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Hawaii - the Lord's call

I saw strong gates in the heavenly places. The enemy was pressing through, determined to destroy them and break into the nation.

The Lord called - "Where are the guardians of the gates? Without them the nation will fall."

Strong angels stepped forward, ready to guard the gates. The Lord called again - "Where are the guardians of the gates?"

Deep in the spirit of the church a few lifted their hands in supplication and praise. "We are here," they said, "But we are small and have little power."

An angel stepped forward, carrying flasks of fire. The fire had a name "Stand firm." At the Lord's command he prepared to pour, but the Lord held him back. "Let my intercessors - those who will bear the guardian burden come and stand before me. I will show them what is to come, and then they can be anointed."

"Lord," the few asked, "what is the task?"

Introduction

When the Lord led me to consider the possibility of a tower of intercession in Hawaii, this was what came into my mind -

First experience

Standing by the seashore, I saw a boat in the shallows and someone was in it. I felt a strong desire to be in that boat, so I waded out and climbed in. To my astonishment the man in the boat was the Lord. As I looked at him, glory flowed around me and I knelt down to worship him.

I heard a distant sound. It was the worship of heaven. It was so beautiful that I wanted to stay forever and never leave. But as quickly as it all started, it was over and it was just me and the Lord in the boat. Looking at me he asked - “Are you ready?” “Ready for what?” I replied.

“It’s a costly path,” he said. “But it has been very costly to get this far,” I replied. “Now it will get harder,” he said. I thought of the glory, of him, of heaven. “Is there more of this?” I asked. “Much more,” he said. “I want it,” I said, and without another word, the boat began to move out into the deepest water.

Hawaii

I reflected on this vision a lot. It's an invitation to be very close to the Lord which is the call to intercession. It is also a call specifically to the intercessors in Hawaii. Are they being called deeper? Deeper into what? Why is the Lord calling them to a deeper intimacy with him?

What follows is my attempt to answer these questions. I have not found them easy to answer, because the function of the tower only began to emerge after much prayer and thought. Usually with the towers I know immediately what they are for, but not with Hawaii. What I have come to appreciate is that intercession from Hawaii has a significance to the world much greater than just for the country where it is offered.

Chapter 1: How the towers ministry started

Still Waters to la Verna and beyond

The towers ministry really began 20 years ago. My house is on the top of a hill looking over the South Downs (in the U.K) towards the sea. Early one morning I saw a light high up on the Downs and although I tried to convince myself it was reflection from a windscreen of a car. I knew it was not. One of my closest friends, who was very experienced in intercession said that she thought I had seen the light of the Holy Spirit and that we should pray. Out of that prayer time came the vision of Still Waters - a small intercessory group which would meet to pray.

We managed to find four others to join us and one morning we sat in a room with 6 chairs with no idea what to do. Week by week we met and slowly we began to understand how to intercede. Over 2 years we learned a great deal - almost all by experience.

That group eventually closed and I began to read and study the great intercessors of the last thousand years. I thought I had completed what I had to do, then one day the Lord said to me - "I want you to go to Geneva." So, I went but I couldn't understand why. Standing one day outside the headquarters of the International Red Cross buildings, which are based in Geneva, the Lord said to me, "They started small and your intercession experience is small. But like them you will grow. Follow the thread I will show you throughout Europe."

Over the next years I visited many holy places in Europe and at each place my intercessory experience did grow. Finally, after many years I came to La Verna. This is the mountain about two hours from Florence where Saint Francis received the stigmata. There was a monastery there and in it was the “Chapel of the stigmata”. I knelt there for an hour in prayer. “Now,” said the Lord, “I have told you what you need to know about intercession. Wait for my command.”

The years passed and I had almost forgotten this experience when in response to the situation in Gaza I started a four-night prayer series on the internet and from that the towers ministry began to grow.

Prayer cell

When the war between Israel and Gaza broke out in 2023/4, I was working on my mission base in Ghana. I held a four-session prayer time over a month for this war.

About 10 people joined me online and 35 on catchup. As the prayer times began, I became aware that something unusual was happening during them and especially at the last one. During that prayer time the Lord told us that he was going to stand in the middle of the conflict area and asked which of us would stand with him. “We need a tower of intercession,” I said. “Who will occupy it with the Lord?”

As so often in intercession I did not know what I was really asking for. Some of the group said they would stand in the tower. I thought that was the end of it. I was soon to discover it was far from the end of it.

