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The enemy broke through the walls and forced his way towards the heart of the citadel. Smashing everything in his path he pushed towards the heart of faith. He came to the most holy place and lifted his sword but when he struck the rock his sword shattered in his hand. The fury broke out in him and lifting his hands he smashed and smashed against the rock but his hands broke.

He heard a voice he hated so much. “I am from everlasting to everlasting. I am before all things after all things. Nothing whatever break me but I have broken you”. The enemy fell down on his face in despair. He knew his fate.

Introduction

“We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.” (Mark 10:33-4)

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.
(Mark 16:6)

The bridge

I was watching some video on YouTube recently of a bridge being hit by a flash flood. One minute the river was flowing peacefully along through a town “All was well”.

Then in the distance there was the sound of crashing and rumbling - the first warning signs of the coming flood. Almost without warning the flood swept into the town, pushing ahead of it buildings, cars, huge trees and every kind of rock and rubble. It was travelling very fast and it came up against the main bridge of the town which was strong. The head of the flood crashed into the bridge which resisted it for a time but eventually the pressure of the water and the huge build-up of debris broke the arches, and the bridge collapsed into the river.

I was thinking about this when reflecting on the unbreakable nature of the Taiwan intercessory tower. Intercession in this Tower is of the greatest significance. Many dark powers are pushing hard against it but unlike the bridge the tower will stand if the intercessors remain strong in the Lord.

What is being asked of them?

- * For those in this tower the intercessory struggle is not an option. Their failure might open the way for the world to enter a time of great darkness.
- * For those in this tower the intercessory struggle will be a very great burden and the pressures to stop or be diverted into other things will be great.
- * Those in this tower will have to stand firm believing that intercession can move the heart of God against many worldly pressures. These pressures will grow in strength, and intercessors must learn to resist. Only intercession moving the heart of God can save the world from a great catastrophe. Perhaps this tower can open the way to a transformation of the world. **“Therefore, my dear brothers stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.”**
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

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: Theology around unbreakableness

If the intercessors in this tower are going to have to stand against enormous stresses and pressures, they need to be aware of the theology of the unbreakable name. There is a clear theology of unbreakableness in the bible.

* Jesus - before the beginning

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

(Colossians 1:16-17)

The spiritual arc of history did not begin with the creation of the world. Jesus existed before all things, and so he is stronger than all the things that are in the spiritual and physical world. The Lord underlines the words from Colossians – **“Before Abraham was born, I am!”** (John 7:58) This is a truth which the dark powers want to deny. They want to fight on the principle that they are greater. Intercessors must stand on the ground of the Lord being before all things. Intercessors must take the higher ground. Jesus stands at the pinnacle of the created order. None is greater. “I am the Lord. There is no other.” (Isaiah 45:4)

*** “No other gods..”**

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”

(Exodus 20:2-3)

Jesus is the great “I am” of all of history. “I am” provides the key elements which creation needs.

Food: “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty”. (John 6:35)

Light: When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

Resurrection: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.” (John 11:25)

Satan can try and counterfeit these, but his counterfeits fail –

But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshipped its image.

The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulphur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. (Revelation 19:20-24)

*** The lamb reigns**

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. (Revelation 5:6)

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. (Revelation 21:22)

The lamb who was slain, the lion of the tribe of Judah is reigning now in authority and power. His position, his authority and his name are unbreakable. The intercessors in this tower must draw confidence from this unshakable theology. No matter how great the powers that come against them, they can claim with Apostle Paul, “Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Chapter 3: The name of Jesus

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)

This tower is named after the name of Jesus who is - “far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.” (Ephesians 1:21) Here are a few of the features of the name which will encourage intercessors in this tower.

*** Demons fear the name**

The spiritual forces which oppose this tower and all the spiritual work of the church are aware of the power of this name and are afraid of it as this demonic force reveals.

Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. (Mark 1:21-6)

* **Sickness obey the name**

The Old Testament teaches of the Lord that “I am the Lord that heals you.” (Exodus 1:5) the name of Jesus carries the same power.

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. (Acts 3:6-9)

* **Death**

He who held the power over death (Hebrews 2:14-15) is broken by the name of Jesus.

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. (John 11:43)

* **Triumph**

The name has triumphed!

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?”

But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” (Revelation 5:1-5)

“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!” (Revelation 5:12-14)

Chapter 4: Reflections on Intercession

If my people

“In the shadow of the cross everything else seems of little value. In the shadow, everything is revealed.”

