

A photograph of a waterfall cascading down a steep, rocky cliff. The cliff face is covered in patches of vibrant green moss and lichen. The water flows from the top right, falling vertically and then cascading down the slope. The background shows more of the rocky terrain and some sparse vegetation at the very top.

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Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. (Psalm 24:3-4)

“Only those of the purest eyes can look upon his divinity, those who have risen up beyond lowly works and earthly thoughts and have gone off with him to the highest mountain of solitude.” (John Cassian)

I was in the spirit, and I saw a column of glass, coming towards me. It was so pure that its purity frightened me. Closer and closer it came, until the purity of the column pierced my soul, and I felt so ashamed, so sinful, so unworthy. I cried out to the Lord - “What is happening?” The Lord said - “Only as you become purer, as your heart becomes purer can you come closer and closer.”

A cloud rained down silver on me. I felt the purity of the Lord’s heart. I saw how much I needed to be changed to be like him and I knew it would be costly. But I wanted the silver. I wanted the purity because then I knew that with it I could serve him better. “This cloud comes on those who seek me with all their hearts,” said the Lord. “They receive their heart’s desire to become more like me.”

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Introduction

History of the towers

When the war between Israel and Gaza in 2023/4 broke out, 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 the ones I have listed below. Each one had a specific name reflecting its function. I know where some of them are but not all. I know that as of this moment I haven’t identified all of them.

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 move into it.” While I was thinking about this during the next few days, the towers of intercession began to show themselves. I share this here so that those who are following can understand that for me this is a new experience and I’m trying to explain as best I can what is happening and what I’m seeing. I didn’t choose this path. The Lord opened it for me.

Chapter 1: Preparing the way into the tower of purity

The beginning - Isaiah

I once saw the Lord in all his purity. It was very challenging, and I felt like Isaiah - “Woe to me!” I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” Yet at the same time I was uplifted and filled with worship. For his purity is so beautiful, it transforms those who see it. Yet at the same time, it is frighteningly challenging - **“my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”**

Isaiah had to be purified before he could continue - **Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”**

For Isaiah the purity was very painful, yet it led him to his great experience of heaven - “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!””

The lamb who was slain

To begin to grasp the depth of the Lord's purity, this passage in Revelation is a good place to begin -

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

(Revelation 5:6-8)

This is a description of the all-conquering lamb. He went to his pure Father, and 'took the scroll.' This is very important. The Holiest of Beings, God, accepts Jesus' purity. God, who is pleased to have Jesus in his holy presence, delights in him and calls him - "My beloved Son, with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). Jesus is thoroughly known by the all-seeing God and God sees no uncleanness in him.

I try to imagine myself standing in such a pure place. My problem would be stopping myself running away from such awesome purity. I am only too well aware of the darkness within myself.

And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God people from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. (vs9-11)

Within the purity of the Lord, all the angels around him, all the living creatures and elders sing a new song of purity.

This was the vision I had -

“I heard the Cherubim singing “Holy, holy, holy.” I saw my sinfulness, and wept at my failures. A mighty figure touched me, and I saw to my joy that it was the Lord! When I looked, I was pure, purer than the angels, for I had been redeemed. In that grace, I worshipped him, and grew stronger.”

To enter the tower of purity needs an act of grace and cleansing, and even then it is hard.

In a loud voice they were saying: “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.
(vs12-14)

Being able to enter the tower of purity brings the intercessors finally to this point where they can worship and belong within the purity. Getting there is going to be very costly. The prize however is great.

Is it worth it?

It is relatively easy to explain the function of some of the towers. This is not so easy to do with the purity tower because it concerns the Lord's character more than the Lord's work.

I believe the Lord calls some to reach into his purity so that they can pray unique intercessory prayers into situations which need them. It is the purity of the Lord which breaks the enemy as much as any other of the spiritual weapons. It shows up Satan's totally evil nature and faces him with a characteristic which he has never been able to and will never be able to counterfeit or overcome.

Intercessors in this tower walk a uniquely lonely but thrilling path into the absolute purity of the heart of Jesus. They add something to the intercessory stream which is so needed and so rare.

My heart

Living in the tower of purity is such a hard challenge. I hope this vision will encourage intercessors who are trying to live in this place.

I saw a mighty river, rushing down a mountain. It was strong, powerful and pure. I did not see where it had come from, or where it was going, because it was eternal. The river had a name. It was called “Powerful love.”

I saw a field of corn stretching out for as far as my eyes could see. A gentle breeze came and caressed the corn, and it swayed gently in the wind. This breeze had a name. It was called “Gentle compassion.”

I saw a bride in the arms of her bridegroom. Between them was a deep unity - deeper than the deepest sea. This bond had a name. It was called “Eternal and unbreakable.”

I saw a child in the arms of its mother, feeding quietly and growing strong. The mother never stopped caressing the child and rejoicing in its beauty. This rejoicing had a name. It was called “Never ceasing.”