During the subsequent weeks the Lord began to show me that a tower of intercession was a very strong spiritual presence, and that the tower in the Middle East would last until he returned. I asked him if there were any other such towers, and quickly he showed me many. Each one had a specific name reflecting its function. I know where some of them are but not all. I know that at this time I haven't identified all of them.

Early one morning

I woke up in the early hours of one morning and the atmosphere in my room was one I had never experienced before. There was utter stillness – a stillness which I could almost feel. I sat there wondering what was happening. Then the Lord spoke to me and said, “I’m going to show you a worldwide network of intercession. You must act!”

While I was thinking about this during the next few days, the towers of intercession began to show themselves - Singapore and Hawaii being some of the first ones. This was a new experience for me.

I could not understand how someone with no influence, no power and little financial resource could in any way influence a worldwide ministry. I didn’t choose this path. The Lord opened it for me.

Chapter 2: What is intercession?

There is a lot of confusion in the intercessory world and much of this is due to the words used in the Bible which are often misapplied. The Greek word for basic prayer, for “Our Father” prayer is “Prosuco.” This is precious and vital prayer, but this is not intercession as Moses, Hannah and Jesus experienced it.

Some make a mistake in thinking that intercession is just an extension of this daily prayer. This is not the case. The Greek word for “Intercession” found in Hebrews 7 is “Entyghano.” It means, “To walk intimately with someone”. Here is the verse -

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

Intercession is not a list of prayers but a way of life. It is walking intimately with the Lord. Intercessors know the Lord's heart and feel his emotions. Then they go one step further. The Lord's feelings and emotions become the feelings and the emotions of the intercessor. This is a thrill, an honour and very costly.

Intercession and the Guardian intercessors

Freedom

Guardian intercessors must be free from wrong ideas and controlling spirits.

A modern theologian said this - **“The deeper levels of intercession are the mysterious beckoning of divine love.”** Guardian intercessors must be free in their intercession.

Here is how I feel - or what I long to feel in my intercession-

“I wanted to fly in the skies of the Spirit. To soar up like an eagle, rising in the thermals of glory. “Fly,” you said. I flew into the heavens, seeing marvellous things I never dreamed were possible. I was free – twisting and turning in the Glory.

But my heart was not satisfied. I knew that to fly in the Spirit was not enough. Then I saw you in the distance, holding out your arms. I swooped down and you gathered me into your heart. There in the deep places I found more than freedom. I found my peace and I never wanted to fly again.

Intercession and the Guardian intercessors

Worship

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!” The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshipped. (Revelation 5:11)

At the guardian level of intercession, one of the keys to intercession is worship. Sadly, few seem to know how to worship in freedom. They get locked into liturgies, patterns and written songs and choruses. This is not free worship and will not equip the guardian intercessors. At this level, the intercessor must open his or her heart and let the worship of heaven flow in and take them in any direction, without making any attempt to control.

I once had this vision. I saw a mighty ocean and I asked the Lord, “What is this?” He replied, “This is the ocean of my love.” I began to swim in it and I went further and further and deeper and deeper. The intensity of the love was like fire - it was like liquid gold and it surrounded me and pulled me down and down and down into it. All I wanted was to have all of this love flowing through me and to drown in it forever.

Intercession and the Guardian intercessors

“Still standing”

“There can be no achievement in intercession. We stand in the flow of the eternal spirit and the only achieving will be the Lord’s when he returns.” (John of the Cross)

The character of those who long for deeper intercession has to have a strong element of enduring, whatever the cost. One old intercessor who lived in a monastery said this - “Prayer is warfare to the last breath.”

It's a tough environment and Apostle Paul shows one of the key characteristics which the deeper experience needs.

Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.
(Ephesians 6:13)

Those seeking the deeper experience must have an unyielding spirit. For them victory is still to be standing at the end of the daily struggle. They have to believe that “still standing” is victory. The enemy will find this attitude impossible to overcome. It is however a hard line to hold. (There is much more teaching on intercession in the material on the website.)

Chapter 3: The heart of a Guardian Intercessor's heart

"When my goodness saw that you could be drawn in no other way, I sent him (Jesus) to be lifted on to the wood of the cross. I made of that cross an anvil where this child of humankind could be hammered into an instrument to release humankind from death and restore it to the life of grace."