(Michael the Solitary)

In each of the towers booklets I have tried to write something about intercession from what I've learned over the decades. Here I want to encourage intercessors in this tower to place their intercession in the heart of the cross. These booklets are not written for those who are beginning intercession but for those who are struggling at deeper level. Those intercessors, and I, are looking for protection, strength and effectiveness. I have learned that this is found in the deeper levels of the cross. Julian of Norwich helped me here with these words -

“When I looked at the cross I was safe. For apart from the cross there is no safety, but only the horror of devils.”

I have found this verse from Chronicles a framework for entering more deeply into the cross. I share what I have learned here hoping that it will help some as they follow this crucifixion pathway.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

There are 7 areas where we can find help.

1. Humility

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

(Luke 1:51-2)

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

(Mark 10:45)

Entering the deeper pathways of the cross has to be done with a very deep sense of humility. If it were not for the blood of Jesus intercessors could never enter such deep things. Even with the blood intercessors have to be sensitive to who he is and who they are.

I have found over 40 years and sixty countries of teaching that serious intercessors are usually very humble and aware of the privilege of the calling.

2. Prayer

When Christians read the word “prayer” in this verse they assume it's just prayer! But intercessors know that this kind of prayer has to touch deeply into the heart if it is going to be effective. This prayer is very costly as Hannah and Jesus show. But if intercession is proving costly then it's probably true intercession

“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)

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 22:43-4)

Interceding from these great depths of sorrow may even cost intercessors their lives. This is prayer in the deep places. Nothing else will move the heart of God.

3. Seek His face

At first this seems to be a strange instruction to intercessors. Jesus said, “seek and you will find.”

(Matthew 7:7) It's easy to seek his face when things are going well and he seems close. The great intercessors of the past all warn that seeking him gets harder and harder the more the situations being interceded for break down. The constant daily and hourly seeking his face can become very challenging and responding to what is seen can be even more challenging. Intercessors have to prepare themselves for an increasingly tough road ahead of them.

4. Turn from their wicked ways

Here is another struggle on the intercessory path. In order to intercede at depth for some things the intercessors have to enter into the situation for which they are interceding. These situations may be very impure and sinful. How do they keep themselves pure, especially when they see that many are not turning from their wicked ways and sometimes those wicked ways look very attractive. Jeremiah asked, “Why do the wicked prosper?” Interceding at depth into sinful situations often raises this question in the mind intercessor. It's a tough area of the intercessory path.

5. I will hear from heaven

Looking at intercession from God's point of view he is a loving and restoring Lord. He will hear his intercessors. Jeremiah taught this, “**Call to me and I will answer you.**” (Jeremiah 33:3) Jesus taught the same lesson. He is always ready to answer. Intercession however is not about answers. It is about being intimate with the Lord, sharing his heart and praying to move it for his people.

6. Forgive their sin

Intercessors can easily get disheartened - or at least I can easily get disheartened. I need to be reminded in the struggle that I am serving a forgiving God, who can change every circumstance however bad it looks because that is his nature. Jesus made this plain - “**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**” (Luke 23:34)

7. Heal their land

A final encouragement for intercessors. Situations can be mended. However one of the things intercessors need to remember is that intercession is often a generational thing. Intercession taking place now might not show its fruit into the next generation or beyond. This should not trouble intercessors as they are working in a timeless framework. I have found this has encouraged me when it appears that nothing I am interceding for seems to change. Maybe I am interceding for a generation not yet born,

Chapter 5: Rooms in the 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.”

Door

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.

These words are written on the door of the tower and they have come back again and again in this material. This is the unbreakable name which will ensure that intercession in this tower will achieve its aim whatever that may be.

Room. Crushing the arrogance. Isaiah 14:12

The enemy of this tower raises himself up and shows himself as strong. He wants to assert that he is stronger than the name of Jesus. Isaiah revealed this arrogance and John the writer of Revelation showed his destiny. Intercessors need to know this as they confront the arrogance that will face them.

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon, I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit. (Isaiah 14:12-15)

Then death and hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. (Revelation 20:14)

Room. The authority of Jesus

This theme has also appeared again and again in this material. The unbreakable name rests on the authority of Jesus. This room is full of references to that authority so that the intercessors are completely soaked in the scriptures. Here are some of the verses to be found in this room and there are many others. The intercessors will need them as the arrogance rises up against them

*** Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom. (Psalm 45:6)**

*** When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. (Matthew 25:31)**

*** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)**

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.
(Revelation 20:11-15)

Top of the tower

I have had to think long and hard about what to write here. It is the job of the Taiwan intercessors to work out what they do with what they have been studying. But as I looked from the tower, I remembered this picture of the Lord and was strengthened.

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron sceptre.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.”

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

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What now?

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

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“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 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 main teaching on the background of "the Towers".

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 within the towers.

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

The England Tower. In this material Jim Smith explores what the England tower might be like and how intercessors might enter, repair and use it.

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