

Instructional Guidelines & Reference Materials

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- Apostolic Prayer Foundations
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- The Journey from Saul to Paul
- Apostolic Prayers from Romans
- Prayers of Paul for Corinth (2 tapes)
- Prayers of Paul for Ephesus (2 tapes)
- Prayers of Paul for Philippi
- Prayers of Paul for Colosse (2 tapes)
- Prayers of Paul for Thessalonica (2 tapes)
- Prayers of Paul for Timothy (2 tapes)
- Philemon, Hebrews, and James
- Peter, John, and Jude
- Seven Spiritual Laws of a City
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Acknowledgement and Dedication

With each new project that comes forth, there also comes new people to acknowledge in this wonderful progressive journey of walking with Him. So I wish to take this moment to thank the Lord for some of the people in these past few years who have helped to influence and shape some of my present understandings of Apostolic Intercession.

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May this study guide in turn be used to infect others with a holy love affair with God, the body of Christ, and the regions in which you live with such a passion that you too will never stop praying! With this view in mind, I dedicate this study guide to each of you in hopes that you will pray over your cities and regions without ceasing.

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Preface Intercession: The Apostolic Way

In our quest to be effective intercessors, there are many keys to learn along the way. Surely being devoted to the spiritual disciplines of meditation of scripture, studying the word of God, and a life and prayer and fasting are tools to have in our tool chest. But there is another that is often over looked.

To move in apostolic intercession you must do more than just repeat prayers of the past. This is a great place to start; in fact, in this study guide we go through all the prayers of Jesus and the apostles! But what you really need is an apostolic heart for your city and/or region or nation. That is why I have included material on *Seven Spiritual Laws of a City* and *The Vision: At the Gates of Every City*. While going through these lessons, ask the Holy Spirit to give you God's heart for your city, region, or sphere of assignment.

You must learn to weep over your Jerusalem as Jesus did. Cry out to the Lord for your Ephesus like Paul. Have a heart for your people to come into the fullness of Christ like the writer of the book of Hebrews. Identify with your people and ask God for His heart in the here and now! Want to be a part of authentic apostolic Christianity? Then learn to pray effectively for the church in your city and nation.

This study guide **Models of Apostolic Prayer** in the series **Blueprints for Prayer** will compliment my other study guides. I promise you, there is no repeat material in here. Like the others, this manual is more than just a bunch of techniques. Contained in this instruction book are backgrounds of the epistles, lessons from church history, and experience drawn from hundreds of personal hours of prayer. I encourage you as you approach this subject, look deep - not just surface level. Hunger for the things of God and before long you will have your heart enlarged like I have.

As usual, you will find Reflection Questions at the end of each lesson and the corresponding answers in the back of the manual. All of these study guides are prepared to help you to do the works of Christ, and that is my prayer for you. Through **Models of Apostolic Prayer**, may you learn to pray the way the apostles of old did over their spheres of influence and call forth His Kingdom to come down on earth!

Blessings to You!

James W. Goll

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APOSTOLIC INTERCESSION – What is it?

I. DEFINING OUR TERMS

A.. INTERCESSION DEFINED

1. **Webster's Dictionary Definitions**

- A. Intercede - (Latin *intercedo*: *inter* - between; *ado* - to go; literally, to pass between) 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.
- B. Mediate - being between two extremes; to interpose between parties at variance with a view to reconciliation; to mediate a peace.
- C. Mediation - “entreaty for another - intercession.”

2. **Hebrew Definition:**¹³

The Hebrew word for intercession is *paga*, which is only translated a few times as intercession in the Old Testament. Yet, when you compare the many different pictures, words, and interpretations of the word *paga*, you glean many wonderful understandings of what it means to intercede. *Paga* - to meet, to light upon (by chance), to fall upon, attack, strike down, cut down, to strike the mark, laid upon.

- A. To meet - Is. 64:5.
A meeting with God for the purpose of reconciliation.
- B. To light upon - Gen. 28:10-17.
By God's working of grace, our divine “Helper” is standing by, ready to aid us in our intercession, 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.
- C. To fall upon, attack, strike down, cut down - 1 Sam. 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!
- D. 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.
- E. Laid upon - Is. 53:12 (intercession); Is. 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 Himself; 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. Col. 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.*

B. DEFINING APOSTOLIC

Much is being taught, explored, and implemented in the church of the 21st century as it pertains to the restoration and function of apostles, apostolic ministry and apostolic life. It is not the primary purpose of this teaching to be overly technical on defining the ministry of apostles and their validity and necessity today. (That will be addressed in other teaching materials.) But to understand what “Apostolic Intercession” is – it requires a foundational agreement on the basics.