(Catherine of Sienna)

Those who called into the Hawaii tower are called into guardianship which will explain itself more clearly later in this material. But what is the heart of the guardian? One area in which this can be found is in reflection on the life of the Lord especially his sacrificial giving of himself in these verses.

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

(Philippians 2:6-7)

God first

“Made himself nothing.”

Jesus was in glory, reigning with the Father and the Spirit. He saw the agony of his creation, and “he made himself nothing.” Guardians have to have this nature. Their commitment is to the Lord, not to the achievements of their intercession. Any other attitude will pollute the intercession and will bring disappointment. Anything built outside total commitment to the Lord will fail. Those who have been in the intercessory stream for some time will be already aware of this. But the enemy is always trying to insert self- so satisfaction or self achievement - into any work of the spirit.

Servant heart

“Taking the very nature of a servant.”

John of the Cross said this:- *“There can be no achievement in intercession. We stand in the flow of the eternal spirit and the only achieving will be the Lord’s when he returns.”*

To save the world, Jesus chose to become a servant. He became a slave, a menial person, who would do all the lowest jobs and get no thanks. He would be treated as nothing - mocked, abused, ridiculed and discarded. He was planning to become one of the abused of the earth. This was how he ordained it to be. This is the heart of a servant guardian.

The servant heart is missing in the lives of so many of God's people and especially their leaders. So many leaders want position, power, respect, and honour. This is so destructive of both themselves and the work they do. Many want to be thought of as "great men or women of God". To be looked up to for their ministries, and to be honoured for what they do. The true man or woman of God wants none of these things. He or she is seeking something far more precious – the heart of Jesus, which is the servant heart. Guardian intercessors should guard their servant hearts with all their heart for it is the key to their intercession.

To make the servant heart clear Jesus said this -

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

"Denies". Victory over self was what Jesus gained in Gethsemane. Guardians place Jesus at the centre of their lives. This seems so obvious and yet there are many areas of conflict -

Position: (Luke 18:9-14) Power: (Acts 8:9-25) Sex: (Matthew 5:27-30) Control: (Mark 8:33) Money: (Acts 5:1-2) Deceit: (2 Samuel 11:14-15)

"Takes up". The hard road: (Jeremiah 20:7) the lonely road: (Gethsemane – Mark 14:39) the suffering road: (Paul at Philippi – Acts 16:16-24) the servant road. (Jesus: John 13; Isaiah 53:1-3) The servant does whatever it takes to fulfil the will of the Lord.

“Follows”. Obediently and willingly. It is a commitment to a lifestyle of repentance and faith, obedience and sacrifice. It is a commitment to walking in the way of Jesus in full knowledge of what it might mean. Like Bartimaeus (Mark 10:52), Guardians follow him; like the man at Gate Beautiful (Acts 3:8), they rejoice; and like the woman bent double (Luke 13:13), they praise God.

Humility

“He humbled himself.”

“Say to the people ‘Look at my wounds, and learn how to love. Look at the cross, these wounds, these nails, these bruises and cuts and the blood. See how much I love you. Turn away from your pride, and in humility seek me.’”

Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords humbled himself before heaven, earth and the dark powers. He sank down on his knees, in the dust and filth of the earth. Heaven could not help him. Creation mocked, ridiculed, spat, beat and hurt him. The dark powers exalted themselves over him, mocking his spirit, laughing at his indignity, destroying his body and breaking his heart.

Yet inside this abasement burnt the unquenchable fire of his love, which moved so powerfully within his soul that he would not pull back whatever the cost.

Guardians have to be intercessors of humility, walking humbly before their humble Lord as they seek to move his heart for Hawaii and many other places.

Total sacrifice

“Even death on a cross.”

Intercessors have been living the pain of the cross for centuries. Maria D'Agreda wrote about how she thought Mary would have felt:-

“My son and eternal God, light of my eyes and life of my soul...receive O Lord the sacrifice of my not being able to relieve thee of the burden of the Cross and carry it myself, who am a daughter of Adam for it is I who should die upon it in love of thee.”

Another intercessor - Henry Suso, whose book “The little book of eternal wisdom” was as popular as any book in the Middle Ages wrote:-

“Lord, touch my stony heart with one of thy scalding tears one of those which thou didst shed in bitter distress for thy tender child under the wretched cross.”

This power – to stand, to endure, to suffer, to intercede and even to die -this is the power of the cross, and this the enemy wants to destroy. Guardians in the Hawaii tower are called to this total identification with the sacrifice.

