

# **HOW TO PRAY EFFECTIVELY**

## **Tearing Down Strongholds**

### **Praying Tears—Intercessory Prayer**

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# Chapter 1

## Understanding the Necessity of Praying for the Lost.

In today's fast-paced world, many professing Christians are merely surviving spiritually. Tragically, few understand the warfare we are all involved in, the battle between Good and Evil for the mind and heart of each living soul, and the deep need of the ministry of intercessory prayer—especially on behalf of the lost. **Prayer is not optional;** it is God's legal strategy to bring salvation into a soul bound by Satan's authority.

It is not enough to merely believe in God or attend church. If a person claims to follow Christ, yet has no burden to pray for the lost, especially for their own family, this is a grave spiritual indicator—and is a sign that their own heart has never been fully surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Why Pray?

Because the Word of God makes it unmistakably clear: The lost will not, and cannot, be saved unless someone prays for them. Salvation is not automatic—it is a legal process enforced by prayer.

*John 8:44 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh*

*a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”*

*1 John 3:10 “In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”*

The Bible does not soften the truth. Those who are unconverted are not just neutral—they are under the dominion of Satan and legally belong to him until they are delivered through prayer and the preaching of the Gospel.

### **The Lost Are Under the Authority of Satan!**

*Acts 26:18 “To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and **from the power of Satan unto God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”*

**Every soul outside of Christ is blind, bound, and held hostage.** Only intercession breaks the legal grip of darkness and opens their eyes to the light.

### **The Lost Are the Strong Man’s House**

Jesus exposed the spiritual reality: *Mark 3:27 “No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, **except he will first bind the strong man**; and then he will spoil his house.”* The “Strong man” is Satan. His “goods” are the souls of men. Prayer binds him legally, enabling the Gospel to penetrate the heart with power and liberty. In R.H. Dec 12, 1899 Art. A par. 1 we read:

*“By a parable Christ seeks to make known the subtlety and deceptive working of Satan, who holds the bodies and minds of men by his power. “When a strong man armed keepeth his palace,” Christ says, “his goods are in peace: but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his ar-*

*mor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils." Those who know not God, and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent, are under the rule of the enemy, in bondage to his will. He rules the mind and affections by his spirit. But Christ came into the world to dispute the claims of the enemy, and Satan was made to understand the meaning of the promise given in Eden: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." A stronger than the strong man armed was on the field of battle, one who could dispossess him of his weapons and limit his power. {RH, December 12, 1899 par. 1}*

### **The Lost Are Satan's Prisoners of War**

In this "New Age religion of "Unconditional Love, the fact that we are in a warzone has been totally discarded by the Christian world. This has given Satan full advantage to take over the souls of men and women professing to be Christians. This is no trivial matter. The lost are not simply misguided—they are captives held in bondage by a fallen prince who once held the highest position of covering cherub at the throne of God in heaven.

*"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!...That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that **opened not the house of his prisoners?**"Isaiah 14:12,17*

### **Satan Has Blinded Their Minds Through Lies and Deception**

As we learned from RH Dec. 12, 1899 Satan rules the mind and affections by his spirit.

*“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 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.” 2 Cor. 4:3–4*

Satan does not merely distract; he actively works to blind the minds of the lost so that they cannot comprehend the truth. **This blindness is not natural—it is supernatural. It is spiritual warfare.** And the unregenerate man is unable to grasp the things of God without divine intervention.

The mind that is blind to the gospel cannot be reasoned into salvation. A child may grow up hearing sermons and gospel songs, yet never grasp that Christ died personally for them. **Without someone interceding, that soul remains imprisoned in spiritual darkness, unable to recognize their sin or their desperate need of the Saviour.** The fountain of Christ’s blood does not cleanse until the heart sees its need. But **only the Spirit of God can open blinded eyes.** Until that power is loosed through intercession, they remain bound.

Evangelizing without prayer is like urging a blind man to admire the sunset. He has no power to respond, no ability to see. The gospel becomes “foolishness” to him.

*“But the **natural man** receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are **foolishness** unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” 1 Corinthians 2:14*

Unless someone prays—**earnestly (with Tears) and with Authority**—for the Spirit of God to remove the demonic veil, the soul remains unreachable. There is no salvation without revelation. And there is no revelation until someone intercedes.

**Gospel is Foolishness in the Mind of the Lost**

Strong's Concordance -G3472 – **Foolishness** = mōria (mo-ree'-ah) From G3474; silliness, that is, absurdity: — foolishness.

G3474 – mōros—mo-ros-Probably from the base of G3466; dull or stupid (as if shut up), that is, heedless, (morally) blockhead, (apparently) absurd: — fool (-ish, -ishness).

The Greek word mōria is where we get our English word moron. Webster's defines moron as "the highest classification of mental deficiency, **above imbecile and idiot.**"

A lost person sees the gospel as absurd, foolish, and even idiotic. Not because they are unintelligent—but because the "strong man" (Satan) has blinded their mind and hardened their heart. As we just read in 1 Corinthians 2:14

*"But the **natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness** (absurd, silly),...*

Until that stronghold is broken through intercessory prayer they cannot and will not receive the truth.

### **No Prayer, No Breakthrough**

Trying to share Jesus with someone who is not being prayed for is spiritually fruitless— but that does not mean the Evangelist's prayer is ineffective, even if they don't realize that they are the only one interceding. God honors the sincere prayer of faith, by those dedicated to reaching the lost, whether that prayer was offered in private or in the moment of outreach. But if we attempt to "witness" without first binding the strong man through prayer, all we do is enrage the enemy, and he fortifies his grip on their soul. Prayerless evangelism only hardens the resistance. Souls may be won to a church club, but not surrendered to Christ. So pray much before going out on the street, that the God of heaven, who knows every soul, will soften the heart of each soul that you meet

### **We Must Learn to Pray Effectively**

Most Christians haven't been taught how to wage war in prayer. And if we don't understand importunate, relentless, Spirit-led intercession, we'll quickly become discouraged and give up.

*"Men ought always to pray, and not to faint."*

*Luke 18:1*

*"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."* James 5:16

We must not give up. Souls are too precious in God's sight.

### **No Christian is Exempt**

**Not one believer has the option to sit this out.** If you have been converted to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and claim to be his true follower, **you are called to intercede.** Jesus said: *"All things are possible to him that believeth."* Mark 9:23 **You are the one God is waiting to use.** Every believer is to stand between the living and the dead. As Aaron did— see *Numbers 16:48* and plead for souls as they imitate their Saviour who *"Ever liveth to make intercession"* Hebrews 7:25.

### **Pre-requisite for Eternal Life.**

*"There is a great work to be done in the earth, and the Lord Jesus has taken men into co-partnership with himself, in order that heavenly agencies may cooperate with human agencies. Christ was in travail of soul for the redemption of the world, and those who are laborers together with God are representatives of Christ to our world, and will have compassion for the lost, and will travail in soul for the redemption of men. Unless the church awakes and attends to her post of duty, God will charge the loss of souls to her account."*SpTA03 30.3

### Upon whom will the seal of God be placed?

*“The day of God’s vengeance is just upon us. The seal of God will be placed upon the foreheads of **those only who sigh and cry for the abominations done in the land.** Those who link in sympathy with the world are eating and drinking with the drunken and will surely be destroyed with the workers of iniquity. **“The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”** 5T 212.*

## Chapter 2

### The Legal/Biblical Foundation of Intercessory Prayer for the Lost

Why Pray for the Lost? — **Because God Has Given Us  
Legal Standing to Intervene.**

*“Produce your cause, saith the LORD; **bring forth your strong reasons,** saith the King of Jacob.” Isaiah 41:21*

In any court, a case is won or lost based on the strength of the evidence presented. So it is before the Throne of Grace. God invites us to **“bring forth your strong reasons” not Emotional Pleas, but legal grounds rooted in covenant promises and the blood, and name of Jesus.** If you have prayed for a loved one for years and seen no fruit of your prayers, we pray that this booklet will help you to see the reasons your prayers are not being effective.

The Word of God encourages us to:

*“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16*

This is not arrogance; it is divine authorization. We do not come in our own righteousness, but in the Name, Blood and legal authority of Jesus Christ, who “*ever liveth to make intercession*” Hebrews 7:25.

Intercession is the Legal Method by Which God Grants Mercy, but we must follow the legal process to be heard. Throughout the Bible, God never moves without legal cause. He has bound Himself by His Word Psalm 138:2, and He waits for an intercessor to rise up and plead on behalf of the Lost.

*“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” Ezekiel 22:30*

This verse shows the legal gap — when no one stands, judgment proceeds. But when someone steps in with intercession, God is legally justified in showing mercy.

*“...for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.” Isaiah 30:18*

### **We Must Use Legal Grounds of the Covenant**

Just as a lawyer cites statutes, **so must the intercessor cite Scripture**. **God responds to His own Word.**

*“Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.” Isaiah 43:26*

Prayer is a covenant-based advocacy before a Righteous Judge. The name and blood of Jesus is our legal claim. See Hebrews 12:24, and when we pray using that blood and God’s promises, Heaven is moved into action.

Why Else should we Pray for the Lost? Because we Have Been Given Christ's Ministry. We are not just encouraged to pray — we are commanded to do so, because we carry the same ministry Jesus did:

*“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 2:4–5*

When we intercede in the Name of “JESUS” we are acknowledging our Lord and Saviour as THE ONE and ONLY ADVOCATE before the Throne of God and are pleading for his aid in behalf of the name of the Lost one we bring before him. As His witness on earth, we continue His ministry of mediation. We plead for the lost not because we are better, but because we know the danger they are in and the authority we carry through our connection with Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

*“Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.” James 5:19–20*

The strong reasons are always Bible-based, and there are many such reasons concerning prayer for the Lost. One of the greatest reasons for praying for the Lost is our love for them. Praying for the Lost has been described as “Love on its knees.” It was God's love for mankind that brought Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God, -God's most precious possession - to the cross to give his life a ransom for the Lost. Our love for God and our love for man will lead us to the place of intercession.

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

A Mother's love that leads to a life of Intercessory prayer for her wayward child, was often the result of bringing Lost souls to the foot of the cross. **Only eternity will reveal the incredible number of souls that have been saved through the tears and prayers of a mother's love.** Love is indeed our greatest reason for pleading for the souls of the Lost.

