of the night, wake you up to pray.


Romans 12:9

⁹ Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

G. God's work instructs us to engage in the prayer of supplication for our authorities.

- I Timothy 2:1-2

- ¹I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- ²For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.



*IX. Two of the most powerful
tools in the arsenal of
Intercessory Prayer is the
authority given to God's people
to perform **Binding and**
Loosing.*



Matthew 18:18-19

- ¹⁸ Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- ¹⁹ Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

A. Binding defined



- Greek “Deo”
 1. To prohibit
 2. To disallow from a position of authority
 3. To tie up or incarcerate.

B. Loosing defined



- Greek – “Luo”
 1. To permit
 2. To establish
 3. To release
 4. To empower

C. To Bind “Deo”, can express supernatural control over a person, place or thing. Jesus saw the woman in church was bound by Satan.

Luke 13:10-11

- ¹⁰ And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
- ¹¹ And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

D. Jesus spoke a word to the woman who was “bound” by Satan and loosed or released her from the bondage of Satan.

Luke 13:12-13

- ¹² And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
- ¹³ And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

E. The Jewish leadership of the synagogue challenged Jesus' authority to speak a word of release on the Sabbath day.

Luke 13:14

¹⁴ And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

F. Jesus justifies loosing the woman who the Devil was binding.

Luke 13:15-17

- ¹⁵ The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?
- ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?
- ¹⁷ And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

“Jesus was exercising His authority in the heavenly realm”

*G. There are two kinds of **BINDING**, positive and negative.*

Negative Binding

1. When we become aware in the realm of the Spirit that Satan and/or the forces of darkness has brought people, places, or things under its oppressive control and/or domination. (i.e.: Church, home, work, people can come under the bondage of Satan)

Negative Binding

2. “The Pastor didn’t speak to me”
3. (Binds your Love)
4. “That sister is always running me down to everybody.” (Binds your fellowship)
5. “I feel in my spirit they are plotting against me because of my anointing.” (Binds your trust)

Negative Binding

- Note#1: Our response to negative binding should be swift and precise. The intercessors must:
 - First: Become aware of the problems by prayer and discernment; recognize the hot spots of trouble.
 - Second: Come together for prayer and unity of the Spirit.
 - Third: Release a rope of faith by speaking the Word of God to the circumstance.

Negative Binding

- Bind or tie it up in Jesus name and forbid this to continue to cause strife in the house of God.
- Note #2: Having more than one intercessor will give much power to the prayer.

Positive Binding

Positive Binding

1. Positive binding is when you speak the Word of God over a given situation to release someone or thing from Satan's attacks.

Luke 4:1-13

1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Positive Binding

- ² Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.
- ³ And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.
- ⁴ And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Positive Binding

- ⁵ And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- ⁶ And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.
- ⁷ If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

Positive Binding

- ⁸ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- ⁹ And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:
- ¹⁰ For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

Positive Binding

- ¹¹ And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- ¹² And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
- ¹³ And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Positive Binding

- Note #1: Jesus used the Word of God to bind all of Satan's avenues to get him to sin. After Jesus bound Satan with the Word of God he became weak and left Jesus alone.
 - Jesus tied him up with the Word

Positive Binding



2. Positive binding can be used to unify the people of God.

Psalm 133:1

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Positive Binding

3. Positive binding can bless generations of godly people.

Proverbs 6:20-22

- ²⁰ My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
- ²¹ Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.
- ²² When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

Positive Binding

4. Positive binding can be used by God's people to undo the negative binding Satan has done in the lives of people.

Jeremiah 1:10


¹⁰ See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Positive Binding

5. Jesus used positive binding to speak blessing over the houses of God to establish the church as a temple for God's use alone.

Luke 19:46

⁴⁶ Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.



X. When we as intercessors begin to flow in the deeper levels of intercessory prayer we will experience a number of soul felt emotions that may catch us by surprise; we may find ourselves experiencing the manifestations of: Travailing, Weeping, and even Laughing.

A. Intercessory prayer is a passionate experience all by itself.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

B. Travail defined



1. To work, especially hard
2. Work of a physical or mental exertion or piece of work

C. Jesus was praying in the garden of Gethsemane and was travailing to complete His mission on earth.

Matthew 26:36-39

- ³⁶ Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.
- ³⁷ And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

C. Jesus was praying in the garden of Gethsemane and was travailing to complete His mission on earth.

- ³⁸ Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.
- ³⁹ And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

D. Jesus travailed so hard His body showed signs of great stress.

Luke 22:43-44

- ⁴³ And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.
- ⁴⁴ And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

E. Apostle Paul travailed very hard for souls to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Galatians 4:19

¹⁹ My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

“Someone said it’s like having a baby”

F. We should recognize when we are travailing in the Holy Spirit, and not just our human emotions.

1. Travail, is when God puts a deep groaning in your spirit that you can't describe.

Romans 8:26 (KJV)

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

F. We should recognize when we are travailing in the Holy Spirit, and not just our human emotions.

2. Travail may feel like you're the last one to pray about a situation when a group is praying and you feel like you are the anchor man or woman. Your legs of prayer give birth to the answer.
3. Travailing is experienced more by those who are open to intercessory prayer.