Chapter 4: The Hawaii tower

The Hawaii tower begins to emerge

The beginning of this tower emerged for me while I was praying in the early hours of the morning. I heard in my spirit the murmuring of an ocean of intercession. It was a beautiful sound. I moved into it. It was very gentle and very deep. I found it very satisfying.

As I thought about this I saw an angel. I thought that I was seeing the guardian angel of Hawaii. The name of this Angel was “The blood of the lamb.” From my many years of experience in prophecy and intercession I knew from this background that the tower of Hawaii was a tower of great depth. Slowly the tower and its function became clear to me.

Rooms in the Hawaii tower

As I have studied the towers and have tried to understand their character I have used the picture of rooms. These rooms equip the intercessors for their work from the top of the tower. Teresa of Avila also did this in her book “The interior castle”.

The door

On the door of this tower was written these words - the second words are mine.

“The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:10)

“You alone are mighty, sovereign to reign. Every knee shall bow to you, in heaven and earth, visible and invisible. All shall proclaim “You are the Lamb who was slain. You, and you alone are Lord.””

Intercessors who enter this tower will be those who long for the deepest experiences of intercession - the total identification with the Lord and his death and resurrection. They will long ago have left the easy path. They will want to get nearer, and will pay the price necessary to get nearer. Few can walk this path.

Guardian room 1. Silence

Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

“Let the learned be still, let all creatures be silent before you. You alone speak to me.” (Imitation of Christ)

As I entered the first room I did not know what to expect. To my surprise the room was completely silent. The Lord said to me, “This silence will bring you the courage to continue.”

Then I had this vision -

I came to a place of great stillness. Nothing was moving. There was a deep silence. The Lord said, “We are coming to a deep place of the Holy Spirit.” Waves of love swept over me. Each one had a name. “Peace which passes all understanding.” “Love which enfolds.” “Hope filled with purpose.” “Healing beyond words.” “I gave my life for you.” “More precious than diamonds.” I knelt down to worship, but the Lord said - “Come deeper.”

I entered a cloud of unity, wholeness and eternal fulfilment. A passion of belonging filled me. Here was my home. I knelt to worship, but the Lord said - “Come deeper.” I felt the heartbeat of the world, and I realised that what I was hearing was the heartbeat of God. His heartbeat was the rhythm to which all creation moved. Here I really belonged. “Come deeper,” said the Lord.

Finally, I knew my journey was ended. Here was the eternal sacrifice, the cleansing blood, complete and final, yet in the timelessness of the Spirit still active and being shed. I had arrived at “I AM.” I knelt in the flow of the sacrifice and worshipped.

Surrender in the silence

Deep intercession requires total surrender and a quiet spirit. The deep things can only come when intercessors have calmed themselves, set aside self and are devoted totally to the Lord. This is a challenge to an attitude to faith world which believes that action is intercession. At the deepest levels, inaction is the way forward. Reflecting on this I came to see the rightness of it. Intercessors are entering the deepest places of the Lord’s heart, and must be careful that they do. They must not allow the world to invade that precious space.

An intercessor from the 19th century put it like this and I think it is a good summary of what happens to intercessors in the room of silence -

“O my God I have come to know that I am not of this earth; You O God have poured this profound awareness into my soul. My communion is more with heaven than with earth.”
(Maria Faustina)

Guardian room 2. Spite

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”
(John 10:10)

Jesus did not say, 'You will never have a rough passage, you will never be over-strained, you will never feel uncomfortable,' but he did say, 'You will never be overcome.'

(Julian of Norwich)

It's vital that intercessors know what they are facing. Most intercessors are very well aware of the enemy. But what particular enemies are to be found facing the guardians in the Hawaii tower? I had the following vision and I found it very challenging. Clearly the enemy hates Hawaii for reasons that perhaps are not fully clear at the moment.

This is what I saw -

“I found myself in the place of spite. Dark powers raged in anger. To the Lord they said, “We hate you for what you have done and we are going to pour out all our anger against you. We hate all those who intercede. We will pull them down.”

In the distance, I saw a strong man, armed and ready for battle. He rose in his strength and began to advance through the darkness towards me. He cut his way through all the defences, marching with anger and hate in his heart. His eyes were fixed on me. As he got closer, I heard his name, “The thief comes to kill and steal and destroy.”

