

Ghana revival tower



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Introduction

Here are some words from an old intercessor which will be a framework for what is to follow-

“I want to say this, and I say it on the authority of this Book, yes, God will bring revival again when He finds a church He can trust; when He finds a man whom he can trust with revival. God found men in Lewis. (U.K.) I have no hesitation in saying that—men whom He could trust.

I believe that when God finds the clean hands and the pure heart we shall see springs in the desert and rivers in the dry places. My dear people, let us get on our faces before God and pray that He may yet visit us in mercy and that we, His people, may once again ascend the hill of God and stand in His holy place. May God grant it.”

My vision of what the Lord wants to do

Driving into Accra, Ghana one day I saw a woman preparing sweet corn to sell. She filled her cooker and laid the wood and charcoal but had no fire. She went to a friend further down the road and took a burning charcoal coal from her fire. Holding the burning charcoal with her tongs just above the ground, she quickly walked to her cooking pot and set the fire alight. I saw this - the path she had taken with the charcoal close to the ground had set the grass on fire.

I believe that this is a picture of what the Lord wants to do in Ghana if the revival intercessors can do their job. The Lord is waiting to drag the burning coal of his Holy Spirit across the land to begin a fire which will change not only Ghana, but all West Africa and maybe beyond.

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.

History of the towers

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?

In each of the towers booklets I have written different things about intercession. Here in the Ghana revival tower the intercessors need to know that there are different levels of intercessory prayer. They must try to reach the deepest one. What are these levels? Elijah teaches them in his experience on Mount Carmel after he had defeated the prophets of Baal.

And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.” So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.

“Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.”

The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.” So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’”

To move the heart of God in intercession Elijah had to go deeper and deeper in prayer until he reached the deepest level at which God's heart could be moved. Here are the levels as I understand them.

1. Our father

Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

(Matthew 6)

This is the basic everyday prayer of the Christian. It is precious but it was not what Elijah needed and it is not what Ghana intercessors need.

2. Persistent

“But finally the Judge said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

(Luke 18:4-5)

Day after day the widow persisted until she got justice. Ghana intercessors must do the same but as Elijah found, it is not enough.

3. Urgent

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

(Acts 12:5)

The situation in Jerusalem was very serious and Peter's life was at risk so the church began to pray earnestly. "Earnestly" can also be translated "fervently, intensely." This was passionate prayer and Elijah was certainly beginning to get passionate, but it was not enough.

4. Pouring out

"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 1:15-16)

Hannah was praying with desperation. For Elijah, intercession is being revealed for what it really is - the pouring out of the soul before the Lord in agony that his heart might move. I have found few people who are prepared to enter this level. It was not enough to move God for Elijah.

5. Gethsemane

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."

He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed - "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

(Luke 22:39-44)

It's hard to imagine that it could get any harder after Hannah but it does. At this level the intercessor is standing between the father's heart and the pressure of the enemy. While the word “destructive” is too hard, the spirit of the intercessor is at great risk here. But still not enough.

6. Sighs

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

(Romans 8:26)

The Greek for “wordless groans” is not easy to translate. Intercessors do not need it translated. They know all too well that sometimes all they can offer to God is this deep yearning. It is a great blessing to know that at this point the Holy Spirit will take these groans and interpret them into the father's heart. A deep and powerful experience but still not enough. The rain did not come.

7. Lord have mercy

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

(Luke 18:13)

Here is the level at which revival intercessors must pray. It is a level of total surrender to the Lord. It is an awareness that unless he moves in power and love, intercessors are helpless to do anything. It looks such a weak kind of prayer but it is the most powerful prayer. It is the prayer of total abandonment and total surrender. Intercessors will always struggle to reach this level but at this level Elijah found that the rain came.

Chapter 3. The breaking in of the Holy Spirit

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.

(John 3:8)

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, one of the U.K.'s most famous teachers said this - *"If a revival be true and real, it is caused by the Holy Spirit, and by Him alone."*

There are many powerful testimonies about the work of the Holy Spirit in revival. Here is one from the revival in the Hebrides -

"The presence of God filled Lewis and eventually other islands. His presence was so powerful that you were constantly living in the expectation that something was about to happen."