F. We should recognize when we are travailing in the Holy Spirit, and not just our human emotions.

4. Travailing may be of a short space of time or a longer time its just like child birth, unpredictable.

G. The Word of God tells us Jesus would travail for our souls.

Isaiah 53:11

¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Note: Oh how I love Jesus.....

H. Jesus travailed at Lazarus' tomb.


John 11:33

³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

Jesus felt the pain of his friends.

I. We must ask the Lord to bind the enemy from turning travailing prayer into a session of runaway human emotions.

- We must walk in the spirit of self control.
- Note: Examples of travailing. David, Daniel, Esther, Hannah.



*XI. Weeping before the Lord
will, without fail, get His
attention because He
loves us as His children.*

A. When we begin to bear down in our prayer session we may feel a spirit of weeping come upon us.

Ezra 10:1 - 4 (KJV)

1Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.

2And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

A. When we begin to bear down in our prayer session we may feel a spirit of weeping come upon us.

Ezra 10:3-4 (KJV)

3Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

4Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it.

B. Weeping before God during times of great trouble can get the attention of God.

Psalms 30:5 (KJV)

5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

C. When Israel turned back to God and wept before Him, He always took them back into His care.

Jeremiah 31:9 - 11 (KJV)

9They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

C. When Israel turned back to God and wept before Him, He always took them back into His care.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his flock.

¹¹For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of *him that was stronger than he.*

D. Weeping before God can change His mind, “God does have a soft spot”.

Joel 2:17 - 18 (KJV)

17Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

18Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

(Where is your “Hot Spot” in the Church?)

E. Jesus had great pity upon the city of Jerusalem because of the coming tribulation.

Luke 19:41-44 (KJV)

41And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

42Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

E. Jesus had great pity upon the city of Jerusalem because of the coming tribulation.

Luke 19:41-44 (KJV)

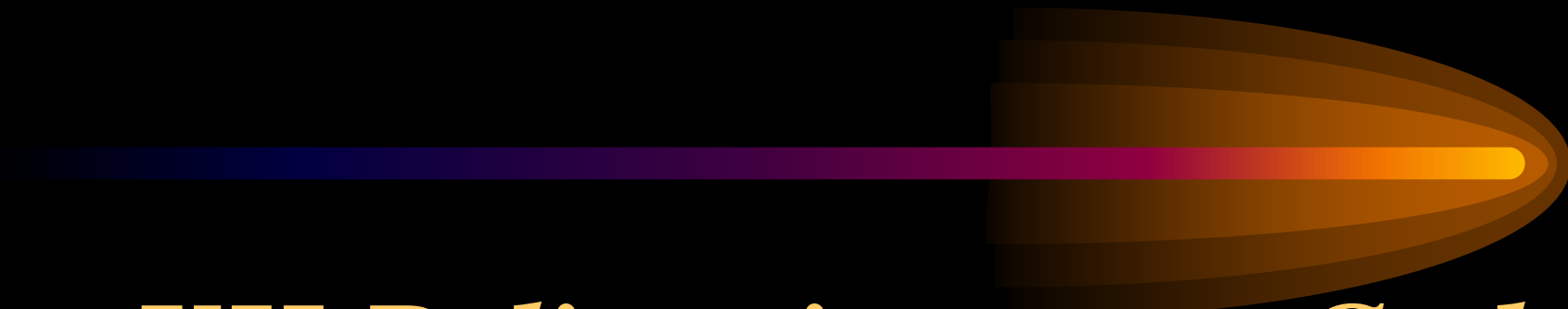
⁴³For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

⁴⁴And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

F. In recent times there were groups of Americans who have repented and wept before God for past sins.

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*XII. Believe it or not, God
has a sense of humor
and we should be able
to loosen up sometimes
with laughter.*



Ecclesiastes 3:4

**⁴ A time to weep, and a time to
laugh; a time to mourn, and a
time to dance;**

A. God has a sense of humor.

- **Psalm 2:1-4**

- **¹Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?**
- **²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,**
- **³Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.**
- **⁴He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.**

B. The Toronto Blessing took off during the 1990's

- The Toronto blessing revival started in January of 1994 at the Toronto Airport.
- [Go to YouTube]

C. The Lord will laugh at your enemies.

- **Psalm 37:12-13**

- **¹² The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.**
- **¹³ The LORD shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.**

D. Laughing is God's way of getting us to loosen up.

Psalm 126:1-2

- **¹ When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.**
- **² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.**

E. The LORD will laugh at your enemies that would hurt you.

Psalms 59:7 - 8 (KJV)

- 7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth:
swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they*,
doth hear?**
- 8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them;
thou shalt have all the heathen in
derision.**

F. Laughter brings joy, and Joy brings strength so laugh.

Nehemiah 8:10 (KJV)

¹⁰Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this day is holy* unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

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