I saw a builder. He was building the most beautiful building in the world. It was costing him all his wealth, and yet he never stopped, or used anything but the best materials. This building had a name. It was called “Beautiful Saviour.”

I saw birds flying, and they were beautiful birds. They were looking for a place of safety, where they could rest and be safe from the storms which blew so hard against them. Finally they found a high and strong tree, which had never broken, however strong the storms beat against it. The birds settled in the tree and were safe. The tree had a name. It was called “Secure in my love.”

All these pictures gladdened my heart, and as I knelt to worship, the Lord said - “There is one more.” I looked into the spirit but saw no more visions. “What is the one I have missed?” I asked. “You,” he replied. “For you are the crown of my creation. For you I gave my whole heart. For you I gave everything I have. You are the delight of my heart, the fulfilment of my creation and my everything. For you I have a name. It is “My joy and my crown.” He took me and enfolded me in his heart. In silence, I worshipped his sacred heart.

Chapter 2: The rooms of the tower

The rooms in this tower are powerfully linked. I have tried to explain them one by one but they really only make sense when they're seen as one. At the end of the rooms I have tried to link them together.

The door

The intercessors in this tower will come to understand the purity of the Lord. This tower is like pure diamond. It has a purity which is almost frightening. It will be a profound challenge to those who pray in it.

These words are written on the door -

God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen.

(1 Timothy 6:16)

This verse teaches that God alone has immortality. Others may derive that immortality from him but he alone has it in his own nature. He lives in unapproachable light -

“The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment.”
(Psalm 104:2)

He is so pure that no one has ever seen him. He is only visible through his son, and that is why those who seek the purity must seek it first in the son.

John puts it in this way -

“No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.” (John 1:18)

Room of worship

“Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever.” (Revelation 4:9-10)

Heaven is full of worship, and intercessors must be full of powerful worship. This was true at Antioch, where the Spirit spoke to the leaders while they were worshipping. **Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.** (Acts 13:1-3)

What is worship?

What are the intercessors being asked to do in the worship room? Why are they there and what can they gain?

*** Worship lifts the name**

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
(Philippians 2:9-11)

In the purity tower the intercessors must be marked and filled with the name of Jesus - the pure Lord whom they are trying to serve.

*** Worship lifts the authority of Jesus**

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18)

The enemy will attack those who are trying to be pure. Intercessors in this tower need to know where the authority rests. This is best appreciated within worship.

*** Worship breaks the enemy**

When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. They said to Samuel, “Do not stop crying out to the Lord our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines.” Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. He cried out to the Lord on Israel’s behalf, and the Lord answered him.

While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the Lord thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar. (1 Samuel 6: 7-11)

Worship is the secret weapon of intercessors in this tower. Worship breaks the enemy and this releases pure intercession.

*** Worship establishes the throne**

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

(Revelation 5:6-9)

Worship in the heart of the intercessor is the throne on which the Lord establishes himself within the tower. Within this worship, intercessors establish again the victory of the cross of Jesus:-

“He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code with all its regulations that was against us and stood opposed to us; he took it away ,nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

(Colossians2: 13-15)

“Now have come the salvation and the power and the Kingdom of out God and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night has been hurled down.”

(Revelation.12:10-11)

*** When we worship, what are we able to do?**

* Break every covenant and stronghold against the tower.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

(2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

* Cover the tower with 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)**

* Establish the Lord's authority.

**“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given
to me.” (Matthew 28:19)**

Room of pure faith

**I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the
Trinity. By invocation of the same, the Three in One
and One in Three. (St Patrick's breastplate)**

I was studying the old text called “Saint Patrick's breastplate” when I came to understand the nature of the power in this room. I also began to understand the nature of the purity of faith intercessors will need to release the consuming fire. The intercessors need a very clear understanding of the Trinity and the purity of faith which is needed to intercede in the tower of purity.

The trinitarian God

This is the pure faith which intercessors need to strive for.

* They need the creative power of the Father - “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

- * They need the redemptive power of the Son - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- * They need the energising power of the Holy Spirit - “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.” (John 16:13-15)

My heart

It's hard to describe the purity within the Trinity. Here's the vision I had which might help towards such an understanding.

The angel led me to the Sanctuary. Pure clear light flowed from it like gold. I reached out for it and the light flowed into me. Its purity exceeded the purity of any diamond on earth, and it was holy beyond description.

The light touched in me and every touch drew me nearer to the throne standing in the Sanctuary. I wanted to stand in this purity forever. Here, I was one with all creation. I stood alone, yet not alone for all eternity stood with me and was in me. I was whole.

I heard angels singing the praises of him who lives forever and forever. I wanted to sing with them, but I could not. “Why can I not sing? I asked. “Look within,” said the Lord.

I looked into my heart and there I found beautiful pearls. I reached out for them. When I touched them, music filled me. I opened my mouth to sing and from out of my mouth came beautiful doves. They flew round me and I began to sing the music of eternity. It was like the sweetest of honey and the scent of the most beautiful roses and lilies.