The move of the Holy Spirit is revival. As he blows - gently or with great power - the earth moves, hearts are shaken, people come to Christ, Christians are changed and the church catches fire. God's people may urge Him to do this but in the end it is a move of grace on his part. The intercessory call is to see the desperation of a powerless church, pray without ceasing and long for a repeat of what their forefathers saw regularly.

Martin Lloyd Jones, another very famous U.K. teacher, writing on John's gospel said this -

John tells us what the Holy Spirit is going to do, how he is standing at our side, how he speaks to us, how he prompts us, how he brings us back to the truth and makes truth known to us, how he enlightens us and gives us understanding, how he can convict the world of sin and righteousness and of judgment.

The Spirit is powerful. His work is to help God's people get a clear understanding of Jesus and to shape their lives in the way the Lord wishes. It is vital that the Church understands the Spirit as much as longing for his activity. There is a lot of false teaching and manifestation in times of revival. This from an African revival in the 1900's -

"The local evangelistic teams shared the Gospel in an animist village and a number of people got converted. But, a woman, with mysterious powers started up her own movement which 'taught bizarre doctrine... and many were deceived.' She was worshipped as a goddess and this movement became a threat to the church. Consequently, the Zeliangrong Church did not grow as fast as those within other tribes and it was not until the late 1970s that this woman's influence began to decline."

The Holy Spirit is powerful and waiting on the pleading of the intercessors from the revival tower to act. Wisdom will be needed to protect against the false prophets, great faith and powerful intercession needed to move him to act.

Chapter 4. The prophetic background of the Ghana revival tower.

Every tower exists within a prophetic framework. In developing the framework for the Ghana tower this vision came to me.

*I saw a figure of a very old man. He has been around for a very long time. His presence was depressive, and his actions brought more and more depression. Gloom and despair hung like a mist around him. His name was **The Ancient One**. His purpose was, and still is, to bring Ghana down.*

The Ghana tower stands at the end of 2000 years of spiritual history. When Jesus escaped to Egypt Africa provided a home for him. In providing this home Africa broke the enemy's attack on the infant Jesus and released him back into the promised land for his salvation work. Ever since that day Satan has been taking revenge on Africa, trying to destroy all that is good in its heritage and put the land into bondage to himself. Ghana in particular has received a savage beating through the agony of the slave trade. The ancient one, the spiritual enemy Ghana has been around for a long time.

This spiritual principality brings despair and gloom into what the Lord intended to be a vibrant Ghanaian culture. Through the fetish, the voodoo, worship of the spirits and the traditional cults it tries to deceive and to destroy.

As the Ghana revival tower stands firm, believing and claiming the coming revival of the land, the ancient one will rise up in every form to undermine, mock and deceive those who believe in God's promise to the land. What is a prophetic response to this dangerous spiritual environment? It is to see the beauty of Ghana as the Lord sees the nation and to draw strength from that beauty for the battle which lays ahead. What is that beauty?

*** The garment of praise**

Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine and led all the women as they played their tambourines and danced. And Miriam sang this song: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; he has hurled both horse and rider into the sea."
(Exodus 15:20-21)

Praise begins in the heart of the Lord. He pours it into the hearts of the intercessors, and wonderful things happen - healing, prophecy, vision, and new strength in the heavenly places. The flowing down of praise washes away all the memories of the prison place - the fear, the despair, the sense of worthlessness. Miriam's song restores the garment to Ghana - the garment which the enemy tries to steal.

*** The crown of joy**

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
(Psalm 47:1)

Joy drives out the gloom and despair of the ancient one.
These are Ghana's joys -

Uniquely valuable - "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
(Jeremiah 1:5)

Accepted - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
(Matthew 11:28)

Empowered by the Spirit - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you."
(Acts 1:8)

Permanently loved - And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
(1 Corinthians 13:13)

*** Diamonds of truth**

"I am the way, the truth, the life. (John 14:6)

Ghana needs to be beautifully adorned with the treasures of the Kingdom. Here is my vision of adornment -

The Lord was standing at the front of his people. He was holding a basket full of diamonds. Each one had a name.
"Love" "Hope" "Peace" "Joy" "Belonging" "Contentment"
"Forgiven" "Prayer" "Tears" "Healing" "Honour the King"
"Sweet praise" "Eternal joy" "Eternity" "Worship" "Beloved"
"Chosen" "Compassion" "Servant" "Holy hands" "Giving"
"Praise" "Worship" "Compassion" "Secure" "Blessing"
"Faith" "Ministry"

These diamonds express the beauty of Ghana shining against the ugliness of the ancient one.