On and on he came, until he stood before me, mighty, powerful, strong and hating. He lifted his sword to kill. I was not afraid. The dark powers did not frighten me, because the blood was in me, and hell must bow down. As I claimed this truth, the strong man grew smaller and smaller before me. His sword dropped away, and fear filled him. Angels came and stood with me and together we enjoyed the victory of the blood. I rejoiced.”

He must destroy

This is a complex vision but it indicates the enemy's intentions towards the intercessors of Hawaii and towards the nation itself. This vision was the first indication to me of how significant the intercessors are in Hawaii and not just for that nation.

The enemy must destroy intercession and he clearly plans to destroy the intercessors of Hawaii. He remembers how often intercessors have destroyed him - Moses, Samuel, Hannah, Jesus, the church (Acts 12). He is clearly alarmed at those who want to enter a deeper experience of intercession in Hawaii. Maybe the first task of the intercessory stream in Hawaii is to find out why he is so alarmed. What is making him afraid? Perhaps the Hawaiian intercessors know this already.

His plan is to destroy intercessors. It's war - war to the death. It's good that intercessors know this. Do not expect anything less. One old intercessor said this - “prayer is warfare to the last breath.”

Guardian room 3. Deeper love

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

How can these dangerous forces be broken? Most intercessors who explore the deep places will know the answer - to experience the deeper love of the Lord. That is why this room follows on from spite. The vision which led me into the spite room was difficult. The vision that led me into the deeper love room was healing, uplifting and empowering.

This is my vision of this room -

“I came to a beautiful building. It was called “The House of Greater Love.” Each of the rooms of this house had names. Joy, praise, healing, forgiveness, hope and many more. I longed to enter each one, but the Lord led me deeper into the house, and the further I went, the stronger grew the glory around me.

Finally, I came to the heart of the house, which was the presence of the Lord. The Lord reached out his hands to me. “Come into my love,” he said. His love poured on me. In the spirit I saw diamonds and rainbows, deep seas and sunsets and the eternal depth of heaven. I heard the deeper love song. It was so beautiful that my spirit was drawn, dissolved into its loveliness.”

“Love me for love’s sake.”

Deep intercession means being exposed to the deeper love of the Lord. Catherine of Sienna the fourteenth century Italian intercessor hints at this need. She wrote *The Lord said to me “The most important thing is to love me for my sake.”* Intercessors in this tower have to move deeper and deeper into the love of the Lord - loving him for his sake. I had this experience once which might help understand what the Lord is saying in this room.

I was standing next to a very deep canyon. “This is my love,” said the Lord, “Jump in.” I jumped and fell deeper and deeper into his love. It pressed in on my spirit and although I cried out it did not stop. In the end I said, “Lord this love will crush me and I will die in it.” The Lord looked at me without saying a word and I realised that this was what I wanted more than anything else. I wanted to know the deepest possible places of his love whatever the cost.

This, I think is what this room is about. Guardian intercessors are going to have to go so deep into his love that there almost seems to be no way back. The Lord paid a very high price for this room to be in the tower.

Guardian room 4: The blood of the lamb

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. (Revelation 12:11)

“I felt a great sense of oppression from the enemy. So I covered my body, mind and emotions with the blood of Jesus. I began to feel really inadequate, hopeless, small, and ineffective. Was the power of the blood failing me? But then I realised that this was the enemy, increasing his attack because he was afraid - of the power of the blood of Jesus to defeat him, and set people, cities, and nations free.

I took authority over the enemy, and each time I did that in the power of the blood, the oppression lifted. The attacks got weaker and weaker, until they stopped - all because of the power of the blood of Jesus.”

(Older missionary in Africa.)

How can Guardian intercessors survive and exercise their intercessory ministry?

Here is my vision -

“I came to Calvary. The blood of the cross flowed freely, and I was at peace. I lifted my hands and prayed these words. “King and Lord! You came to my silent place and there you showed me your glory. By your blood you set out to lead creation to freedom from a greater Pharaoh’s bondage, and into your glory. Here I bow in adoration at your enthroning. This blood is your royal raiment. This sacrifice is your crowning.” The Lord spoke to me. “You too will be complete when you are clothed with my sacrifice.””

The blood has incredible power. It will break the enemy, break every scheme, overcome all unforgiven blood, and set creation free. Here is how the writer to the Hebrews puts it, and this is the Message translation, which captures the feel of this passage well.

