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Preface: Strategies of Intercession

By James W. Goll

The priesthood of all believer's was a foundational truth that had been lost to the church for centuries leading up to the Great Reformation. The restoration of that single concept radically changed the understanding and expression of Christianity in its day. In this hour, again, the Holy Spirit is blowing upon these truths. Out of this fresh gust of wind, has emerged a world wide prayer movement unprecedented in church history. We, the body of Christ, stand collectively at the altar of incense in this hour.

We are not our own. We are His own possession. This is our destiny. We are His! But we are possessed for a purpose. We are called, according to I Peter 2: 5-9, to be a holy priesthood, a holy nation, a chosen people of His own possession. We are possessed for the purpose of being a perpetual priesthood releasing passionate praise and incense of intercession unto the Lord!

We are called as a New Testament priesthood to offer up continual sacrifices to God. Hebrews 13: 15 tells us what those sacrifices look like today: "Through Him, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of our lips that give thanks to His name." This is reminiscent of Psalms 100: 4, which plainly tells us, "We are to enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise."

What a blessed privilege we have been given to freely release from the overflow of our hearts an offering, or sacrifice, or praise and thanksgiving. But is there more? Definitely! Revelation 5: 8 describes yet another aspect of sacrifices made to God. *"And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."*

The Lord wants us to be apprehended with a heavenly vision of humility, worship, and abandonment, such as is portrayed here. The four and twenty elders cast their crowns before Him who alone is worthy. Let us enter into this divine worship and begin to cry out with the angels as we join these heavenly choirs in radical praise and worship. We too have the ministry of the harp.

Was there something else upon the altar besides the harp? Yes, the golden bowls full of incense. Once more, incense becomes our theme. But in this passage of scriptures, the meaning of the incense is interpreted for us. It is the "prayers of the saints". Our continual sacrifices of the harp of praise and the bowls of incense arise as an acceptable offering before our wonderful God.

That is the purpose of this Study Guide in the series **Blue Prints For Prayer**. It is time for a whole generation of priests and kings to arise and offer up the sacrifices of praise and prayer. **Strategies of Intercession** has been designed to help broaden your understanding of the many different valid, biblical expressions of this priestly life and ministry. As you study these twelve detailed lessons, may the spirit of prayer fall on you and may you fill heavens bowls to the brim and overflowing!

For further and complimentary study on **Strategies of Intercession** read my book **Kneeling on the Promises** where I dedicate chapters to *Reminding of His Word* as well as *Israel: God's Prophetic Calendar*. Also, in my book **Father forgive Us!** I develop further materials on *Confessing Generational Sin, No Common Ground Allowed* and *Praying with Insight*. May these Study Guides and the books be an inspiration and tool of equipping in your life!

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SECTION ONE:

**AN OVERVIEW
OF
PRAYER MODELS**

Lesson One

Paradigms of Prayer

An Exposure to Various Patterns, and Models of Prayer

by James W. Goll

Acts 2:42 tells us, *And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread (including the Lord's Supper) and prayers.* (Amp.) Ephesians 6:18 also exhorts us to, *Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all (manner of) prayer and entreaty.* (Amp.)

We find that in the ministry of "Prayer" there are many different biblical expressions. Just as there is a great diversity of athletic sports, games and activities, so it is with prayer. In athletics there are different rules that apply to each corresponding game. Likewise, in the ministry of intercession, there are different rules, guidelines, and ways of "scoring," depending on which "type" of intercession or prayer you are engaged in.

Many questions need to be answered before you can properly assess what form of intercession you are entering. Such as:

- Is this a "Believer's Prayer Gathering?"
- Is there a room for the "unlearned"?
- Is this an open meeting, or a closed gathering?
- Are there targeted prayer goals or is it spontaneously led?
- Is this an interdenominational group, or a group of committed covenant prayer partners?
- Is there relational unity and covering?
- Are you discerning your sphere of authority?
- Are the gifts of the Spirit free to operate?
- Is there freedom for weeping, groaning, travail, and/or loud corporate praying?
- Is there time for silence and the contemplative traditions?
- Is this a "watch of the Lord"?
- Are you journalizing your experience?
- Who is the leader?
- Are you to pray for those in authority?
- Are there conditions and promise(s) you are to study so you will be properly prepared?