*** The perfume of holiness**

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

(John 12:3)

The fragrance of holiness must fill the land, as it filled the house in the presence of Jesus. Isaiah knew this. When he entered the spiritual realm, he heard this:-

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

(Isaiah 6:3)

John, the writer of Revelation heard the same -

““Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

(Revelation 4:8)

Holiness must fill the nation like perfume. Then Ghana will be a beautiful aroma for the Lord. The sense of the greatness of the Lord, the rightness of his judgment, the power of his voice, the joy of walking his way, the victory of his cross - these must be the fragrance in the lives of the intercessors, which will overflow into the land. This will take away the stench of the Ancient one.

Chapter 5. The Ghana revival 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."

Rooms in the revival tower

Door

These words are written on the door and need to be written in the heart of every intercessor who enters the revival tower.

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams.

(Isaiah 44:3-4)

Here is a passage from Count Zindendorf, the leader of the Moravian revival of the 18th century. This is what happened one day this is what the intercessors are praying for. It's an encouraging beginning.

"Suddenly with the sound of a mighty rushing wind, the power of the Holy Spirit swept across the congregation in waves. The noise of the wind was loud enough that many in the church looked toward the windows expecting to see a gale raging outside.

The manifestation of the Spirit was not relegated within the four walls of the church, but fell throughout the community. Men, women, and children were touched as a passion for God and His purpose swept through their hearts.”

Room 1. The visions

To pray for revival Ghana intercessors need some powerful visions in their hearts. Here are two which are found in this room.

The great fire

In the spirit I saw a great fire blazing and around it were standing hundreds of intercessors. The fire was hot and strong and powerful. It seemed too dangerous to get close. “This is the blazing fire of the Holy Spirit,” said the Lord. The intercessors knelt down and worshipped him around the blazing fire.

The Lord said, “Go to the fire and take a burning stick.” Each intercessor went forward and took a blazing stick from the fire. As they did the Holy Spirit into them and they were filled with power. Each intercessor turned round and saw Ghana stretched out before them. “Throw your sticks over the land,” said the Lord. Each intercessor threw their sticks as far as they could and where the sticks fell fire began to burn. The fire spread beyond the borders of Ghana to other lands. The intercessors fell down again and worshipped the Lord for this great blessing which was in his heart.”

This powerful vision should be an encouragement to the Ghana revival intercessors to pray harder and deeper and longer for the heart of the Lord is turned towards them.

A word from the Lord

To this powerful vision can be added a word from the Lord. The vision and the word should be a great encouragement to God's people as they intercede.

“I will pour my Spirit into you, and He will flow out of you into all of West Africa. The fire of my Spirit will burn everywhere and there will be a great awakening. All the nations of West Africa will give thanks because of the willingness of my people in Ghana to be the channels of this blessing. Everyone will see that my people were both obedient, and willing to share my Spirit with them.”

Room 2. The angels of revival

Those who pray for revival need every spiritual help they can get. For this kind of prayer is not from the head but the heart and within the spiritual world.

During my last visit I did five conferences on revival – three in Accra and two in Kumasi. At the end of the second Kumasi conference while we were praying and worshipping, I saw angels coming into the assembly carrying torches of fire. I knew that these were the angels of revival. I have never seen them before, but their presence is to be expected that when the Lord was planning to pour the fire. There would be significant spiritual activity at such a moment.

On this occasion I prayed that the fire would enter the hearts of those intercessors who are with me.

The African church is fully aware of the spiritual dimensions of prayer and the spiritual world in which God's people live. If this vision is from God it is suggesting that his plans for revival are marching forward. They are waiting for the deep intercessory prayer of the revival tower intercessors.

Room 3. Repentance

“Repent and believe the Good News!” (Mark 1:15)

Revival fire cannot fall into an unrepentant church. The revival tower intercessors need to know this and to know the plan God has for cleansing the church if God's people and especially God's leaders will allow it.

