

Instructional Guidelines and Reference Materials

The following Study Guide, **Watchmen on the Walls**, has been prepared especially for you by James W. Goll. They are tailor made for your individual, small group, or Training Center needs in mind. At the end of each lesson, there are Reflection Questions to help you in your review of the materials you have studied. In a back section of this Study Guide, you find the Answers to the Reflection Questions to aid you in your learning.

Encounters Network also has for purchase the audio cassettes that match up with each lesson. Use this Study Guide alone, or for even more thorough understanding, order the corresponding cassette messages from EN's Resource Center.

These twelve lessons correspond to the following tape audio cassette messages:

1. High Calling Of Kingdom Priests
2. Intercession Defined
3. Definitions & Examples Of An Intercessor
4. Pleading Our Case
5. Presenting Our Case
6. Identification In Intercession
7. When God Listens to the Voice of Man
8. Christ: Our Priestly Model
9. Fire On The Altar
10. Restoring The Ancient Tools
11. The Watch Of The Lord
12. Possessed For Prayer
13. From Prayer To His Presence
14. The House Of Prayer For All Nations

Encounters Network also has for purchase the corresponding audio cassettes for each lesson. Use this Study Guide alone, or for even more thorough understanding, order the corresponding cassette messages from EN's Resource Center.

You may place orders for materials from Encounters Network's Resource Center by calling 1-877-200-1604. You may mail your orders or communications to us at Encounters Network, P. O. Box 1653, Franklin, TN 37065-1653. You may also order online at **www.encountersnetwork.com**

If you have benefited from this Study Guide, note that EN offers other complete Study Guides by James W. Goll for your use. Besides this series on **Blue Prints for Prayer**, we also have a series on **Equipping in the Prophetic** and **Empowered Ministry Training**. May you be equipped to do the works of Christ and release the fragrance of His presence wherever you go.

Dedication

This set of Study Guides, *Watchmen on the Walls* is dedicated to my dear mother, Amanda Elizabeth Goll. The book of Romans tells us that we are to *owe no man anything except love*. Over the years, I have watched my mother turn the other cheek many times and sow a prayer of blessing.

On July 3, 1951, my mother told the Lord, “If you will give me a son, I will dedicate him to Christ’s service.” Exactly one year later to the date, on July 3, 1952, I was born. I believe my mother prayed me into the place I am today.

I believe that this set of Study Guides and the corresponding tapes, *Watchmen on the Walls*, is my best material on intercession to date. Therefore, it is with great joy that I dedicate the best to the one who has had the most influence on my life of prayer. Thanks, Mom!

Table of Contents

Watchmen On The Walls

Preface: Watchmen on the Walls

1. **Jesus - Our Magnificent Intercessor** pp. 7- 8

SECTION ONE: THE TASK OF INTERCESSION

Lesson 1. **Our High Calling to Intercession** pp. 11 - 18

Lesson 2. **Definitions and Examples of an Intercessor** pp. 19 - 24

Lesson 3. **Pleading Our Case: A Biblical Basis for
Pleading Our Argumentation Before God** pp. 25 - 28

Lesson 4. **Presenting Our Case: A Biblical Basis for
Presenting Our Argumentation Before God** pp. 29- 34

Lesson 5. **Identification in Intercession** pp. 35 - 40

Lesson 6. **Christ - Our Priestly Model** pp. 41 - 44

SECTION TWO: RESTORING THE “WATCH OF THE LORD”

Lesson 7. **Fire on the Altar** pp. 49 - 54

Lesson 8. **Restoring the Ancient Tools** pp. 55 - 62

Lesson 9. **The Watch of the Lord** pp. 63 - 66

Lesson 10. **Possessed for Prayer:
Being the House of Prayer** pp. 67 - 70

Lesson 11. **From Prayer to His Presence** pp. 71 - 76

Lesson 12. **The House of Prayer for All Nations** pp. 77 - 82

Answers to Reflective Questions pp. 83 - 84

Endnotes and Resource Materials pp. 85 - 90

Preface: Watchmen on the Walls

Jesus - Our Magnificent Intercessor

by James W. Goll

As I begin this introductory article for this Study Guide, ***Watchmen on the Walls***, I sense the jealousy of God. Let us exalt Jesus - our Magnificent Intercessor! He, indeed, is altogether lovely. He is the passion of our lives. He is the Father's great mystery and treasure. He is *our Magnificent Intercessor!* Oh, how we have found Him to be *heaven's great prize!*

Let's take a look at three glorious scriptures concerning the intercessory ministry of Jesus. Romans 8:34 tells us, *Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.* Hebrews 7:25 unveils to us, *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.* Lastly, let's look at I John 2:1-2 where it says, *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.*

The promise of Jesus' priestly-intercessory ministry continuing is undoubtedly found in Scripture. There we are told that His prayer of intercession for believers would be an ongoing expression of His life before God. He *ever* lives to make intercession.