To properly enter into a time of intercession, the above questions are just some of the things which should be considered. As you can see, there are many valid biblical expressions of intercessory ministry with different strategies for implementation.

I. AN OVERVIEW OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER BY MIKE BICKLE¹

Pastor from Metro Christian Fellowship, Kansas City, Missouri

A. Five Aspects of Intercessory Prayer

1. Personal petitions - Asking for circumstances in your life to change.
2. Personal devotion - Asking for spiritual growth, communion with God, and worship.
3. Meditation on God's Word - Turning God's Word into conversation with Jesus.
4. Intercession for God's corporate purpose - 1 Thes. 3:10; Is. 62:6-7; Lk. 18:7-8.
5. Intercession for specific individuals - 2 Cor. 1:11; Eph. 6:19; Phil. 1:19.

B. Two Types of Intercessory Prayer

1. For individuals - To pray for their salvation, healing, release of anointing, or other personal needs, etc.
2. For a corporate group of people - a city, a church, a nation, etc.

C. Ten Conditions Necessary for Effective Prayer

1. Faith - Mk. 11:23-24; Mt. 21:21-22; 1 Jn. 5:14-15.
2. Persistence - Lk. 18:1-8; Mt. 7:7-11; Is. 30:18-19; 62:6-7; Lk. 11:5-13.
3. Holy Life - Ps. 66:18; Is. 59:1-2; 1 Jn. 3:19-22.
4. Honor Wife (spouse) - 1 Pet. 3:7.
5. Will of God - 1 Jn. 5:14-15.
6. Name of Jesus - Jn. 14:13-14, 26; 16:23-24.
7. Pure Motives - Jas. 4:2-3.
8. Boldness - Heb. 4:16.
9. Forgiveness - Mt. 6:15.
10. Unity - Mt. 18:19-20; 5:23-24.

D. Characteristics of Intercession

Read Luke 11: 5-13

1. Urgency - Relating to an urgent need, (vs. 5)
2. Protect - Prayer on behalf of others, (vs 6)
3. Humility - Open acknowledgment of helplessness, (vs. 6)
4. Confidence - Knowing that God will answer, (vs. 8)
5. Patience - Involves a period of delay, (vs. 8)
6. Perseverance - Is not deterred by delay, (vs. 9-10)
7. Blessing - Completed intercession involves reward, (vs. 13)

Summary: Holy, believing, persevering prayer are three qualities that are essential for obtaining God's divine answer.

II. VARIETIES OF PRAYER ANOINTING

There are many different "intercessory anointings" or prayer graces available the following are twelve possibilities:

A. General Intercessor

These prayer warriors love using prayer lists and never seem to get bored with them! They tend to be more disciplined and do not depend on a special unction to come upon them to engage in their task.

B. Personal Intercessor

These intercessors lift a person up by name for a period of months or years. They are not as much project oriented as they are people oriented.

C. Financial Intercessor

These are given a gift of faith for finances - both for individuals and for ministries. They love to intercede for provision to be released for the work of the ministry.

D. Crisis Intercessor

These pray for short-term, emergency-oriented situations - wars, natural catastrophes, sickness, etc. When a crisis occurs these individuals are awakened and volunteer freely.

E. Warfare Intercessor

Strategic, on-site locational prayer, confronting demonic strongholds is a grace for these spirit warfare commandos.

F. Worship Intercessor

Praise and worship that flows into spontaneously-inspired prayers just pours forth from these levitical priests.

G. Government Intercessor

Often these individuals ministries pray for national and international leaders by name. They also tends to pick up moral and legislative issues and carry them regularly before the throne of grace.

H. People Groups and Missions Intercessor

Prayers through the 10/40 window; for Muslims, Hispanics, etc and missions endeavors motivate these intercessors.

I. Salvation Intercessor

These valuable prayer warriors know the Scriptures for the lost and for laborers; Are good back-up people for outreach ministries, and cry out to the Lord of the Harvest for laborers to be cast into the field.

J. Israel Intercessor

These watchmen pray for the peace of Jerusalem, the Middle East and God’s purposes amongst the Jews worldwide.