*Isa 49:15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.*

*4SP 445.2 "Will the Lord forget his people in this trying hour? **Did he forget faithful Noah** when judgments were visited upon the antediluvian world? Did he forget Lot when the fire came down from heaven to consume the cities of the plain? Did he forget Joseph surrounded by idolaters in Egypt? Did he forget Elijah when the oath of Jezebel threatened him with the fate of the Baal prophets? Did he forget Jeremiah in the dark and dismal pit of his prison-house? Did he forget the three worthies in the fiery furnace? or Daniel in the den of lions? **Christ cannot forsake those who are as the apple of his eye, the purchase of his precious blood.**" 4SP 445.2*

### **Faith -Is the Legal Key to Unlock Salvation for the Lost**

*Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."*

**Faith is not wishful thinking** — it is **legal evidence** in the **courtroom of Heaven**. It moves God to act, and it breaks Satan's grip on the soul.

*2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*

If we believe that Christ has “*all power in heaven and in earth*” *Matthew 28:18*, then we can intercede with full authority to see the lost rescued from Satan’s grip. Our faith, according to God’s Word, gives Heaven permission to intervene on their behalf.

Intercession on Behalf of another shows our deep faith in Christ, and his ability to forgive, cleanse, renew and restore that fallen soul. This is why when Jesus saw the paralytic’s four friends let him down through the roof to his feet he said: “*When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.*” *Mark 2:5*

The paralyzed man was brought by four friends who had faith for his healing. Jesus, knowing that the heart of the sick man not only longed for physical healing but for his sins to be forgiven, did more than just heal his body— He forgave the man’s sins. Not because the man spoke — but because his friends believed and brought him to Jesus.

This is intercession in action: we bring the sinner to Christ by faith, even when they cannot bring themselves. This is the legal power of proxy faith — and it works because God honors faith that acts according to His will.

The Bible ascribes mighty power to help when we pray for the Lost. With verses such as this.

***James 5:15-18*** *And the **prayer of faith** shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and **pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The EFFECTUAL, FERVANT PRAYER of a righteous man availeth much**”*

We cannot even begin to understand how incredibly powerful prayer really is, for it exerts the most potent influence of any kind in all the universe. Prayer is of such a sublime order that it lies beyond the imagination of men

For when the Christian prays, his capacity to achieve and his power to do good are multiplied a thousand, yea, a hundred thousand fold. This is no exaggeration, the reason being is that when a individual prays, God works. Not only on the soul of the one who prays, but on the soul of the one prayed for.

*“Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him” SC 93.2*

And surrounds the one prayed for with holy angels-dispatched from the throne of grace to go to the aid of the one praying, and the one prayed for.

*Heb 1:14 “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”*

When the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan during World War II, 92,000 people were killed. But when Assyria besieged Jerusalem causing King Hezekiah to cry out to God on behalf of his people, God sent only ONE ANGEL that slew 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night. Hezekiah’s prayer was TWICE as explosive as the atomic bomb. If prayer is strong enough to destroy armies, **how much more certain is it’s power to save souls.**

We have a strong Biblical reason for praying for the Lost. **God Expects us to pray for them.** God was stunned when he could not find a single intercessor for Israel Isaiah 59:16. The slogan we often hear these days is: **“What would Jesus do?” The Bible gives us the answer.**

*Heb. 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

Let us copy the worthy example of our Lord and intercede for those who are bound in chains of darkness. God

has placed praying for others the number one priority in our lives. Hear the cry of God's heart,

*"I exhort therefore, that, **first of all**, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men... who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" 1 Timothy 2:1-4.*

**1. First— Before anything else. First and foremost! Prayers, Supplications, Intercessions and Giving of Thanks to God. First thing in the morning, and once again at the beginning of every undertaking. Since none can be unbound from the Prince of Darkness without prayer, it is our duty to pray, intercede, to **plead. Yes, plead!****

**2. Second—To PLEAD**-urge reasons for or against; to attempt to persuade one by argument or supplication; as, to **plead for the life of a criminal**; to plead in his favor; to plead with a judge or with a father.

*"O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbor!" Job 16:21*

Recently we were in a small prayer group, and one of the suppliants used the word –Plead– in supplicating the throne of grace for a sick individual amongst us. When the prayer was finished one in the group said. "We are NOT BEGGERS!! WE TELL GOD WHAT WE WANT! WE DO NOT PLEAD OR BEG GOD!" This attitude is one of extreme pride. Yes, we are to come boldly before the throne of grace with our petitions and requests, but with all **humility**. The Bible is very clear that there is not one earthly potentate higher than God. He will bring down the high, and the mighty.

*Jer.13:18 “Say unto the king and to the queen, **Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory.**”*

The PROUD shall be abased! Therefore we are to:

*“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.” James. 4:10*

And be submissive to our elders– those older than us, and also to godly men in leadership roles. This shows that we fear God.

*“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be **clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.**” 1Peter.5:5,6*

This however does not mean that when a leader teaches error we must submit and believe it. No, our first and highest loyalty is to God and His truth.

**Webster's 1828 Dictionary: PLEAD**, v.t. To discuss, defend and attempt to maintain by arguments or reasons offered to the tribunal or person who has the power of determining; as, to plead a cause before a court or jury. In this sense, argue is more generally used by lawyers.

To allege and offer in a legal plea or defense, or for repelling a demand in law; as, to plead usury; to plead a statute of limitations.

In Scripture, to plead the cause of the righteous, as God, is to avenge or vindicate them against enemies, or to redress their grievances. Isa 51.

Remember: There are legal ramifications in the Spiritual warfare, just as in the court case. This is why we must use the weapons of our warfare– but that is the subject of another chapter. Our third point here is:

**3. To supplicate with earnestness.** On one occasion a small band of Salvation Army workers wrote to General Booth decrying their ineffectiveness in winning souls and asking what they should do. He sent back a two-word message. **“TRY TEARS”**. This is a Biblical principle.

#### **Biblical Examples:**

Our **First Example** is that of Moses:

*Exodus 32:30-33 “And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, **if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.** And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.”*

The **Second Example**- Job:

*Job 1:5 And it was so, when the days of their (His Children) feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and **rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings** according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. **Thus did Job continually.***

The **Third Example** we shall notice is Abraham:

*Gen 20:17,18 “So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children. For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.”*

Abraham also Interceded for Sodom: *Gen 18:22-33 “And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord:*

*Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place."*

The **Fourth Example** we shall look at is that of the Apostle Paul: *Romans 10:1* "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved" was his **compassionate confession**.

And the list goes on with many of the patriarchs and prophets interceding for others throughout the scriptures. **The last and greatest example** we will mention is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Prophecy in *Isaiah 53* says that Christ "Made Intercession for the Transgressors." This Prophecy was partially fulfilled when on the cross he prayed:

*"Father, Forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34*

And is continuing to be fulfilled -

*Heb 7:25* "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Being members of God's "holy Priesthood" *1 Peter 2:5* makes us responsible for others because priests represent earth to heaven. Our primary task is to bring before our Great High Priest who "Ever Liveth to Make Intercession" the names of those bound by the evil one. As Aaron did when he took the censor and ran among the dying in the camp to halt the plague of death caused by Israel's sin. See- *Numbers 16*

If you are not rising early every day before the pressures of the day hit, to die to self in prayer, pleading God's promises for the deliverance of souls bound by Satan, then you are surrendering ground to the enemy and forsaking your priestly duty before God. Intercession is not optional, for the strong few out there somewhere—it's the line drawn through the middle of the battle field showing who is in the Christian Warfare and who is just pretending to serve God.

*3T 322.3 "Christ sought for men wherever He could find them—in the public streets, in private houses, in the synagogues, by the seaside. He toiled all day, preaching to the multitude and healing the sick that were brought to Him; and frequently, after He had dismissed the people that they might return to their homes to rest and sleep, **He spent the entire night in prayer, to come forth and renew His labors in the morning.** O brother and sister, you do not know anything in reality of **self-denial and self-sacrifice for Christ and for the truth's sake.** You must depend more fully upon God and less upon your own abilities. You need to hide in God." 3T 322.3*

My prayer is that you will allow these powerful Biblical reasons to inspire you to pray more earnestly for the Lost as never before! The end is very near! We have not a moment to lose.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **PERSONAL MOTIVATING FACTORS**

There are two essential elements involved in every answered prayer: Righteousness and Faith. We have heard much in the last 40+ years about righteousness by faith,

until one's head can feel like a bumble bees nest with all the confusion such emphasis has brought. But put very simply: Righteousness by faith means Doing Right through Faith that Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God, has ALL POWER in heaven and earth to KEEP us FROM FALLING and to present us FAULTLESS before the presence of his Father's glory. The imputed righteousness of Christ—that is, justification received through repentance—is granted to the believer by faith in the shed blood of Jesus. His righteousness cleanses us from all sin and gives us holy, humble *“boldness to come before the throne of grace” Hebrews 4:16*. It is absolutely essential for prevailing prayer. However, personal holiness also plays a crucial role. As *Psalm 66:18* declares: *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”*

Jesus further confirmed this principle in John 15:7:

*“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” John 15:7.*

In other words— Christians living in OBEDIENCE to all of God's Commandments get their prayers answered. Do NOT expect to be able to pray for the salvation of a loved one, then get up off your knees and go steal time from your boss or look at porn while committing fornication, & etc...Your prayers will NOT be heard!! Satan will accuse you before the Father, and he will have to say. *“Objection sustained!”*

The second indispensable factor in answered prayer is faith. Faith operates as an unbreakable law in the spiritual realm. Jesus said: *“According to your faith be it unto you.” Matthew 9:29*. If you pray for someone, yet in the back of your mind you are thinking— he/she has been in rebellion for 25 years! I really cannot see how they are going to turn around now.

Unbelief is a continual threat to effective prayer. It hinders the flow of God's answers and is often the hidden

cause of spiritual stagnation. To effectively pray for the Lost, we must walk in both imputed righteousness (justification through Christ) and imparted righteousness (sanctification through obedience to all of God's commands), as well as sincere faith that trusts God hears and answers.

Scripture confirms that God desires all to be saved: *"The Lord is... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* 2 Peter 3:9

## **8 Vital principles**

Yet, there are **eight** other vital **principles** that further empower prayer for the salvation of souls:

### **#1. Brokenness**

*"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Psalm 126:5*

Brokenness is the first law of spiritual harvest. True intercessory prayer begins with a heart that feels the weight of eternal souls. God cannot bless prayers motivated by self-interest or pride. **But when we pray with tears for Lost souls—like Christ who wept over Jerusalem—then we sow into a harvest guaranteed by God's promise.**

*"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6*

### **#2. Travail**

Just as no child is born without labor, no sinner is born again without spiritual travail. Isaiah described this vividly:

*"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such*

*things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.”Isaiah 66:7–10*

Spiritual rebirth demands laboring in prayer. God responds to the cry of Zion, His people, when they rise up in intercession with holy urgency. As God Himself says:

*“Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? ... Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her. Isaiah 66:7-10*

**Webster’s 1828 Dictionary** defines Travail as: “Labor with pain; severe toil. To labor with pain; to toil.”

**Strong’s Concordance** – H2342 (chuw1/chiyl – חוּל) A primitive root; properly to twist or whirl ... to writhe in pain (especially of childbirth), or fear; figuratively to wait, to pervert—bear, bring forth, grieve, hope, make, sorrow, travail, tremble, be wounded.