In the Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 7:25 passages, the word "intercede" (*entunchano*) is used. In both cases the word is in the present tense, indicating continuance. It has a range of definitions from "to light upon," "converse with," and "to appeal to."

The English word "intercede" is defined as "to intervene between parties with a view to reconciling differences." In Scripture the word can mean to plead "for" or "against."

Jesus, our magnificent Intercessor, is our most excellent Advocate with the Father. He has stood between us, our sin, and Satan, and by His precious blood made the way open to the Father. He identified with our total depravity and took the sin of all generations past, present and future, and bore it so it could be removed. He has done it all!

Perhaps this glorious Christ could stand before the Father with His arms folded and say something like, "I already did my part. I'm not going to do anything more!" But, *no!* God's tireless Servant ever sits at the Father's right hand to make intercession for a lost generation.

Hebrews 12:24 tells us that there is, before God's throne, a blood that speaks better than the blood of Abel. This blood is the precious blood of Jesus. If Abel's blood spoke out from

the ground for vengeance, then what does the blood of Jesus cry out? His sacrificial blood continuously cries loudly, “**mercy!**” Oh, the saving cry of **mercy!**

THE PRAYERS OF JESUS

What is Jesus praying about? John 17:1-26, perhaps, gives us a few insights. In the last section of His prayer (vs. 20-26), Jesus continues His requests to the Father. Let’s look at three requests that the Son of God lifts up.

The first request, in verse 11, is that *...all of them may be one...* This is followed by a statement of mutual affection between the Father and the Son, and that the believers *may. . .also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

The second request of Jesus’ high priestly prayer, found in verse 21, is also concerned with unity, *that. . .they may be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me. . .*

The last request is found in verse 24, where it states, “*Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world.*” Jesus wants His disciples to be with Him in the presence of the Father. What a tender, intimate prayer. Jesus desires the companionship of all believers for all eternity. What a passionate Lord we have!

JESUS - OUR LIFE AND SOURCE OF PRAYER

Indeed, Jesus is our life. He has shown us the Father. Now we, as New Testament priestly burden-bearers, have the opportunity to go up into the gap on behalf of others. Now, through His life, we can have His Spirit pray His prayers through us to our Father. After all, He lives in us doesn’t He? Let us die to self and let Christ live and pray through us, His beloved friends. **Does He deserve any less?**

As you do these twelve lessons in this Study Guide, may the Father reveal to you the high privilege we each have in being burden bearers for the Lord. Intercession is not actually a hard task, it is a divine opportunity to be a history maker. May the Holy Spirit inspire and equip you to be a co-laborer with Christ. For more on this subject, read my book “The Lost Art of Intercession.” Blessings to you!

SECTION ONE:

THE TASK

OF

INTERCESSION

Lesson One

Our High Calling To Intercession

by James W. Goll

I. OUR HIGH CALLING TO INTERCESSION

A. **Gary Bergel - Intercessors For America, Director**

“Our participation in Christ’s high priestly ministry of intercession is literally our inheritance, but it is also a rare and precious privilege. For those who have ears to hear, the Spirit of God is issuing an awesome, privileged invitation to the Church in this hour. ‘Come! Enter the throne room. Come! Take the royal scepter; conquer and rule with Me! Come! Enjoy friendship with Me. Come ... sit on the throne with Me.’ (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21)

We are being invited close to the heart of God, and He is offering grace to enable us to respond. Effective prayer and intercession is a mark of submission to, friendship with, and fruitful union with the living God.”¹

B. **M. Basilea Schlink - Author, Teacher, Prayer Leader**

“The Lord is searching for people who are willing to step into the breach and become bridges for others so that they can turn back to God. God has placed “dynamite” in our hands - the opportunity to step into the breach for others - by our prayers! True, earnest prayer contains the power to transform and release people.