Here is the vision I have shared many times in Ghana -

“I saw the lamps of many churches being taken away. Those churches lost their power. As I watched, I saw the Lord standing in the room where I was praying. He was holding a lamp with a different light inside it. The light was called **“repentance and the broken heart.”** I saw many angels also standing, holding the lamps.

One person stepped forward and took one of the lamps with the flame of repentance and the broken heart. They placed the lamp on the ground and a few people gathered round it. The light shone, and the people began to feel the brokenness of the child Ghana.

One by one they came forward, and the light of repentance burnt into them, and they were in pain. They laid things before the lamp – things which had to be released before the light of repentance could begin to burn in them.

Repentance and revival

Repentance and revival fit together. It is the conviction of sin and repentance which can prepare the way for the fire of the Spirit to fall. The call to repentance is not new! These words come from one of the main Preachers in the Welsh revival -

“The emphasis of Roberts’ message could be summarised in four principles. First, he insisted Christians must put away any unconfessed sin. Second, he called on them to renounce any doubtful habit. Third, he told them, “You must obey the Spirit promptly.” Finally, he urged people to confess Christ publicly.”

(Welsh Revival 1904)

Repentance is a process. It begins with the move of the Spirit, and results in changed lives, changed churches and changed nations. This is from America:-

“Drunkenness was immediately cut in half, and many taverns went bankrupt. Crime was so diminished that judges were presented with white gloves signifying that there were no cases of murder, assault, rape or robbery or the like to consider. The police became unemployed in many districts.

Stoppages occurred in coal mines, not due to unpleasantness between management and workers, but because so many foul-mouthed miners became converted and stopped using foul language that the horses which hauled the coal trucks in the mines could no longer understand what was being said to them.
(D.L. Moody writing about the Chicago revival in 1900's)

The revival intercessors are about to touch the fire and the preparation for the flow that fire has to be the move of the spirit of repentance.

Room 4. The power

The revival fire will be opposed and the enemy will do everything he can to obtain power for himself. Power belongs to the Lord. Here is a vision which has given me courage and strength as I have prayed for the power of revival to be released.

I saw a great stadium, full of people. Everything was gold, but 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 stone 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 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 satanic Kingdom is broken. It was broken on the cross and will never restore itself, although it will never stop trying.

Top of the tower

"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27)

The Ghana revival tower intercessors must stand strong as they plead with the Lord for the nation. The famous teacher Oral Roberts said this, and he speaks clearly to the intercessory stream -

"I am afraid many of us have our expectations fainter than desire. We pray for strength, we pray for holiness, we pray for revival, and nothing seems to happen. Why? For the simple reason that we do not expect it to happen.

Prayer which expects little gets what it expects. If we do not pray with a passion which almost breaks our hearts, we will get no revival. Are we? Do we? Or are we fooling ourselves with lots of noise? This is not substitute for a blazing expectation, built on prayer, that God can be moved for our lands."

From the top of the tower, equipped by the rooms let the blazing fire burn into the hearts of the intercessors as they plead with the Lord to set Ghana on fire.

What now?

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The 5 session video series

Each of the videos available on YouTube feature Rev Jim Smith speaking about different aspects of the towers ministry. They last approximately 30 minutes and they are a good introduction to this work. They are linked to the chapters in the material “The towers ministry” which is available from the website.

- Video 1.** INTRODUCTION AND LIFE IN THE TOWERS
- Video 2.** THE ETERNAL & PROPHETIC FRAMEWORK OF THE TOWERS
- Video 3.** HOW TO INTERCEDE IN THE TOWERS
- Video 4.** LOOKING INTO A TOWER - ENGLAND
- Video 5.** WHEN INTERCESSORS FAIL

This material is free to watch on the towers YouTube page
- **unshakeable towers**

“The towers ministry” and other books and written materials are available for free downloading from the towers website - **www.unshakeable-towers.org**.

Jim Smith writes - "I have been an Anglican Pastor in the UK for over 55 years, and I serve also as a missionary in Ghana. I have been an intercessor for many of those years.



Recently I have been learning about towers of intercession - special places in the world where intense intercession is needed. I have been learning how the tower for Ghana can open the door on revival.

Also in this series:

The Towers. Here Jim Smith explains how the towers material came into being and looks at much greater depth at what intercession is and how it might work.

The Singapore tower. In this material Jim Smith takes a look at what the tower in Singapore might look like.

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