We must allow our hearts to be wounded for the salvation of others—just as Jesus’ heart was.

*Luke 22:44 “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.”*

Yes, so much in agony that he sweat until blood came from his pores. This is the soul-travail that breaks open heaven’s gates and unlocks hardened hearts. Sadly, very few have ever agonized this deeply in prayer for the salvation of another soul. Yet this is precisely what Jesus did. He travailed for us. He bled in prayer. He bore the weight of the Lost before they even asked for it.

Christ described salvation as being “Born Again”—a spiritual birth requiring the same kind of pain and inten-

sity a mother experiences in physical birth. The apostle Paul echoed this when he said:

*“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.” Galatians 4:19*

Like a father observing the labor pains of his wife, many Christians today fail to comprehend the cost required to bring a soul to new life. Most professing believers have never travailed for the lost—indeed, statistics suggest that **97%** never lead even one soul to Jesus .

**This is a tragic reality.** But it also reveals the crisis of comfortable Christianity. There is a price to pay for souls—and **that price is brokenness, earnest intercession, and time spent in warfare prayer.**

***Our tears.***

***Our labor.***

***Our spiritual agony.***

**These are the tools heaven uses to break chains and bring the new birth unto eternal life.**

### **#3. Persistence**

Persistence in prayer is the third essential element in spiritual warfare. The lost are described in Scripture as prisoners of war—captives held in Satan’s domain. *Isaiah 14:17* makes this reality plain: *“That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; **that opened not the house of his prisoners.**”* These captives will not be released easily. We are in a war, and it is only **through unrelenting prayer** that we can recover these souls.

The Word of God reveals their bondage clearly:

*“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and **from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**” Acts 26:18*

This is a **legal transfer of ownership**—a soul must be pulled out of Satan’s kingdom and placed into the kingdom of God. But Satan does not surrender captives willingly. Remember that Jesus Himself warned of the strength of this bondage: *“No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.”* Mark 3:27

If the “strong man” (Satan) is not bound through persistent, fervent intercession, there can be no release. The souls remain locked under his dominion. Jesus also revealed the **spiritual strategy** needed to break these chains:

*Mark 9:28–29* “And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, *Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, **This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.***”

Some demonic strongholds **will not break by casual prayer. Fasting, persistence and a believing intercession** are required. This is why **Persistent Prayer is vital**—not because God is reluctant to save, but because Satan is determined to keep what he has stolen.

**We are waging war on the frontlines of hell’s domain.** Satan knows that every soul lost to God is a soul that escapes eternal punishment. He will resist every attempt to win them back as he does not want to burn for them!

That’s why entire nations and cultures remain in spiritual darkness. Satan fortifies his control through idolatry, witchcraft, false religion, and sorcery. But like Paul in Ephesus, **we must not give up.**

Paul didn’t flee Ephesus. He stayed, fought, prayed and he persisted until Satan’s grip broke and the city was shaken.

*“And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the **name of the Lord Jesus was magnified**. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.” Acts 19:17–20*

When persistent intercession meets a broken heart and unwavering faith, the devil loses ground—and Jesus gains souls.

#### **#4. Aggression**

Because prayer is **WARFARE**, we must adopt a posture of spiritual aggression during intercession. This is not passive devotion; this is active, offensive combat in the spirit realm. God has given us **legal authority** to act against the forces of darkness in the name of Jesus Christ.

*“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 16:19*

These are legal terms—**binding** and **loosing** represent real judicial transactions. We do not beg or plead as helpless victims. But we plead in humility and faith that Jesus has the power, and the desire to help the one bound by Satan and will honor his Word and free them. We **exercise authority** as soldiers **under command**, enforcing the will of Heaven upon the earth. This is especially urgent when seeking to evangelize and win the Lost. We are not walking into a peaceful mission; we are storming enemy territory.

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the*

*Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18–20*

Christ, our Captain, has already secured victory. But He sends us into occupied territory to enforce that victory. Every soul rescued from Satan’s grip is a direct **act of war**. Therefore, **aggressive prayer** is not an option—it is **a necessity** as Satan will not release his captives without a fight. But we are not left without weapons:

*“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.” 2 Corinthians 10:4*

To pray aggressively means to pray with **commanding faith**, rooted in the Word, under the blood, and filled with the Spirit. It means **binding spirits, understanding** and **breaking strongholds**, and **declaring the Word of God with authority**.

This kind of intercession terrifies the **enemy**. That is why he **works so hard to make Christians timid in prayer**. He wants the Church to be silent—because when we pray in faith and humble, holy boldness, **he is driven back**.

**We must remember:** Heaven stands behind the prayers of God’s people. The angelic host moves at the voice of God’s Word, *Psalm 103:20*, and the Spirit empowers us with divine boldness.

Now is the time to **pray aggressively**—not in our strength, but in the **authority of Jesus Christ**, armed with His promises, and confident in His power to save.

All power is given to us through Christ. We do not need to despair—keep praying! *“The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds” 2 Corinthians 10:4*. When we are battle-

ready in God's armor, we fight by praying *Ephesians 6:10–18*.

God has empowered His church to aggressively assault and conquer the “gates of hell.” When the strong man is fully armed, Satan holds his captives tight *Luke 11:21–22*, but we must not relent. The weapons of our warfare are mighty through God, not weak or fleshly *2 Corinthians 10:4*. This is why we fight by praying *Ephesians 6:10–18*. Jesus said it this way: “*The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.*” *Matthew 11:12*.

We are promised through the pen of Inspiration:

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*“The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Those who have not been living in Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. **One member working in right lines will lead other members to unite with him in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all will be in harmony with the mind of the Spirit.**” *Matthew 6:10,**

What is the mind of the Spirit? That no one should perish, but that all might come to REPENTANCE.

**This “Spirit of Prayer” is not a routine prayer meeting.** It is deep, heartfelt intercession—marked by BROKENNESS, TRAVAIL, and PERSISTENCE—while actively PLEADING the Word of God. Just as Moses interceded for Israel *Exodus 32*, Abraham for Sodom *Genesis 18*, and Hezekiah for Judah *2 Kings 19*, we are called to stand in the gap for the Lost. Pleading with God puts us as the created being that is looking to the Creator and Sustainer for help outside of ourselves. Pleading the promises

of God lifts our eyes off of self and towards the Saviour. It is part of His divine plan to save both us and those that we pray for.

Next we shall look at the legal tool box for answered prayers!

### **#5. What Can We Plead?**

#### **A.- We can plead the PURPOSES of God for man.**

*Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.*

*Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

*2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

*Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

*Ephesians 2:5-7 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

#### **B.-We can plead the PROMISES of God concerning Salvation.**

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever*

*believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

*Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

*John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

**C.-We can plead the POWER of God to Save.**

*Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

*1 Corinthians 2:4,5 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

*1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

**D.- We can plead the PERSONAGE of God in his relationship to man as CREATOR, REDEEMER, FATHER and LORD.**

*Genesis 1:26 “And God said, Let us make man in our image,”*

*Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

*Isaiah 43:1 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.*

*Isaiah 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.*

**E.- We can plead the ATTRIBUTES and ATTITUDE of God towards man such as his LOVE -”He GAVE his ONLY BEGOTTEN SON”-see John 3:16**

**His MERCY-** *They are new every morning -see Lamentations 3:22*

**His GRACE-** which is his unmerited favor towards man plus the power given through the indwelling of the Spirit of God to live a victorious life. -see *Genesis 6:8* and *Ephesians 3:7, Ephesians 2:5*; **His GENTLENESS-** see *2Samuel 22:36, Psalm 18:35*; **His LONG SUFFERING** -see *Numbers 14:8*; and **his FAITHFULNESS** -see *Lamentations 3:23, Hosea 2:20*

**F.- We can plead the past performances of God in saving others**

**The City of Nineveh** *“And Jonah began to enter into the city a day’s journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. And the people of Nineveh believed God...and God repented of the evil, that he had said he would do unto them; and he did it not.” — Jonah 3:4–5,10*

**A City so wicked that God had already earmarked it for destruction.**

**The Gadarene Demoniac** “*behold a whole legion of devils went out of him.*” Luke 8:20–31

**This man was so fierce no man could approach him. He was filled with a whole legion of demons, and was an outcast from society.**

**And the last one we shall mention: Saul of Tarsus Acts 9:11 - Wreaking havoc on the Church of Jesus Christ, Arresting men and women alike, pursuing them to distant cities.**

**Why these pleas matter:** When we call upon God in this way, we are *legally* standing on His Word. **We fulfill His purposes, His name, His attributes, and His historic acts of rescue.** When we intercede We are **binding and loosing** according to Heaven’s legal system.

#### **#6 MOTIVE!**

A very crucial Factor to the Success or Defeat of our Prayers is: “MOTIVE”. Our first and highest motive for praying for the Lost must be the glory of God, *John 15:8*. But too often, our motives are poisoned with pride, pain, or personal agenda. A parent may pray for a wayward child not out of love for their soul, but from shame or fear of what others think—a PRIDE of the family name that blinds them to the impurity of their motive. And God will not be able to honor it.

The Bible speaks directly to this: “*Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts*” James 4:3.

If you have been pleading in prayer for years over a loved one and seen no breakthrough, you may need to examine why you’re praying. Is it for God’s glory? For the Eternal Salvation of that Lost soul? Or your own comfort, and reputation? Only prayers rooted in the glory of God will reach Heaven’s throne

for that person's salvation. In a court of law, an opposing attorney may "object" to a line of questioning, a line of reasoning, or certain evidence that violates the rules. If the judge sees that indeed the line of questioning is here say, or not lawfully valid, then he must agree and "Sustain" the objection, rendering the tactic void and unusable.

So it is in prayer. If our motives are out of order, and Satan objects, and then the Judge must call out "Sustained" and the case is void. Our legal system's method of handling a case mirrors the divine order God gave Moses for the children of Israel. The same applies in the spiritual realm. We may stand in prayer to plead the case of our lost loved ones—presenting passionate appeals, quoting Scripture, and laying out well-formed arguments. But if our motive is wrong, Satan has legal grounds for objecting. He rises before the Judge and says, "Objection!"—and God (who sees and knows each heart) must agree if the motive is wrong, and then must rule against us. All our pleading becomes null and void. The entire petition is overruled.