I sang a song of my salvation, of freedom of hope and of purity. The doves flew and I sang on and on and on. I sang - "We have praised you Lord from eternity to eternity, but never did we sing a song like this." Together I joined with the angels and our sang to the One who lives forever and forever.

Room of the river of life

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. (Revelation 22:1-2)

I was surprised when I saw the river of life. Somehow I always imagined it as calm with trees and a gentle flow. Naturally it would be vibrant and alive. The river was so creative - reflecting the creator God. Why is it here in the tower? Perhaps it's just another way to see the purity of God. Here is my vision -

The angel led me to the river of life. It was nothing like I expected it to be. It was vibrant. Rainbows danced on every drop and rays of glorious light flashed backwards and forwards over the water. The river pulsated life - life in its fullness.

The river burst its banks - nothing could contain it. The water ran around my feet. I laughed and jumped, splashed in the living water, more alive than I had ever been before.

In that living water I became the person God intended me to be. I was complete in every way, whole, perfect, fulfilled, content. "This" said the angel, "is your destiny. "I want it now," I cried. "Only when it is time," the angel replied.

In this room the river of life flows through intercessors who are seeking purity. It opens the spirit to the fullness of God and calls the intercessors ever deeper into the water.

The room of love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(John 3:16)

A Pharisee was having a dinner party, and he invited Jesus. People who were not guests were allowed to come and listen to the conversation of the guests. One woman, by tradition Mary of Magdala, came in. She was an unwelcome guest because, by letting down her hair she was showing that she was probably a prostitute.

But Mary had a very deep love and she was not put off by the attitudes of others. She let down her hair, cried over Jesus feet, poured her perfume on his feet and wiped his feet with their hair.

Who would ever think of doing such thing? Surely any respectable woman would never behave in this way. She made a public spectacle of herself. She cried uncontrollably, she touched the feet of a guest, she broke open some very expensive perfume and poured it over his feet. Then she began to wipe his feet with her hair. From Simon's point of view this was unacceptable behaviour. What was going on?

She was exercising love. She just did not care what anybody thought. She never even considered what Jesus would think. She just knew that there was something in him that could change her and she was willing to go to any lengths to get it. She knew in her heart that Jesus wanted to receive her love. He sets no price or his love, and he sets no limit to his love. Mary knew this. She risked all and got all.

In the room of love the intercessors in the purity tower finally can receive the courage they need by being totally infatuated with love for Jesus. All the other things this is the strongest gift which can be given and it's the one which of all the others is most needed.

Summary of the rooms

This has not been an easy tower to explain. To intercede in the purity of God's love is not easy to explain. But the rooms have shown the path the intercessors must take. First they must be enfolded in the worship of the Lord. This is where they will learn about purity at an emotional level. Then they must learn about the purity of faith which is needed to intercede at this level. If they are enfolded into the worship this is not such a difficult room to enter.

These two rooms are extremely challenging to the life and the spiritual awareness of every intercessor. Then come the rooms of joy - the river of life and the deep love of the Lord. These two rooms soften the challenges of the first two rooms. They round out the character of the intercessor and give courage to go forward.

The top of the tower

This is where the equipped intercessors begin to pray purity into the situations which the Lord places before them.

Here in the spirit of intercession the glory of the Lord will surround those who are praying for purity. Apostle Paul teaches -

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

At the top of the tower, the glory of the Lord can be felt and experienced, and it has a powerful effect on the intercessory life. In the Old Testament, the priests found this out -

“The priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the Temple.”

(1 Kings 8:11)

Why does the Lord surround the intercessory tower with glory? The reason is simple - The glory of the Lord is a mark of his purity. The glory of the Lord demands a pure life. Any impurity is exposed, but as long as intercessors aim for purity they need not be afraid of the glory.

Intercessors are aiming for purity, and the glory of the Lord surrounding them will help.

What now?

The full material for the Singapore tower, the Hawaii tower, the Intimate tower and others are now on the website for those who want to study more.

Website

The unshakeable towers has its own website. It will eventually have a library of materials, video and audio teaching and in the long term an intercessory teaching school. There is already material in the library and it is being added to regularly. Do visit regularly to see the new material which is coming.

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These resources are already available -

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*** Audio library.** the main towers material is there for those who prefer to listen.

*** Video library.** This page contains video teaching of the towers material and recordings of the House of prayer intercessory times.

Jim Smith writes - “I have been an Anglican Pastor in the UK for over 55 years, and involved in intercession for over 40 of those. and I serve also as a missionary in Ghana. Recently I have been learning about towers of intercession - special places in the world where intense intercession is needed.”



Rev Jim is searching for individuals who are deep in the intercessory stream who be willing to hear what the Lord is saying to him about intercession.

In this this book Jim Smith lays out the teaching for the Purity Tower.

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