1. The term apostle means “light bearer”, “sent one” and or “messenger”. According to Ephesians 4:11, “God gave some as apostles . . .” Ephesians 4:8 states that these are “gifts to men” referring to the five-fold list given in 4:11.
2. Ephesians 2:20 states, “having been built upon the foundation of the apostles, prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the Chief Cornerstone”. Therefore, we conclude, that the ministry of apostles and prophets are some of the foundational building blocks of the church historically as well as in present day ministry.
3. Apostles are wise master builders who pioneer new frontiers with the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. This results in cities, regions and nations being impacted and “opened up” to the Christian faith (see II Corinthians 10:13-16).
4. Paul’s writings indicate in II Corinthians 12:12, “That the signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.” So by this scripture we can deduct that mature, commissioned apostles will move in the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit with signs following.
5. Therefore, we can summarize by stating the following. Apostles are gifted people chosen by God to be the messengers, bearing the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These “sent ones” penetrate darkness by moving in a measure of signs and wonders which result in souls being saved, enabling congregations to be planted, the “church in a city” to walk in unity. Wisdom, prayerfulness, perseverance, proper doctrinal understandings and the centrality of the cross are characteristics of these foundation servant ministries.

II. WHAT IS APOSTOLIC INTERCESSION

A.. A DREAM GIVEN

In October, 2000 while ministering at the World Congress on Revival in Guatemala, the Lord gave me a dream where I saw a new study guide being given to me. Its title was Apostolic Intercession. Later that day, Cindy Jacobs, co-founder of Generals of Intercession, put aside her assigned topic and taught for her first time a message on Apostolic Intercession. What was the Lord saying? The minimum I can state is that “He caught my attention!”

B. VARIOUS LEVELS • VARIOUS UNDERSTANDINGS • VARIOUS APPLICATIONS

As apostolic ministry is re-emerging in our day, so are fresh understandings concerning Apostolic Intercession. Where do we begin? What does this look like?

1. Prayers of the Apostles Recorded in Scripture

All that we do must be centered in the heart of the scriptures. That is where we find our plumb line to keep all things built correctly.

Therefore, to function in apostolic intercession we must have a working prayer vocabulary of the Prayers of the Apostles. We begin here. To the degree this foundation is properly laid will determine the effectiveness and wisdom parameters that authentic apostolic intercession will release today. (Another teaching is entirely devoted to this subject.)

2. A Parallel Movement

As revelatory prayer emerged forth parallel to the contemporary prophetic movement, so apostolic prayers will arise to under gird the new Apostolic Reformation. One acts as a safety net for the other. Apostolic Intercession will precede “new Apostolic doors being opened.” But it will also act as a security guard to keep things going in the right direction! Pioneers need safety nets of intercession to watch, warn, care for, and encourage them!

3. It Includes the Taking of New Ground

Apostolic Intercession includes pioneer missions. These prayer warriors may move under a “Breaker Anointing” (Micah 2:13) to open effective doors for the preaching of the Gospel (Ephesians 6:18-20). They move forth in concerted, unified efforts with Holy Spirit strategies to bust open the gates of darkness that light might come in. Today, this would encompass such events as praying through the 10/40 or 40/70 Window, forming neighborhood Lighthouses of Prayer, and other efforts that result in Prayer Evangelism.

4. Prayers to Bring Order

Apostolic Intercession calls forth fresh biblical order for the church in a city or region. These revival intercessor hearts’ cry is for unity in their

sphere of authority. They pray that the watchmen on the walls and the gatekeepers of the city will walk together. They must be clean of manipulation, opinion, and untainted by the religious and political spirits. They will bless Saul as he yet stands while yet calling forth government-ally the new order of David's in Jesus Name.

5. It is a Matter of the Heart

While the scaffolding of praying the recorded prayers of the apostles is our foundation, it in itself is not the complete picture. Apostolic Intercession is more than repeating correct words, doctrine, or liturgy. It is an issue of the heart!

It is an issue of being given an assignment or sphere you are to influence. It is an issue of teaming together with others. It is an issue lifting up the hands of others and seeing them succeed. Apostolic Intercession is prayers from the heart of modern day fathers and mothers – Apostolic Nurturers in God.

Apostolic Intercession comes forth as a tribe or stream of the Spirit emerges. It is apart of the emerging Apostolic company of men and women joined together to see Kingdom expansion for Jesus Christ sake.

III. A PICTURE FROM THE LIFE OF MOSES

A. Lesson From Exodus 17:8-13

1. Battle of the Amalekites against Israel (vs. 8)
2. Moses stood on top of the hill with the staff of God in his hand. (vs. 9)
3. Joshua fights in the field. (vs. 10)
4. Aaron and Hur lift up Moses' hands (vs. 11-12)
5. Joshua is victorious in the field by the edge of the sword. (vs. 13)

B. Prophetic Shadows For Us Today

1. The battle of the ages is raging.
2. Moses represents Apostolic/Governmental Authority
3. The next generation is empowered to be the ground troops and go forth in zeal.
4. Apostolic helpers lift the hands of the delegated leader as they take their proper oversight position.
5. This prophetic intercessory act releases an empowering of the Holy Spirit and the enemy is defeated by the cutting edge of the Word of God!

C. Let Apostolic Intercession Arise!