The cost is staggering: the soul we were praying for may face eternal death—not because we failed to pray, but because we prayed from **impure motives. Selfish reasons and with a heart black with pride**, wanting to save face. Wanting to protect our image. Wanting our family name cleared. **All the while, the one we're pleading for is left unprotected in the courtroom of Heaven.**

#### **#7 A SACRIFICIAL SPIRIT**

For successful intercession, we must come not as casual observers but as sacrificial participants. True intercession demands that we **lay something down**. Moses stood in the gap for Israel, fasting and pleading another forty days and nights over their sin *Deuteronomy 9:18–19*. Esther risked her life, declaring, *"If I perish, I perish"* *Esther 4:16*. Paul went so far as

to say he could wish himself “*accursed from Christ*” for the salvation of his people *Romans 9:3*.

This is no mere sentiment. In legal terms, this is the *cost of representation*. A defense attorney who won’t suffer inconvenience, risk, or discomfort for their client’s case will fail in their duty. So it is with intercession. If we are not willing to bear a burden for those we pray for, our prayers carry no real legal weight in the courts of Heaven. Sacrifice speaks. And heaven listens.

## #8 UNITY IN INTERCESSION

Unity in intercession holds power not just emotionally, but legally. Heaven honors agreement. Jesus told His disciples:

*“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” Luke 24:49.*

Obedience to that word kept them unified—and that unity opened the heavens. In *Acts 1 and 2*, around 120 people waited together, praying, repenting, and aligning their hearts—and the Spirit came down with fire. That was no accident. It was divine legal precedent.

The more united the petitioners, the stronger the case. Jesus prayed in *John 17*—not once, but **five times**—that we would be “*one*.” He wasn’t praying poetic words. He was setting a courtroom standard: agreement among believers amplifies spiritual authority. When two or more agree, it is established in Heaven, *Matthew 18:19*. When a husband and wife join together as partners, interceding in behalf of wayward parents, children, friends, relatives, or church family the results are powerful. **So if your intercession seems ineffective, consider this:** Are you praying alone when you should be joining forces? Are you isolated when you could be aligned?

The Lord's heart is for UNITY in Truth—and when we align with it, Heaven moves swiftly. The Judge loves to rule in favor of a united petition.

When we obey the command to “*pray for all men, that they may be saved*” *1 Timothy 2:1–4*, we step into a rare and sacred space. True Christian unity is rare. True intercessors are even rarer—*so rare*, in fact, that God could not find even one in Israel *Isaiah 59:16*. And so when these two very rare elements come together—**UNITY in INTERCESSION**—you have created something *exceedingly rare and legally powerful*. It is **doubly rare**, and Heaven treasures it. God so esteems this union that He blesses it beyond what we could ask or imagine.

Even the weakest saint, who fully trusts in God, holds more courtroom authority than the strongest demonic power. But when two or more believers unite in prayer for the lost, that authority multiplies—and **Heaven moves. Chains break. Captives go free.** The enemy's legal footing is shaken. Why? Because the conditions of agreement have been met.

But there's a cost. Those who step into selfless intercession must first have their **pride broken**. Satan's throne is built on pride, but God's authority dwells with the humble. “*God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble*” *James 4:6*. Until we are willing to humble ourselves—admitting we need help, admitting the one we're praying for is spiritually bankrupt—the enemy keeps his grip. Pride silences prayers. Humility gives them wings.

Women, beware that when you begin telling the Lord all the wonderful strengths of your husband or child, your prayers cannot legally be heard. Here is why: A common legal misstep in prayer is this: We begin by building a character defense instead of presenting a repentance plea. We start naming all the “good qualities” of our Lost loved

ones, as though listing virtues will persuade the Judge. But this clouds the reality of their condition and prevents us from praying in truth. **In the courts of Heaven, truth is required.** If we do NOT acknowledge the spiritual peril they are in, we inadvertently stand in pride—and our plea is weakened. Let us take care, then, how we speak. **And let us intercede with unity, humility, and legal precision—so the strongholds fall, and the lost are converted.**

## CHAPTER 4

### Sequence of Requests Specified

**Intercessory prayer is not a vague or casual utterance like:** “Dear Father, please help \_\_\_\_\_ to give his/her life to you. I don’t know how your going to do this, but I know you can save them” That kind of generic pleading quickly loses urgency and becomes a lifeless routine. Without direction or precision, such prayer becomes burdensome to repeat—and worse, we often give up altogether when we see no visible change. Legally God cannot answer this type of prayer.

Effective soul-winning prayer demands specifics. Heaven responds to targeted petitions. And just as an attorney would never walk into court with a random emotional appeal, lacking truth filled evidence, neither should we step into the courts of Heaven without clear scriptural backing.

**There are four essential elements we must bring before the Lord when interceding for a lost soul:**

- 1. Name the individual by Name.**
- 2. The soul-winner God will send to reach them.**
- 3. The Word of God to penetrate their heart.**
- 4. Repentance, Confession, & Reformation in their life.**

When we intercede with these four targeted requests, our prayers take on weight. Heaven takes notice. Legal standing is gained.

**#1. We ask the Lord to Sanctify the Individual—name him/her by name.**

The Bible clearly teaches this truth:

*“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ...” 1 Peter 1:2.*

This first request is foundational. We are asking the Holy Spirit to **sanctify**—to set apart—the individual we are praying for. This is not a general blessing. This is a legal request. In the heavenly court, we are requesting that the person be removed from the influence and domain of the world and be marked for divine intervention.

**The word *sanctify* means “to separate for holy use.”** By calling the person’s name before God, we place them under divine scrutiny and make them a subject of spiritual proceedings. The Lord begins to work in them even before they are aware. We are asking that they be **spiritually quarantined—set apart from worldly contamination so that truth can break through.**

Just as a prosecuting attorney files an official motion to have a name placed on the court docket, so we come boldly and say, “Lord, I bring \_\_\_\_\_ before You. Sanctify him/her. Set him/her apart. Mark this soul for Your kingdom.”

This act of naming is no small thing—it is the first legally official step in the soul’s rescue. Without it, we are praying vague, non-binding pleas. But once named, heaven takes notice. The individual is now **legally brought before the Throne**, and God begins to move.—name him/

her by name. This is not optional. The Bible is specific, and so must we be.

*“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ...” 1 Peter 1:2.*

God is a God of order, not vagueness or confusion. When we speak the person’s name, we are not just identifying them—we are summoning their case before the Divine Judge for review, these requests then go through our Advocate- Jesus Christ and he can plead his blood before the Father for the Individual for whom we are interceding, for:

*“No man cometh unto the Father, but by me” John 14:6*

*Eph. 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

## **#2. We Ask the Lord to Bless Him/Her**

When Jesus sent His disciples into the harvest field, He did not instruct them to rebuke, condemn, or immediately call for repentance. He told them to begin with a **blessing**:

*“And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house” Luke 10:5.*

This was no casual greeting. It was a **legal invocation of blessing**, a deliberate act of releasing God’s peace and favor into a space or life. The principle is powerful: it is *“the goodness of God that leadeth thee to repentance” Romans 2:4*. When we ask the Lord to bless an unconverted person, we are not endorsing their sin—we are asking God to begin softening the soil of their heart.

This request is both strategic and scriptural. It is a **petition for favor**—that the lost one might encounter mercy,

provision, kindness, and divine intervention in such a way that their defenses begin to fall. We are asking God to demonstrate His goodness in visible ways that contradict Satan's lies.

In prayer it would sound like this: "And Father, please bless \_\_\_\_\_. Visit their life with unexpected goodness. Touch their health, their finances, their family—whatever it takes to show them You are real and You are good. Begin to draw them with cords of lovingkindness."

This is not random generosity—it is divine warfare. Each blessing becomes a chisel against the stony heart. And with each act of God's goodness, the path to repentance is laid.

### **#3. We Ask the Lord to Convict the Individual**

Conviction is not guilt, and it is not shame. It is legal awakening—the Spirit of God presenting irrefutable evidence to the soul that it stands condemned before a holy Judge. Without conviction, no one can truly repent. And without repentance, there is no salvation. Jesus said:

*"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, **because they believe not on me**; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged" John 16:8–11.*

Notice—this is not general moral conviction. It is a laser focus on one damning charge: "*They believe not on me.*" That is the sin the Holy Spirit convicts of when we ask him to do so. *John 16:9*. The courtroom charge isn't just lying, stealing, or adultery—it's unbelief in Jesus Christ, unless that point is revealed by the Spirit of God, the soul remains in legal blindness.

Each person is born with a moral compass—a measure of light. But it takes the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit of God to convict them of the one sin that sends them to Hell: Rejecting Christ. So we pray: “Lord, by Your Spirit, convict \_\_\_\_\_. Strip away their excuses. Expose the lie of self-righteousness. Show them their real condition—not in comparison to others, but in the light of your holiness. Pierce them with the truth that they have not believed on you—and bring them face to face with their need for the Saviour.”

But remember: conviction is not the same as conversion. Felix trembled under Paul’s preaching on “*righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come*” Acts 24:25, yet there’s no record he ever repented. So we must persist beyond conviction to the next essential step.

#### **#4. We Ask the Lord to Illuminate His/Her Mind to the Truth**

Conviction alone is not enough. The mind must be opened. Until this happens, the individual remains blind to the truth—even if they are under conviction. The gospel remains veiled unless **God Himself shines light** into the inner man.

*“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” 2 Corinthians 4:6.*

Without divine illumination, the blinded mind will continue in spiritual darkness, unable to comprehend the truth—even if the gospel is laid out clearly before them. So we plead: “Lord, shine Your light. Pierce through the veil. Open their understanding so they can truly grasp the message of salvation.” claiming verses such as: *Isaiah 49:25 “But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the*

*mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save .....*”

This verse is God’s promise to contend with Satan and hosts. It is a legal weapon brought to bear against the foe who has bound the mind of the Lost one.

Once the mind is opened, God often uses human vessels—believers, gospel literature, preaching, or personal witness—to explain what the heart is finally ready to hear. Hence our next step:

#### **#5. We Pray for a Specific Christian Individual to Share the Gospel—Verbally or in Written Form**

If we are pleading for a soul to be saved, then we must also pray for the **messenger** God intends to send. Souls are not saved apart from the Word—and the Word must be **delivered**. Consider the Ethiopian Eunuch. He was devout, sincere, and even owned Scripture, yet still confessed: *“How can I, except some man should guide me?” Acts 8:31*. God answered that plea by sending Philip. Likewise, Cornelius in *Acts 10* feared God and prayed continually, but had not yet received the truth of the gospel. An angel sent him to fetch Peter, who upon coming to his house preached Christ—and *“while Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.” Acts 10:44*.

This is divine orchestration. It is God preparing the heart to receive, and then sending a messenger to deliver. So we must ask: “Father, open \_\_\_\_\_’s heart and mind. Break through the lies, confusion, and strongholds. Prepare their understanding to receive the truth—and then send someone to deliver it plainly and powerfully.”