K. Church and Leadership Intercessor

These intercessors are modern day Aaron and Hur’s who lift up the arms of the Moses’ of their generation. They pray for the unity of the Bride; revival, leaders and their covering.

L. Prophetic Intercessor

These are those who pray from listening and hearing, seeing and feeling the burden of the Lord. This grace combines the office of the Prophet and the Priest of the Old Testament into one package.

III. TEN CATEGORIES OF PRAYER FROM THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF KENNETH HAGIN³ - Kenneth Hagin Ministries.

This teacher of faith has found in his own life and ministry ten distinct categories of prayer. They are simply listed as follows:

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| 1. Intercession | 6. Tongues |
| 2. Agreement | 7. Binding and Loosing |
| 3. Petition | 8. Dedication |
| 4. Worship and Thanksgiving | 9. United Prayer |
| 5. Commitment | 10. Sanctification |

IV. AN OVERVIEW OF “FINDING THE HEARTS’ TRUE HOME”

By Richard Foster² - Noted author, (Evangelical Quaker) and teacher.

A. Three Stages of Personal Prayer Transformation

1. Moving Inward: Seeking the Transformation We Need
 - a) Simple prayer
 - b) Prayer of the forsaken
 - c) The prayer of the examen
 - d) The prayer of tears
 - e) The prayer of relinquishment
 - f) Formation prayer
 - g) Covenant prayer

2. Moving Upward: Seeking the Intimacy We Need

- a) The prayer of adoration
- b) The prayer of rest
- c) Sacramental prayer
- d) Unceasing prayer
- e) The prayer of the heart
- f) Meditative prayer
- g) Contemplative prayer

3. Moving Outward: Seeking the Ministry We Need

- a) Praying the ordinary
- b) Petitioning prayer
- c) Intercessory prayer
- d) Healing prayer
- e) The prayer of suffering
- f) Authoritative prayer
- g) Radical prayer

B. Additional Expressions of the Spirit of Prayer

(Richard Foster continued)

1. Deep Prayers Not in Understandable Language Forms.
(See also the Study Guide “Compassionate Prophetic Intercession” by Jim W. Goll for more on this subject.)

- a) The prayer of groaning
- b) The prayer of travail
- c) The prayer of tongues and its various expressions
- d) The prayers of weeping and wailing

2. The Prayers of Fasting

See also the Study Guide “Consecrated Contemplative Prayer”, by Jim W. Goll for more on this subject.

- a) Long-term fasting
- b) Occasional fasting
- c) Complete, partial, and total

3. Contemplative Forms

See also, Study Guide “Consecrated Contemplative Prayer”, by Jim W. Goll for more on this subject.

- a) Waiting in silence
- b) Listening before His throne
- c) Watching with Him for a while

4. Authoritative Intercession

(See also, Study Guide “Releasing Spiritual Gifts”, by Jim W. Goll for more on this subject.

- a) The gift of discerning of spirits comes into play.
- b) The gift of faith is given for the situation.
- c) The releasing of angels may be involved.

Reflection Questions

Section One, Lesson One

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. In ministry there are many different biblical expressions of _____ . .
2. Asking for circumstances in your life to change is what type of intercessory prayer? _____
3. Turning God's word into conversation with Jesus is, _____ .

MULTI - CHOICE

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| A. General Intercessor | C. Warfare Intercessor |
| B. Personal Intercessor | D. Crisis Intercessor |

From the list above, answer the next two questions

4. One who loves using prayer lists and never gets bored with them is _____ .
5. Strategic, on-site location prayer, confronting demonic strongholds is _____ .

TRUE OR FALSE

6. There is only one valid biblical expression of intercession. _____
7. Ephesians 6:18 tells us to pray on all occasions in the Spirit, with all _____ Omanner of prayer and entreaty. _____
8. In Richard Fosters book, *Finding The Heart's True Home*, it states that the three aspects of personal prayer transformation are: Looking Backward, Moving onward, and Moving outward. _____
9. Write out Ephesians 6:18 and memorize it.
10. What was the primary insight you gained from this lesson, and how will you apply it to your life?

Turn to the back of this book for the answers to these questions.