“But when the Messiah arrived, high priest of the superior things of this new covenant, he bypassed the old tent and its trappings in this created world and went straight into heaven's "tent"—the true Holy Place—once and for all. He also bypassed the sacrifices consisting of goat and calf blood, instead using his own blood as the price to set us free once and for all. If that animal blood and the other rituals of purification were effective in cleaning up certain matters of our religion and behaviour, think how much more the blood of Christ cleans up our whole lives, inside and out. Through the Spirit, Christ offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice, freeing us from all those dead-end efforts to make ourselves respectable, so that we can live all out for God.”

(Hebrews 9:11-15)

The top of the tower - the guardians

Here is the vision which led me to understand that the deeper intercessors of Hawaii must be guardians.

“Lord,” I said, “we, your people are in great danger constantly. How can we hope to survive. We are so weak and sinful.”

I saw mighty angels, standing at the entrance to the sheepfold of the church. These guardian angels were mighty ones. They reached up to heaven, and their feet reached from sea to sea. They held branches in their hands, which they dipped into a great bowl. When the branches were lifted out of the bowl, they were covered with the blood of the Lamb.

The Guardians sprinkled the blood over the entrance to the sheepfold, every day, every hour and every minute. When they did this, a great cry went up from heaven. “Worthy is the lamb. You were slain, and with your blood you purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. Your blood breaks the enemy, sets your people free, and guards them from all harm.”

I said, “Lord I do not understand.” He replied, “The blood is a blessing to God’s people, freeing them from a broken past and opening the way to new beginnings. To the enemy, the blood is a curse, consigning him to endless breaking and failure. The blood lives eternally. It never grows faint. It never fades. It is as fresh as the day it was spilt.” I felt the protection of the blood over me. I began to plead it over the people of God, wherever they were. I grew stronger and my courage increased.

Hawaii guardians

In this vision the Lord explains what the intercessor-guardians of Hawaii have to do.

*** They held branches in their hands, which they dipped into a great bowl. When the branches were lifted out of the bowl, they were covered with the blood of the Lamb.**

The guardians have to live in the power of the blood for the intercession they are offering. They hold high the blood and plead for the Lord to act. They are strong in the power of the blood and the intercession is greatly effective.

*** The Guardians sprinkled the blood over the entrance to the sheepfold, every day, every hour and every minute.**

The guardian intercessors of Hawaii must put the blood on the gates of the sheepfold every day and all day. As the Israelites marked their doors with the blood to protect them from the Angel of death so the guardian intercessors must do the same. They do this for Hawaii but their Commission will be much greater in the years to come.

*** Your blood breaks the enemy, sets your people free, and guards them from all harm.”**

The guardian intercessors will push back the enemy from God's people so that they can be free and protected. Then the Lord would have a powerful instrument with which to change the world. Is this change to begin in Hawaii? If so it must begin in the hearts of the intercessors. This is a huge responsibility.

Chapter 5: The spiritual warfare environment and prophetic background of the guardian tower

The guardian tower stands in a wider battleground. What is the spiritual environment?

Binding

I have not found this an easy experience to describe. I saw a demonic figure moving around Hawaii and he was tying ropes around the feet of God's people so they could not move forward freely. I remember this passage -

They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. (Mark 10:32)

This demonic force wants to hold God's people back - particularly the intercessors. Maybe he tries to make intercessors afraid of going to the deep places. Maybe he wants to make them feel that everything is in a good place and why take the risk of moving on. Peter certainly saw things this way -

“He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.”
(Mark 8:33)

The enemy clearly fears any outward move of the spirit released by the intercessors.

Blinding

The second demonic force I saw is described in this verse-

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Apostle Paul clearly has unbelievers in mind but the demonic forces do not hesitate to try and blind the eyes of the intercessors to what God is wanting to do. How might they do this?

* They undermine those that challenge and make an onward call. Jeremiah was thrown into a muddy cistern. Jesus was undermined for being untaught -

The Jews there were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having been taught?”
(John 7:15)

* They deflect eyes away from the Lord. Demas fell in love with the world, as did the son in in Luke 15 -

‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.
(Luke 15:12-13)

* They destroy those who want to move forward - James, Paul, John and Jesus.

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. (Acts 12:1-2)

Jeremiah warned of this - **The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?** (Jeremiah 17:9) the heart of intercessor can be deceived especially when other voices speak loudly and call for other things. It's not always easy to hold on in such circumstances and such circumstances will certainly apply around the guardian tower.