We are pleading for divine **mental and spiritual readiness**. Because only when the mind is illuminated can the soul be saved. Jesus declared plainly:

*“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest”*  
*Matthew 9:37–38.*

This is not a vague prayer for “someone.” It is a **petition for assignment**. Just as a judge appoints legal counsel to represent one who cannot defend himself, so we ask God to appoint a **spirit-filled laborer**—trained, bold, and surrendered—to carry the truth to the one we are interceding for.

We must be specific:

- Ask God to select a **believer** who will not shrink from the cost.
- Ask Him to **equip** them with divine insight, clarity, and Holy Ghost power.
- Ask that they be “*filled with wisdom*” *Proverbs 11:30*, *boldness Acts 4:31*, *compassion Jude 22–23*, and *zeal Colossians 4:12–13*.
- Ask that they be **sent** at the **right time**, to the **right place**, with the **right words**.

The early church understood this. Jesus told His disciples not to go anywhere until they had been “*endued with power from on high*” *Luke 24:49*. And once the Holy Ghost came, they became legal witnesses with authority to testify—“*ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth*” *Acts 1:8*.

Jonah resisted this call. God had to force him to change

his mind.

The Jerusalem church hesitated too. But God, in His mercy allowed persecution to stir and scatter them—because souls were waiting for the gospel.

Even now, laborers are few. Many Christians are either unaware of their assignment, or unequipped. We must go to the Judge and plead *“Lord of the harvest, assign a soul-winner to \_\_\_\_. Equip them. Anoint them. Embolden them. Let Your Word burn in their mouth like fire. Send them forth, not in human strength, but in the power of the Spirit of God.”*

This is a **legal commission** we are asking heaven to issue. And when it is granted, the gospel is delivered—**and souls are born again.**

#### **#6. We Pray for the Word of God That Is Shared with Them**

No one can be saved without the Word. No one will fall on the Rock and be broken without it. As it is written:

*“How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” Romans 10:14.*

The Word of God is the legal evidence by which the Spirit brings conviction *Acts 2:37*, delivers the bound - *John 8:32*, saves the soul *1 Peter 1:23*, and transforms the life *Romans 12:2*. Without the Word, the courtroom has no testimony. No verdict can be rendered. No chains can be broken, and no souls converted. Satan knows this, he hates the Word with violent intensity. He will do anything to distort it, silence it, or prevent it from reaching the heart. His primary tactic is distraction. As Jesus explained:

*“The seed is the word of God... then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved” Luke 8:11–12.*

So we do not simply pray that the Word is spoken—we pray it is heard, understood, and received. We plead for the Word to be protected from enemy interference. We call for spiritual clarity, that it may not be stolen or twisted before it can take root. **Because Satan knows the power of the Word**, he works tirelessly to hinder its impact. He does not fear emotion. He does not fear religious activity. But he trembles at the Word of God rightly believed, rightly spoken, and rightly received. That is why he builds up **fortifications** *2 Corinthians 10:4–5* and sows **substitutions** *2 Corinthians 11:3–4* to keep minds blinded and hearts hardened.

Spirit of Prophecy tells us:

*4SP 312.2 Satan invents unnumbered schemes to occupy our minds, that they may not dwell upon the very work with which we ought to be best acquainted. The arch deceiver hates the great truths that bring to view an atoning sacrifice and an all-powerful mediator. He knows that with him everything depends on his diverting minds from Jesus and His truth.”*

We must therefore pray fervently—not just for the Word to be spoken, but for it to be **received in power**. We ask God to help both us and the laborers He sends to wield the sword of the Spirit with boldness and precision. And we pray for the hearer to receive that Word, believe it, and **claim it** for the saving of their soul.

As Jesus said: *“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” John 8:32.* It is the **truth you know** that sets you free—not the truth merely heard, but the

truth received and understood. That is why Satan works to divert the minds from the precious truths, and steal the Word **before** it can be comprehended. *Mark 4:15*.

So, we pray for the Word to go forth in its full power with these **five specific legal petitions**:

**A. Pray the Word of God will “Have Free Course”**

*2 Thessalonians 3:1*-That it will flow **unhindered** into the heart of the individual.

**B. Pray for the Word of God to be GLORIFIED**

*2 Thessalonians 3:1* -Causing the sinner to have a reverence for the plain “*Thus saith the Lord!*” For God promises to magnify “*Thy word ABOVE all thy name*” *Psalm 138:2*. And this Word is none other than Jesus Christ Himself:

*“In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was made flesh” John 1:1,14.*

**C. Pray for the Word of God to MULTIPLY**

*Acts 12:24* For one of the laws of the harvest is:

*“He that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully” 2 Corinthians 9:6.*

**D. Pray for the Word of God to PREVAIL**

*Acts 19:20* Meaning to **exercise force**.

Just a small seed can crack through concrete. So it is with the Word—when it is planted deep, the power of life begins to break through hardened hearts.

**E. Pray the Word of God to be EFFECTIVE**

*Acts 14:1* tells us, “...*they so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.*”

This is the divine goal. The Word must not only be spoken—it must be effective in producing repentance, belief, and transformation. We pray according to *Isaiah 55:11*:

*“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall*

*accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”*

When we ask God to make His Word effective, we are aligning ourselves with His will—and prayers aligned with His will are always heard *1 John 5:14–15*. **We are not demanding a result; we are appealing to the Judge to carry out what He has already promised: that His Word will prosper in its mission.**

But be forewarned—exposure to the Word alone does not guarantee salvation. Judas Iscariot was in daily contact with the Living Word, yet died lost *Mark 14:21*. The Pharisees memorized and displayed Scripture, yet were blind and hardened. It is only when the Spirit of God quickens the Word in the heart that conversion takes place. That is why we must pray: “O Father, make Your Word EFFECTIVE in \_\_\_’s life. Let it not pass by unnoticed. Let it not lie dormant. Let it take root, produce faith, and bring about saving change.”

#### **F. Pray for God’s Word to Bring REVIVAL**

This is the final and far-reaching request concerning the Word: that it would not only reach the lost, but that it would ignite revival among the people of God.

God’s promise is clear:

*“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray...” 2 Chronicles 7:14.*

This prayer is not selfish. It is intercessory. Job’s turn around came only after he prayed for his friends *Job 42:10*.

Likewise, true revival is born when God’s people pray not just for blessing, but for brokenness—not just for healing, but for holiness.

If we want to see souls saved in our churches, our families, our nation, we must return to the altar of intercession.

Revival is not noise. It is not numbers. It is the rending of hearts, and the return of holiness among God's people. So we pray: "Lord, let Your Word not only reach \_\_\_; let it awaken the slumbering Church. Let it restore purity, renew zeal, and reestablish the fear of the Lord in the hearts of Your people. Send revival through Your Word."

*"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow his blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. Our Heavenly Father is more willing to give his Holy Spirit to them that ask him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. **But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us his blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer. While the people are so destitute of God's Holy Spirit, they cannot appreciate the preaching of the word;**" ... RH, March 22, 1887 par. 1*

Remove every barrier that hinders today  
Oh cleanse me from sin make me pure Lord I Pray  
Shine forth in Thy beauty and help me to be  
A power- filled witness for Thee  
Lord send a Revival and let it begin with me  
Use me I pray take all self away

That others Thy beauty may see  
Cleanse me now blessed Saviour  
Oh Lord, hear my heart felt plea  
Send a Revival from heaven  
And let it begin with me

## CHAPTER 5

### SPIRITUAL WARFARE

God is most willing to save all men. Our intercessory prayers are not to convince Him of His need to save an individual, for God is in the business of saving souls, and *“not willing that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance” 2 Peter 3:9*; but the reason that we must take up the habit of intercessory prayer for others is due rather to the fact that we are on the Devils territory; All souls born to Adam’s race are born alienated from God,; Satan’s lawful prey, captive to his will until someone prays for the Lord to step in and work circumstances out for the binding of the strong man, and freeing of the captive soul. God must be given legal rights to interpose in behalf of that soul, or Satan will shout “OBJECTION” as we have previously mentioned. In this chapter we are going to cover the tools needed for engaging successfully in Intercessory prayer.

The Bible gives us a description of their desperate situation that is critical to understanding the need for becoming an Intercessory prayer partner with Christ.

**#1 The Lost are PRISONERS, Satan refuses to release.**

*“..that opened not the house of his prisoners?”*

*Isaiah 14:17.*

**#2. And SLAVES under Satan’s authority and jurisdiction.**

*Acts 26:18 “To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”*

**#3. The Lost are CHILDREN of the DEVIL.**

*John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

**#4. The Lost are BLINDED to the GOSPEL.**

*2Cor 4:3,4 “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 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.”*

**#5. The Lost are ENERGIZED by SATAN.**

*Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now **worketh** in the children of disobedience:*

The Greek word for **worketh** is “Energeo” - meaning ‘to

Energize.’ This means the Lost are literally energized by Satan. But a Lost person doesn’t know this, and certainly would not admit it if he/she did. He believes that he/she is free, that is part of his/her lostness, but in TRUTH his/her COURSE OF ACTION IS DICTATED by the Prince of the power of the air.

**#6. The Lost are HELPLESSLY HELD in Satan’s grasp.**

*“1John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.”*

Every unconverted son and daughter of Adam- are utterly prostrate under the influence of Satan. In abject submission, completely subject to his will. In the grip of the evil one, the world is unconsciously asleep to their need of a Saviour. The Word uses the word ‘Lieth’ This indicates they are not struggling actively to be free from the grasp of Satan. The evil one does not ‘Touch’ the Christian, as he is under the care and protection of holy angels.

**#7. The Lost are HOUSE for the STRONG MAN.**

*Mark 3:27 “No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.”*

This is a very important point for the prayer warrior when considering how to win the Lost to Christ. Jesus here makes us aware that no Lost person can be freed from Satan’s grasp unless there is intercessory prayers for that individual. This is our defense in this war zone. In order to win the war for souls, there are some basic things we need to do.