Earnest prayer makes the intercessor like a king; investing him 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! Whoever is not released from Satan’s grip in this lifetime will come under Satan’s dominion for eternity. They will forever dwell in the realm of horror and terror. Prevailing intercession holds the great promise and responsibility for their release.”²

C. **Watchman Nee - Chinese Leader Imprisoned for His Faith**

“How is God’s will to be done on earth? Only by ... remembering ... that the Church at prayer is heaven’s outlet, the channel of release for heaven’s power, and that this ministry is our greatest possible work.”³

- D. **Martin Luther - German Reformer in the 1600's**
 "We must achieve everything through prayer - to be able to keep what we have and to defend it against our enemies, the devil, and the world. Therefore, it is the particular work of Christians, who have the Spirit of God, to be incessant and constant in their praying."⁴
- E. **Andrew Murray - Dutch Reformer, Teacher, Author**
 "God's intense longing to bless seems, in some sense, to be graciously limited by His dependence on intercession. God regards intercession as the highest expression of His people's readiness to receive and to yield themselves wholly to the working of His almighty power. God rules the world and His Church through the prayers of His people. That God should have made the extension of His Kingdom, to such a large extent, dependent on the faithfulness of His people and prayer is a stupendous mystery and yet an absolute certainty."⁵
- F. **Paul E. Billheimer - Author, *Destined For The Throne***
 "That God will do nothing in the realm of human redemption, since its inception, outside of this scheme of prayer and intercession is indicated by God's many pressing invitations to prayer in His Word. He not only invites: He entreats, He importunes, He urges. He even begs us to exercise this privilege. One translator has paraphrased Mt. 7:7 thus: '*Ask, I ask you to ask; seek, I entreat you to seek; knock, I urge you to knock.*' Evidently He can do nothing without our prayers. He not only invites and exhorts us to pray, He also commands!"⁶
- G. **E. M. Bounds - Writer, Man of Prayer**
 "God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world, the better the world will be and the mightier the forces against evil. God continues His cause and purpose of life on earth through the eternal value of prayer."⁷
- H. **John Wesley - Revivalist Preacher**
 "God will do nothing but in answer to prayer."⁸
- I. **S. D. Gordon - Noted Prayer Leader**
 "The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray. You can do more than pray after you've prayed. But you cannot do more than pray - until you've prayed."⁹
- J. **Larry Lea - Prayer Leader, Author**
 "Prayer is not meant to be drudgery or mere ritual. Neither is prayer a way to "twist the arm" of God so He will do something He does not really want to do. Rather, prayer is coming into agreement with what God has already done in Jesus Christ and getting to the place where our petitions harmonize with what Jesus Himself is praying. Jesus is calling His Church to intercede. Realizing that the desire to pray is not something we can work up in our flesh, why not pause right now and ask the Holy Spirit to plant or renew the desire in your heart to pray, and that He be your guide into a new discipline and delight in prayer."¹⁰

II. A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS

A. A Royal Priesthood

1. 1 Pet. 2:9 - *You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*
2. Rev. 1:6 - *He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*
3. Rev. 5:10 - *And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth.*
4. Rom. 5:17 - *For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*
5. 1 Pet. 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

1. Ex. 30:1,7-9 - *You shall make an altar as a place for burning incense ... And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it ... every morning when he trims the lamps. And when Aaron trims the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense. There shall be perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.*
2. Lev. 6:9, 12-13 - *Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the law for the burnt offering: the burnt offering itself shall remain on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and the fire on the altar is to be kept burning on it...And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it, and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offering on it. Fire shall be kept burning continually on the altar; it is not to go out.*
3. Lev. 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. Outside the veil of testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the Lord continually; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations.*

C. Spiritual Sacrifices

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’* (Jas. 5:16). **Where intercession took effect, the plague ceased. Judgment ended and mercy began.**¹²

III. INTERCESSION DEFINED

A. Webster’s Dictionary Definitions

1. 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.
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: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.

1. To meet - Is. 64:5.
A meeting with God for the purpose of reconciliation.
2. 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.

3. 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!
4. To strike the mark - Job 36:32.
Intercession releases the flashing forth of His glory/lightning, directing it to the desired situation and allowing it to strike the mark.
5. 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.*

C. **Closing Prayer**

May the Lord’s eyes pass our way and light upon us. May the spirit of prayer come upon us and grip us in this generation for this purposes in Jesus mighty name! Amen!

Reflection Questions

Section One, Lesson One

Please Answer the Following Questions:

1. What is one of our inheritances in Christ? _____
2. God rules the world and His church through the _____ of His people.
3. God will do _____ but in answer to prayer.

Multi - Choice

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. Spiritual | C. Sacrifice |
| B. Thanksgiving | D. Intercession |

From the list above, answer the next two questions

4. You also, as living stones are being built up as a _____ house for a holy priesthood.
5. ... let us continually offer up a _____ of praise to God ...

True or False

6. The fragrant smoke from Aaron's censor stopped the plague upon Israel. _____
7. The Lord is searching for people who are willing to pray. _____
8. Basilea Schlink said, "Our willingness to engage in prevailing, earnest prayer will decide the eternal destiny of our neighbor and ourselves. _____"
9. Write out 1 Peter 2:9 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 the book for the answer sheet to these questions.