The Prophetic background to the Guardian tower

Intercessors move in a prophetic environment, and it is the prophetic voice that can so greatly encourage them in their task. What is the prophetic stream flowing around the guardian tower?

Here is what I saw -

I saw the stream of the spirit flowing and everywhere it went it brought life, hope and exalted the name of the Lord. I saw that the enemy hated this stream and tried to push heavy rocks into it to deny God's people the freedom of the spirit.

I saw the enemy throwing huge rocks into the stream which flowed from Hawaii into the world. I was disheartened to see such a thing taking place.

The Lord spoke to me. "I need the guardians to stand along the bank - to bind the enemy away and to break his boulders. I want to release the flow of my spirit. I need the guardians to take up their task. They need to seek out the enemy and deny him access to the stream. I have placed them as strong trees, to stand against the storm. They are to be a stronghold of my righteousness."

Chapter 6: Final challenges to the Guardians

As I have reflected on this material I have faced these challenges as I consider being a guardian intercessor.

Accept the burden

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. (1 Peter 2:21)

Gregory of Palamas, 14th Century Greek Monk put it like this:- “Our passionate life must be offered to God, living and active so that it may be a living sacrifice.” I have been reflecting on this, as perhaps the guardian intercessors of Hawaii will pay a very high price for their ministry.

This was my vision -

“I came to a lonely hill and silence. The Lord was hanging in agony. Blood flowed from the cross and poured all over me. “Come up,” he said, “and hang with me.” I found myself lifted up to the cross. “Now look,” he said. I looked and saw a stream of eternal hope flowing in the blood. It washed over all pain and every stronghold of failure. It lifted the fallen and healed the sick. It broke the darkness and loved without limit.”

Guardian intercessors are asked to offer their humanity as a sacrifice for intercession, whatever the cost. Personal pain is part of sacrificial intercession. The cost is high. Guardians are often depressed, bewildered, afraid, in the dark, at the cross, under the cross, on the cross. At this deepest level, there is a price which has to be paid and however much is paid there is always more. The guardian intercessory life is a progress towards the cross.

Intercession will always come, in the end, to the cross, where the greatest intercession of all time was made by the Lord at Calvary.

Very close walk

One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him.

(John 13:23)

Guardian intercession is a very intimate experience. The whole of the intercessory life must be intertwined in an intimate way with the Lord as was the beloved disciple in John's gospel.

Here's my vision -

I came to a great plain which led down to the sea. On the seashore I saw a figure standing and I realised that it was the Lord. I went and stood beside him and together we gazed at the beauty of the sunset, the gentle waves lapping, the peace.

My mind was calmed. “Is there anything you need to know?” asked the Lord. I gazed at the beauty before me – his beauty, his stillness, his peace and it entered into me. “No,” I replied. As long as I can stand here with you.” He put his arm around me and together we gazed into eternity.

Walking very closely is a very deep challenge. Nothing can be hidden and nothing held back. In my experience this is proved wonderful but very costly - which is what I think maybe the situation for intercessors in Hawaii.

Determined

As Hannah kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, “How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine.”

“Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.” (1 Samuel 1:12-16)

Hannah knew the Lord’s will and she was never going to give up. She couldn’t get the answer she wanted and she was opposed by a very powerful spiritual man. Eli had a low opinion of women, as his whole culture did. He saw Hannah in tears and he passes a quick judgement.

Some - maybe many - would have given up. But Hannah was committed to deep intercession and she would not be turned away. Guardian intercessors will face opposition from powerful people. Then the Guardians have to choose where they stand as Hannah did.

Here is a vision of determination in my own life -

I saw a great stadium, full of people. Everything was gold, and there was a throne in the middle which was of the purest gold I had ever seen. It was surrounded by figures dressed in white and gold. Satan came into the Stadium and took his seat on the throne. One of the figures was holding a crown of pure gold. He went forward and placed it on the head of Satan.

Everyone stood up and cheered - except me. A figure came to me and said, "You must stand and cheer." I replied, "I am a prophet of the Most High. I have a heart of flint towards your Master and all his works. I am here to testify before my master of what I have seen. I will never stand."

The dark figure writhed in evil and anger. "Trouble will now come to you," it said. "No trouble will ever come to me from you or your kind. My Master rules the heaven and the earth. I am leaving now and if any of your kind come even near me I will kill them." The dark figure was afraid and backed away.

The Guardian intercessors of Hawaii are going to have to be very determined if the stream that the Lord wants to release through them into the world is going to be released.

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