**HAUGHTY**

(Prov 16:18)

Pride  
 Perfection  
 Accomplishment  
 Accusation  
 Competition  
 Mind Idolatry  
 Mockery  
 Stubbornness (1Sam. 15:23)  
 Self-righteousness  
 Gossip

**DEAF & DUMB**

(Mark 9:17,25)

Mental Illness  
 Unclean (Mark 5:2)  
 Insanity  
 Seizures & motionless  
 Epilepsy  
 Double minded (Php 2:5)  
 Suicide  
 Multi-personality  
 Trances  
 Hyperactivity  
 Chronic Sickness

**SLUMBER**

(Prov 16:18; Rom 11:8)

Withdrawal  
 Mind binding (1Thes. 5:5-10)  
 Sleepiness  
 Forgetfulness  
 Stupidity  
 Daydreaming (Unreal fantasy)

**FAMILIAR SPIRITS.**

(1Sam. 28:7; Isa8:19)

Occult  
 Astrology  
 Horoscope/Ouija Board

Fortune telling  
 Inherited curses  
 Divination (Acts 16:16)  
 Chain letters

**FEAR**

(2Tim 1:7; 1 Jhn 4:18)

Rejection  
 Insecurity  
 Worry (Matt. 6:31,34)  
 Sensitivity (Ps.119:165)  
 Fear of authority  
 Terror (sense of danger)  
 Torment (Feeling lost without specific unconfessed sin in mind)  
 Nightmares (Job 35:10)  
 Timidity (Example-Ahab)  
 Phobias (darkness, heights, etc)  
 Inferiority complex  
 Inadequacy  
 HEAVINESS (Isa 61 :3)  
 Fatigue  
 Grief  
 Depression  
 Guilt  
 Despair -Self-pity  
 Gloominess &Sadness (Neh 8:10)  
 Loneliness  
 Wounded (prov.18:14)

**JEALOUSY**

(Num 5:11-14)

Impatience  
 Bitterness  
 Strife  
 Covetousness  
 Control (Spiritual -Jezebel)  
 Retaliation  
 Suspicion  
 Rage (Prov. 6:34)  
 Revenge  
 Anger

Murder  
Wrath  
Restlessness  
Hate

### **LYING**

(Jer. 23:14)

Adultery /Secret Vice  
Lies/deception (Rev. 22:15)  
Profanity  
Hypocrisy (Matt. 23:28)  
Condemning Will  
Self-Esteem  
Theft  
Isolation  
Vanity

### **ANTI-CHRIST**

(1 John 4:3)

Doubt (Matt. 21:21)  
Rebellion (1 Sam. 15:23)  
Witchcraft (Ex. 22:18)  
Self-Exaltation (Matt. 18:4; 23:12)  
False Prophecy (Salvation in sin)  
Oppose man of God  
Speak against Gifts of H.S.  
Religious Piety  
Disturbing Services  
POVERTY (John 10:10)

### **BONDAGE**

(Rom 8:15)

Hindering Spirit (can't pray or speak a word for God)  
Anguish  
Greed/gluttony  
Obesity  
Lunacy (Mark 5:15; Luke 8:35)

Addiction (drugs, alcohol, food, sex, porn, &etc)  
Spiritual blindness (Unwilling to Study deeply, then follow that counsel)

### **INFIRMITY -Physical/Mental**

(Luke 13:11)

Every disease (Ps 103:1-3)  
Death (Untimely)

### **WHOREDOME**

(Hos 4:12. Eze 16:28)

Mind Control (NLP, Spiritual Formation)  
Prostitution  
Martial Arts  
Cults  
Religious (overmuch-without Spirit of Christ)  
Legalism (Trusting own works)  
Idolatry (money/things/individuals)  
Emotional Weakness  
Fornication (Masturbation/sex before marriage, lewd talk between unmarried persons)

### **PERVERSION**

(Isa 19: 14)

Word twisting (Acts 13:10)  
Lust (Prov. 23:33)  
Lesbianism  
Homosexuality  
Sodomy  
Child molestation  
Exhibitionism  
Pornography  
Self love (2 Tim 3:2)  
Doctrinal Error (Isa 19:14)  
Seducing Spirit (1Tim. 4:1)

*\*James. 5:15; Ps. 50:15; Ps. 91:3; Prov. 2:12; Jer. 39:17 — SC 69 “Consecrate yourself to God in the morning: make this your VERY FIRST WORK. Let your prayer be, “Take me, Oh Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee.” This is a daily matter. Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender ALL your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate.”*

# RECOGNIZING STRONGHOLDS

## **Weapons of Warfare to break strongholds**

### **WE MUST USE GOD'S APPOINTED WEAPONS.**

*2Co 10:4 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;"*

Most Christians are not even aware that we are in a war. Instead they are taught that the Christian life is one of 'unconditional love' from God for us to learn to give to everybody else, in whatever way they wish to receive it. Thus the majority of professed Christians have been stripped of their armor and their weapons and don't know how to fight the good fight of faith in order to lay hold on eternal life. Our actual combat is prayer- we fight by praying.

### **#1.WEAPON OF OUR WARFARE -PRAYER.**

When we do not pray for ourselves or for others, Satan is winning by default. But when we pray for others, he is not only losing the battle for the souls for which we pray, but for our soul as well. This is why God has commanded us to "**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**" *1 Thess. 5:17*

### **#2. WEAPON OF WARFARE-THE WORD of GOD.**

This is what the disciples did, they gave themselves "*Continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word.*" Acts 6:4. Just as the young man entering the military finds himself getting familiar with the weapons of warfare-

tanks, planes, bombers, missiles, grenades, rifles, battering rams, cannons and etc... Just so the Christian must familiarize him/herself with the weapons of warfare in this battle against the mighty foe. The use of Scripture is mighty! Read it, memorize it, claim it, pray it. Apply the promises to the Lost souls that you plead for. God LOVES to hear us CLAIM HIS WORD! He is DELIGHTED TO ANSWER! This builds our faith in His Word. Remember that it is the *“Sword of the Spirit” Eph. 6:17.*

**#3.WEAPON OF WARFARE- BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.** *Rev. 12:11 “...They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb...” Hebrews 2:14* tells us why pleading the blood of Jesus Christ in prayer is so powerful: *“That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.”* When we plead the blood of Christ, we affirm to the powers of darkness that Satan was defeated at the cross. By that shed blood, Christ has paid the sin-debt for all mankind-see: *1 John 2:2*, granting Him the legal right to redeem those held captive. Satan holds souls only by default—when we fail to stand in faith and declare their deliverance through the power of the blood.

Since Satan was fully stripped of his authority at Calvary, he no longer possesses legal power over the redeemed. His only remaining weapon is deception. As it is written: *“that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world” Revelation 12:9.* Though he is skilled in the use of lies, the Word of God is absolute truth *John 17:17*, and truth always prevails over falsehood. Therefore, when believers engage in warfare

prayer, standing on the authority of Scripture, they are legally enforcing Christ's victory. The result is certain: strongholds are broken, and souls are set free.

**#4.WEAPON OF WARFARE- NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.** See *Acts 4:10-12*. Upon returning from their witnessing mission, the disciples told Jesus, "*Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through your name.*" *Luke 10:17*. And they are subject to us also. This is the reason Satan has urged the Messianic Jews to infiltrate the Gentile Christian world and bring another gospel, and another Jesus, with the 'Holy Name' theory, for Satan still hates the name of Jesus Christ! This new name was given to him by the angel of God, when he spoke to Mary. This name means "THE" "ADVOCATE. (Fountain of Life pg. 63, by John Flavel 1672) and:

*1John 2:1 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."*

THE ONE and ONLY ADVOCATE between God and sinful man. His name before he came to earth as a babe was, Michael (Like unto God) Being the ONLY BEGOTTEN SON of GOD. See: *Dan. 10:13, 21; Dan. 12:1; Jude 1:9; Rev. 12:7* But a New Name was given him when he became the Son of man to conquer the foe. There is POWER in the NAME of JESUS!! Believe it! Use it! It is a mighty weapon against the defeated foe. **There are three** scripturally established reasons why the name of our Lord Jesus Christ holds supreme authority in the spiritual realm.

**FIRST: His legal right as Creator.** According to *Colossians 1:16*, "*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or do-*

*minions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”*

This verse establishes that all spiritual and earthly realms originate from Him and exist for His purpose. Therefore, His name carries divine jurisdiction over all created beings and structures, both seen and unseen.”

**SECOND: He is Lord by right of crucifixion,** having lawfully secured victory through His death. As it is written: “*That **through death** he might **destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver** them who through fear of death were **all their lifetime subject to bondage**” Hebrews 2:14–15.*

The crucifixion legally disarmed Satan, rendering him a defeated adversary with no authority over those who are in Christ and walk by faith:

*“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” Psalm 119:89*

**THIRD:** Jesus is Lord by right of **coronation**, having ascended and been enthroned at the right hand of God. As the Scripture declares: “*Who is gone into heaven, and is **on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him**” 1 Peter 3:22.*

Therefore, when we intercede for the lost in obedience to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, and invoke His name, the demonic powers that hold them captive are legally obligated to yield—for they are subject to His sovereign authority.

Therefore, power and authority of the name of Jesus are not symbolic or emotional—they are legal and spiritual realities grounded in His eternal Lordship. Every believer who acts in alignment with this truth stands on solid, biblical ground. The kingdom of darkness has no lawful resistance against the name of Jesus Christ declared by faith in accordance with Scripture.

**#5. WEAPON OF WARFARE- PRAISE-** Praise is a divinely sanctioned weapon in spiritual warfare. According to *Psalm 22:3*, “*But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel,*”

God manifests His presence in the midst of sincere praise. When we praise, we are legally inviting the Commander-in-Chief—the Lord of Hosts, into the battlefield.

A powerful biblical testimony to the effectiveness of praise is found in *2 Chronicles 20*. When Judah was threatened by a confederation of enemies—namely the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—King Jehoshaphat proclaimed a fast and sought the Lord through prayer. Yet the breakthrough came not merely through petition, but through praise. As Scripture declares:

*“And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten” 2 Chronicles 20:22.*

This account establishes a legal precedent: when God’s people engage in praise, **they are invoking divine inter-**

**vention, and the enemy is defeated by the presence and power of God Himself.**

Many believers have little understanding of the power of praise in spiritual warfare—perhaps because we have rarely used it enough to witness its might. Consider this: Those who came out of Egypt perished in the wilderness not for lack of provision, but for lack of praise. Their murmuring, not their enemies, sealed their fate. *Numbers 14, Psalm 106*. One of the **KEY HELPS** with this weapon of warfare: Use it BEFORE you SEE the RESULTS of your PRAYERS. **Praise** is a command that is reiterated over and over in the Word of God. We are commanded to **praise** the Lord daily.

*2Chron. 8:14 “And he appointed, ... the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.”*

#### **#6. WEAPON OF WARFARE-FASTING-**

*“This kind goeth not forth but by prayer and fasting.” Mark 9:29*

This weapon has been called the most powerful weapon at our disposal in our arsenal of intercessory prayer. **FASTING enhances the power of intercessory prayer by at least tenfold**, because when we fast our mind becomes clear and sharply focused to the task. The purpose of our warfare is to defeat the enemy and fasting is designed to do that effectively. *Isaiah 58:6, “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?”*

Once when the disciples were unable to cast out devils from a child, Jesus told them that It is for our good that we include this weapon of warfare. *Mark 9:29*

*4SP 419.1* “We need to **humble ourselves** before the Lord, with **fasting and prayer**, and to **meditate much upon his word**, especially upon the **scenes of the Judgment**. We should now seek a deep and living experience in the things of God. We have not a moment to lose. Events of vital importance are transpiring around us; we are on Satan's enchanted ground. **Sleep not**, sentinels of God; the foe is lurking near, ready at any moment, should you become **lax and drowsy**, to spring upon you and **make you his prey**.” *4SP 419.1*

As we can see from this quote, FASTING and PRAYER are for OUR OWN SALVATION as well as for the saving of Lost souls.

### **#7 WEAPON OF WARFARE- LOVE-**

*1Pe 1:22* “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:”

The final and perhaps most powerful weapon in spiritual warfare is **love**. It is no coincidence that love is also the last and highest virtue on Peter's ladder of spiritual growth:

*“And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” 2 Peter 1:7.*

Charity—God's kind of love—is the crown of all spiritual graces, and the force that drives effective warfare. The

believer who loves the Lord with all his heart, and who loves the Lost as Christ does, becomes spiritually unstoppable. As Scripture declares:

*“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death” Revelation 12:11.*

Love compels sacrificial action. When you truly love someone, you will go to any length—even spiritual battle—to see their soul delivered from the wages of sin; And because *“charity never faileth” 1 Corinthians 13:8*, neither will the one who wars in love. Love, as the final weapon in our spiritual arsenal, prevails in all things. But what happens when we pray, armed with the weapons of God?

*“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God...” 2 Corinthians 10:4–5.*

### **Pulling Down Strongholds: The Battle for the Mind**

Prayer targets strongholds—mental and spiritual barriers that oppose God’s Word. The mind is the battlefield. If Satan controls a person’s mind, he can keep that soul from salvation. But when truth given in love reach the mind, and the Will is freed, salvation becomes possible.

Jesus demonstrated this with the demoniac of Gadara *Mark 5:15–20*. When the man was delivered, he not only sat at Jesus’ feet **clothed** and in his right mind, but became a bold witness among his countrymen.

God does not force the will. Pray that God will reveal to you the stronghold that is hindering that person from being released from Satan. In Jesus’ name and blood claim the Lost soul, using the powerful promises found in the living Word of God. This removes demonic influence so the individual may freely choose truth and righteousness, repent and be converted. Since Jesus is “Victor over the captor,” the rescue will succeed—leaving the soul free to choose Christ.

*“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36*

## **BEWARE**

### **Satan’s Strongest Weapon: Unbelief**

Satan’s most powerful stronghold is **unbelief**—the root of all resistance to truth. For the unsaved, it blinds them to the gospel. For the believer, it hinders power and spiritual growth.

*“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...” 2 Corinthians 4:3–4*

Prayer tears down this barrier. When the stronghold of unbelief is broken, the light of the gospel shines, and the soul can respond.

**Unbelief is Satan's Primary Stronghold in the Heart of the unbeliever.** In spiritual warfare, **unbelief** is Satan's most valued and strategic stronghold. **It is the only sin that legally condemns a soul to eternal separation from God:**

*"He that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16*

For the unbeliever, this stronghold blinds the heart and mind, preventing faith in Jesus Christ. Satan guards this territory fiercely, using other strongholds such as- **greed, lust, bitterness, pride, religion,** and **control** to fortify it.

*"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... should shine unto them." 2 Corinthians 4:4*

In the eyes of the adversary, unbelief is **priceless**, because it secures legal right to oppress and deceive. When the rich young ruler came to Jesus, see: *Mark 10*- Christ did not merely give him knowledge, but tested his heart. The man's **greed**—not ignorance—kept him bound. He went away sorrowful, lost, because the stronghold remained intact.

The Samaritan woman at the well see: *John 4*- was bound by **lust** and past relational failure. But when Jesus exposed the truth in love, the legal ground was broken and salvation came not just to her, but to her whole village.

In many, **bitterness** becomes a legal foothold. **A wounded heart can reject the truth of God's love unless that stronghold is pulled down through intercession.**

*“Let all bitterness... be put away from you... and be ye kind one to another...” Ephesians 4:31–32*

Jesus gives believers legal authority to engage in this battle through His name:

*“Behold, I give unto you power... over all the power of the enemy.” Luke 10:19*

*“Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven...” Matthew 18:18*

This warfare is not merely spiritual—it is judicial. Satan has no legal right to hold souls in bondage once the blood of Christ has been applied. Yet his strategy depends on ignorance, deception, and unbroken strongholds. Whether the issue is **lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life, religion, control, or unbelief**, the legal remedy is found in **persistent prayer, fasting, truth, and the application of the blood of Jesus Christ** *Revelation 12:11*. When these are wielded -lawfully- by the believer, strongholds are dismantled, and the enemy’s case is overthrown.

Spiritual strongholds often go deep, and when we don’t discern the root issue, we can easily become discouraged and give up before victory is won. In one case, I was praying for a man who continually rejected the gospel. I asked the Lord why. The Spirit impressed one word upon my heart: “control.” At first, I didn’t understand. But as I observed him, I realized he needed to control everything within his sphere. The problem wasn’t ignorance—it was that control had become his stronghold. And since salvation requires surrender, he couldn’t receive Christ without yielding.

*“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7*

Addictions, behaviors, or lifestyle issues often mask deeper roots. What appears to be drug or alcohol bondage may actually be rooted in rejection, shame, or self-hatred—areas Satan exploits to establish strongholds.

Consider a young woman who, outwardly, was rebellious and addicted. She had walked away from God and lived recklessly. But in prayer, the Lord revealed the root was rejection—the result of a broken relationship with her father and judgmental treatment from a former pastor. When she was gently confronted with the truth and prayed for, that root was exposed. She forgave, wept, and surrendered to Jesus. The stronghold was broken—and freedom came

*“He sent his Word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.” Psalm 107:20*

Though Satan uses many strongholds to guard unbelief, there is always one primary stronghold blocking each unsaved person from receiving the gospel. That’s where the legal battle lies—not over dozens of sins, but over one specific area of legal ground. Jesus referred to this when He said:

*“When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him... he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.” Luke 11:21–22*

Once that stronghold is identified and dismantled through prayer, truth, and the authority of Jesus, the en-

emy's case collapses, and the soul becomes ready to receive salvation.

### **#8. WEAPON OF WARFARE- EXERCISING AUTHORITY IN CHRIST.**

#### **Exercising Legal Authority in Christ to Rescue Souls**

One of the most essential weapons in spiritual warfare, especially in soul-winning, is the believer's authority in Christ.

*And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven..."Matthew 16:19*

Christ has delegated His authority to us, but we must act on it. Just as a police officer controls traffic not by personal strength, but by the authority of the badge, so we, as believers, have been given jurisdiction over spiritual matters through the name and blood of Jesus and His role as Intercessor in the Most Holy Place at this hour of earth's history.

When we stand in our God-given authority, the power of darkness is broken:

*:"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..." Revelation 12:11*

#### **Legally, All Souls Belong to Christ**

Every soul has been bought with the price of Christ's blood:

*"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2*

But Satan, acting **illegally and by force**, holds people captive against their rightful ownership. He refuses to let them go—**unless someone takes authority and demands their release. This is not a battle of power, but of position.** The devil holds no legal claim over souls redeemed by Christ, but he exploits ignorance and passivity.

We must **enforce** Christ's victory by declaring our legal right to see captives set free:

*“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7*

### **Spiritual Warfare: Announce the Victory**

After WWII -General Wainwright, along with other allied prisoners of war, was incarcerated on the Island of Formosa. Although the war was over and the Japanese commandant knew it, he did not tell the prisoners nor release them. But when an allied plane landed on the island with news of victory, General Jonathan Wainwright announced to the Japanese commandant, “My commander-in-chief has defeated your commander-in-chief. I am now in charge. You will release all the prisoners now.”

This should be our mindset in the warfare with Satan!

“My Commander-in-Chief has already defeated your authority. I am here on His orders. Release the captive immediately.” And when we **do**, and **insist, the release will take place.** Jesus said:

*“How can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man?” Matthew 12:29*

The strong man must be bound by **faith-filled, authoritative prayer**, and the **legal right of Christ's blood** must be applied.

**#9. WEAPON OF WARFARE - We Must CONTINUALLY RESIST.**

Finally, we must continually **resist** the devil:

*“Put on the whole armour of God... that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Ephesians 6:11,13.*

Satan will test our resolve, especially when we pray for the lost. But if we stand in boldness, clothed in God's armor, and operate within the legal authority of Jesus Christ, **we will see captives delivered and souls converted.**

When we get serious about the salvation of souls, Satan uses difficult circumstances in our lives or in the lives of those we are praying for, in an effort to make us back off and quit. Stand on the Word!

*“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.” Eph 6:13*

When that “**evil day**” comes, we must not fail or be discouraged but instead press forward in persistent praise and prayer, resisting the demonic discouragement that threatens to overwhelm us until we get discouraged and give up our intercessions. Let us enlist the help of others we know to partner with us in prayer, and look for the reasons why our prayers are not bringing answers.

**Legal Grounds for Unanswered Prayer & Strategies for Victory**

There are only **two legal reasons** why prayer for the salvation of souls remains unanswered:

**1.** There is **sin or unbelief** in the life of the one doing the praying, which removes legal standing before God see *Isaiah 59:2*.

**2. Satan is actively resisting** because of our lack of using the tools for the warfare. These must be used to legally overrule through persistent, righteous warfare. Jesus declared:

*“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” John 15:7*

When we remain in legal alignment with Jesus, abiding in His Word and authority, Satan cannot continue to withhold souls. Persistent, strategic, and lawful intercession will break his grip.

### **Strategy in the Legal War for Souls**

No army enters battle without a plan. Soldiers do not wander aimlessly; they move with **orders**, **targets**, and **jurisdiction**. So too in spiritual warfare—**strategic prayer** is essential for effective results.

### **Ultimate Strategy: United, Continual Prayer**

The most powerful legal strategy is for the entire church to give itself continually to prayer—standing in one accord as unified witnesses. This is what the early church did:

*“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication...” Acts 1:14*

*“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” Acts 2:41*

*“And many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.” Acts 4:4*

These results were not random—they were **legal victories** that came as the body of Christ enforced the gospel through unified, Spirit-led intercession.

*“The place was shaken where they were assembled together... and they spake the word of God with boldness.” Acts 4:31*

*“Multitudes both of men and women”* were converted to Christ. *Acts 5:14*

*“The number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly.” Acts 6:7*

*“All that dwelt at Lydda and Sharon... turned to the Lord.” Acts 9:35.*

These outcomes show the pattern: **legal agreement in prayer produces lawful release of captives**. When the people of God return to the model of the early church, the same evangelistic power will follow.

### **Supporting Strategy: Organized Prayer Groups**

Another highly effective strategy is the formation of **targeted prayer groups**. Legally speaking, **corporate agreement magnifies authority**:

*“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.” Matthew 18:19*

Choose other Christians you know to team up with you to become prayer partners in intercessory prayer for those on your prayer list and theirs.

Together lawfully target strongholds over families, communities, and individuals with accuracy, agreement, and persistence. With devout Christian friends to help you pray for your loved ones, and you helping them, none need fall under giant Despair’s iron grip.

## CHAPTER 6

### **Biblical Examples of Answered Prayers**

#### **1. Hannah’s Prayer – From Barrenness to Prophetic Birth**

*1 Samuel 1:10–11, 19–20 “And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow... if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid... but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord...”*

*“And the Lord remembered her... and Hannah conceived, and bare a son, and called his name Samuel...”*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Hannah’s desperation broke through barrenness. Her intercession aligned with God’s redemptive plan—birthing Samuel, a prophet who changed Israel’s history.

## **2. Daniel's Prayer – Angelic Warfare & National Revelation**

*Daniel-10:12–13 ‘Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand... thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days...’*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Daniel's fasting and prayer triggered **angelic conflict between good and evil forces**. Though unseen, his persistence broke through the demonic opposition and released revelation for Israel's future.

## **3. Moses' Intercession – Saving a Nation from Judgment**

*Exodus 32:10–14 ‘Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them... And Moses besought the Lord his God...’*

*‘And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.’*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Moses, standing in intercession, **legally intervened** for Israel's rebellion. His prayer stopped divine judgment and preserved the covenant people.

## **4. Stephen's Martyrdom Prayer – Opening the Door for Saul's Conversion.**

*Acts 7:59–60 ‘Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.’*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Stephen's final words were a legal appeal of mercy. Saul of Tarsus (Paul) was present—and though Stephen died, his prayer pierced the

heavens. Saul was later converted and became the greatest apostle Paul of the Gentiles.

#### **5. Paul & Silas in Prison – Worship Warfare that Shook the Foundations**

*Acts 16:25–26 “And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God... And suddenly there was a great earthquake... and every one’s bands were loosed.”*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Their prayer and **praise** in chains released **divine intervention**—physical and spiritual chains broke, leading to the salvation of the jailer and his family.

#### **6. Jesus’ Prayer for Peter – Restoring a Future Leader**

*Luke 22:31–32- “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not...”*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Jesus legally interceded on Peter’s behalf before Satan’s accusations could succeed. Though Peter fell, he was restored and became one of the mighty leaders of the early church.

#### **7. The Church’s Prayer for Peter – Angelic Rescue from Execution**

*Acts 12:5–7 “Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him... and his chains fell off...”*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Corporate intercession overruled Herod’s death sentence. God dispatched an angel to

legally deliver Peter, showing that persistent group prayer breaks impossible strongholds.

### **8. Abraham's Intercession for Sodom – Appealing for Mercy**

*Genesis 18:23–33 “And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?....Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?....And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.”*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Abraham stood in the **legal gap** *Ezekiel 22:30* as a covenant man and negotiated with God on behalf of a wicked city. This was **legal intercession** based on God's justice. Though Sodom was ultimately destroyed due to lack of righteous people, **Lot was delivered** because of Abraham's intercession. *Genesis 19:29*.

### **9. Elisha's Prayer for His Servant – Opening Spiritual Eyes**

*2 Kings 6:15–17 “And when the servant of the man of God was risen early... he said, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he*

*saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.”*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Elisha’s intercession **removed spiritual blindness**, allowing his servant to perceive the reality of divine protection. This reveals that spiritual warfare is often a battle of **vision and revelation**, and prayer can lift the veil of fear and deception. Victory was already present—the servant just needed to **see** it.

**10. Elijah’s Prayer for Fire- Elijah’s Prayer for Fire – Confrontation on Mount Carmel**

*1 Kings 18:36–38 “And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.”*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** This was not merely a miracle—it was a legal trial in the spiritual realm. Elijah stood as a covenant representative of Jehovah against 450 prophets of Baal and 400 of Asherah *1 Kings 18:19*. His prayer was short, direct, and lawfully grounded in obedience: *“I have done all these things at thy word.”* That gave him standing before God.

**The Slaying of the Prophets of Baal – Legal Removal of Satan’s Claim.**

*1 Kings 18:40 “And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.”*

**Legal and Theological Significance:** Elijah understood that God could not bless the land while demonic authority remained intact. Baal worship had defiled Israel and brought covenant-breaking idolatry into the land. According to the Law. See: *Deuteronomy 13:13–18*. False prophets were under the sentence of death, and by removing these false prophets, Elijah was clearing the spiritual and legal atmosphere for the restoration of rain and blessing. Until the stronghold of Baal was dealt with, God’s justice would not permit national restoration.

**Elijah’s Prayer for Rain – Breaking the Drought**

*1 Kings 18:41–45 “And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. 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... 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 it came to pass... that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.”*

**Spiritual Warfare Insight:** Elijah persisted in prayer even after fire had fallen. Though rain was promised, he

had to birth it through **intercession**. Seven times he sent his servant—a picture of persevering prayer, legally pressing until manifestation occurred.

### **Why Slaying the False Prophets Was Crucial Before the Rain Came**

#### **1. Legal Precedent in the Law of Moses:**

The presence of false prophets demanded judgment according to the covenant *Deuteronomy 13*. If left unpunished, it would legally hinder Israel's restoration.

#### **2. Authority Must Be Dealt With**

##### **Before Blessing Is Released:**

The prophets of Baal represented demonic systems and territorial spirits. To ask for rain (blessing) while those voices still operated would be spiritually and legally inconsistent. Elijah acted in prophetic authority and covenant enforcement.

#### **3. Purification Precedes Restoration:**

Just as Jesus cleansed the temple before healing all the sick who had come to see him there, *Matthew 21:12–14*, Elijah removed defilement before rain came. This is a pattern of legal purification before covenant blessing.

### **Conclusion**

Elijah's Mount Carmel showdown is a complete case study in legal spiritual warfare:

- Fire answered his lawful obedience.
- False prophets were legally removed to break demonic jurisdiction.
- Rain followed persistent intercession once the atmosphere was legally cleared.

*“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he **prayed earnestly** that it **might not rain**: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he **prayed again**, and the **heaven gave rain**, and the earth brought forth her fruit.” James 5:16-18*

These examples show that intercession isn’t only about asking—it’s about **appealing to God’s justice, mercy, and covenant**, and **activating spiritual realities** that change the visible outcome.

## CHAPTER 7

### MAKE A COMMITMENT

*“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” Ezekiel 22:30*

This chapter is not meant to inspire fleeting emotion, but to call you to divine responsibility. According to Scripture, there is a gap between God’s will and man’s rebellion—and the Lord seeks **intercessors** to stand in that gap.

*“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16*

*“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:38*

Souls are hanging in the balance of eternity. Intercession is not optional—it is a divine commission. Christ Himself

is our High Priest, interceding for us *Hebrews 7:25*, and we are commanded to follow His example.

*“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” John 15:7*

*“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” John 14:13*

The blood of Jesus has already paid the price for all. What remains is for believers to **pray, stand, and declare**—legally enforcing the victory won through Jesus Christ. As you read the following poem, let it stir your spirit to action. May your heart respond, ***“Here am I; Lord, send me”*** *Isaiah 6:8*.

### TRAVELING ON MY KNEES

Last night I took a journey  
To a land across the seas.  
I didn’t go by ship or plane—  
I traveled on my knees.

I saw so many people there  
In bondage to their sin,  
And Jesus told me I should go,  
That there were souls to win.

But I said, “Jesus, I can’t go  
To lands across the seas.”  
He answered quickly, “Yes, you can—  
By traveling on your knees.”

He said, "You pray, I'll meet the need.  
You call, and I will hear."

It's up to you to be concerned  
For Lost souls far and near."

And so I did, I knelt in prayer,  
Gave up some hours of ease,  
And with the Saviour by my side  
I traveled on my knees.

As I prayed on, I saw souls saved  
And twisted persons healed.  
I saw God's workers' strength renewed  
While laboring on the field.

I said, "Yes, Lord, I'll take the job.  
Your heart I want to please.  
I'll heed Your call and swiftly go  
By traveling on my knees."

(Lundstrom)

*"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3*

#### **WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?**

*"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning... his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezekiel 3:18*

God has placed Lost **souls** within your reach—not to casually observe their destruction, but to **intercede** for their salvation. The Word of God is clear: if you do not warn them, by pen and voice, **you will share in their judgment**. This is not optional. It is **the divine burden of every believer**. If you have not the burden, you are only fooling yourself that you are a true Christian.

*“And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.” Jude 1:23*

Until you make the **commitment to intercede**, you are **withholding the very weapon** God has given to break the chains of darkness. Not ONLY off your own soul, but also from the soul of others. You may say, “I’m not called to preach.” But you are **commanded to pray**. If you refuse the call, you not only endanger the souls of others—you **endanger your own**.

*“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” James 4:17*

### **A Blunt Truth: Your Silence Is Deadly**

You cannot be neutral. The moment you knew the truth of Christ’s saving power, you were enlisted. Refusing to engage in spiritual warfare for souls is **spiritual disobedience**.

*“If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.” 1 Corinthians 16:22*

God is not looking for Comfortable Christians—He is looking for **Committed Intercessors**. Until you bow your

knees in burdened prayer for the Lost, you have not yet obeyed the gospel in its fullness.

### **A Cry for Commitment**

My burden—my **divine assignment**—is to see thousands raised up as **intercessors**, prayer **warriors** equipt for the battle who stand between the living and the dead, *Numbers 16:48*. But I cannot do it alone.

**If you are ready to obey the Lord, I ask you now:**

**Will you answer the call to intercession?**

**Will you take your place in the battle for the saving of souls?**

**Will you say, “Yes, Lord. I will take the job”**

If so, I urge you to act immediately. Kneel. Weep. Cry out. And if there is someone you are desperate to see saved, bring their name before the throne of God—daily, fervently, legally.

*“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.” Matthew 18:19*

If you are ready to pray according to the Biblical principles we have shared, then take action now. **Let there be no delay. Eternity is at stake.**

*“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” 1 Corinthians 15:34*

## Make a Prayer List! Use it Daily!

*“Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.” 1 Samuel 12:23*

*“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.” Romans 10:1*

*“I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night... ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence.” Isaiah 62:6*

### Instructions:

As you list each name below, do so with faith that God will honor His Word. **Stand legally in the authority of Christ’s name** *John 14:13*, and pray for each soul as if eternity depends on it—because it does. Revisit this list daily, praying the Word of God over every person listed.

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### Answers to Prayer

