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I have been involved in intercession for over 30 years. I knew nothing when I started but slowly I have got some idea of how it works. In this material I have tried to describe how the towers ministry began and what it means to intercede through them.

This material is linked to videos on the **Unshakeable Towers YouTube page**, where I have tried to explain and expand this material. Details can be found at the end of this material. There is also other written material available. Details for this can also be found at the end of this material. I have been an Anglican minister for over 55 years. For 30 of those years I worked with my wife, Mary, in Ghana. We are married and have 6 children. I'm licensed to the Diocese of Chichester. When we are in the U.K. we attend our local Anglican church.

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Introduction

Explanations and intentions

The Towers material is extensive and a lot to take in at once. So there is a lot to explain at the beginning.

The Towers ministry came into being as a result of the prayer meeting which I have described later in this material. I thought that to establish a tower of intercession in the Middle East was not unusual and I left it at that. However the Lord did not leave it at that. He began to show me more and more towers - each one with a unique character. I realised that I would have to find intercessors with characteristics to match each tower. I had no idea about how to do this - I really had no idea what the Lord was asking or what he wanted. All I could do was follow him, and this material is really an outline of the journey I have been making.

I know that what I have written is a little disjointed and incomplete. This is a living and growing vision, and I have just written what I have seen and felt. I hope this encourages those who are going to read on. This vision is a journey into understanding effective intercession in the 21st century, based on much of what the Lord has taught over the centuries.

The Towers are not orphans. They have grown out of the ministry of Still Waters and my journeys around Europe finishing at La Verna. Drawing on what I've learned in the past I'm having to learn new things day by day.

What will it achieve?

I have asked myself this question often and there have been times when I felt it would achieve nothing - at least nothing I could see or understand. Slowly I began to see that the uniqueness of this ministry is the character of the towers and of the intercessors who will move into those towers to intercede. Intercession is not, as I have had to learn a “one-size-fits-all” ministry.

Will I be able to establish towers all over the world? Will I be able to get at least three intercessors into each tower? Will I be able to build the intercessors into a family? I will have to wait and see. I believe I am responding to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and no Christian can do more.

Teaching videos

This material is linked to five teaching and explanatory videos by Rev Jim which are on the towers YouTube channel. More details about this can be found in the “What next?” chapter.

My heart

Intercessors have to share their hearts honestly and openly with each other. Otherwise growth can never take place. The intercessors of the past knew this and that's why they have left so many of their writings. At the beginning of this material I want to share my heart hoping that it will help other intercessors do the same.

Fulfilled intimacy

There is no other place for human spirit to be completely fulfilled than in the intimacy of intercession. I have found that in this environment I am fully the person God planned that I should be before the foundation of the world. I am utterly and totally fulfilled. I desire that totality of his love and within it I am totally fulfilled. Maria Faustina, a Polish intercessor wrote this, "My wings have been set free for flight and I yearn to soar into the very fire of the sun. My flight will not come to an end until I rest in him forever."

Here is how I learnt this –

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 dreamt were possible. I was free – twisting and turning in the glory. 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.

One day I asked the Lord - "Show me your heart." I saw the most beautiful sunset I had ever seen. "Is this beauty your heart?" I said. Then I was lifted up to a high mountain and looked out over the range of snow tipped mountains before me. It was breath-taking. "Is this the beauty of your heart?" I said. I was shown a mighty river cutting its way through a gorge. It was so powerful and strong. "Is this your heart?" I said. Then he turned to me, took me in his arms and held me so close that I felt his heartbeat. "No," he said, "this is my heart."

How the towers started for me

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 grew. Finally after many years I came to La Verna. This is the mountain about two hours out of 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 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 and I list them here as far as I've got at this time. 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.

Only recently have I realised the way in which the Lord has been leading me over the years to this point. It has encouraged me to understand that the towers has been part of his plan for me for a long time. What happened next is what I have written about in the following chapters as my journey unfolded.

Chapter 1: Life inside the towers

(Chapter 1 is linked to video 1. It describes what it is like for an intercessor inside the towers.)

As the towers began to show themselves to me, I had to learn what life might be like for an intercessor who entered them. Here is what I have discovered so far. I have divided what I have learned into seven areas, although there may be more and they do overlap.

- * **Hard prayer.**
- * **Pouring out of self.**
- * **Setting of the heart.**
- * **The heart of worship.**
- * **The pain of the heart.**
- * **The struggle.**
- * **The victory.**

Hard prayer

I want to begin with this very challenging picture.

I came to a fence and beyond it was a house. I crossed the fence and looked into the house. I saw people praying but praying with an intensity that I had never seen before. They were in an agony of prayer. Their bodies were twisted up and they were crying out with such anguish. They were hurting, being hurt, broken and being broken by the intensity of their prayer.

Standing in the middle of the group I saw the Lord. Their prayer was flowing into him, and out of him into them. This went on and on and on.

A voice said to me - "These are the ones who pray for the nations. They bear the damage to the Lord and he bears it with them. Then he returns the burden surrounded by his blood, so that they can bear some more."

At the outset, the Lord sets the standard that he expects of intercession. It's very high – Calvary high. It's an intertwining of his passion with the human spirit. This is tough because the human spirit was never designed to bear such a heavy burden.

Pouring out of self

Intercessors must walk a very hard path. To enter this path calls for great sacrifice. The great sacrifice which the Lord asks from those who walk this path is that they will allow self to die. This is the decision they have to make - to live, as "I" or to die as "Him." Those who walk the intercessory path of the Towers have to choose to make the sacrifice of surrendering self, of pouring out of self that the Lord might be all.

Other sacrifices follow, but not until this supreme surrender is made. I received these words many years ago and they are a profound challenge to self. Only those who can accept this can enter the towers. Can we?

Many set out to become Intercessors, but they only want roses. When I tell them that roses cannot heal the wounds in my heart, they are sad, and they turn back.

You must join me on the cross. You must share my pain, make it your pain, suffer with me. Then together, we can turn to my creation, and allow its agony to become ours.

For the suffering we must suffer. For the broken we must break, for the crushed we must be crushed, for the angry we must release love, for the arrogant we must yield humility, for the desperate we must hope, for the sick we must release healing, for the dying we must die.

For the confusion of the world, we must share the confusion. For the violence of the world we must absorb, for the spite of the world we must soothe, for the prisoners we must offer release. The agony of the cross will be our healing oil, but only if we are able to face and absorb creation's agony.

This is what I invite intercessors into. There are other ways offered to you, but they will fail you. Only by entering into what I have endured, only by sharing it with me can hope flower again.

This is the invitation to Intercessors – the invitation to crucifixion. Few take it.

The setting of the heart

Here is my vision – 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 I was led deeper into the house, and the further I went, the stronger grew the glory around me. Worship filled the air.

I came to the heart of the house, which was the presence of the Lord. The Lord reached out his hands to me. "Beloved," he said, "come into my love." His love poured on me and in it were diamonds and rainbows, deep seas and sunsets, the eternal depth of heaven, the love of a husband for his wife and a mother for her child. This deeper love sang a song so beautiful that my spirit was filled with loveliness. I sank into the deeper love.

My comment

The struggle in the towers is surrounded by and enfolded with love. This is hard to understand. Those in the towers cannot just deal with one experience at a time. It is a multi-layered intercessory experience. The struggle and the hardship which are the mark of intercessory prayer have to be experienced at the same time as love which is the sign of the Lord's presence.

Intercessors are like the Seraphim - on fire with the love of God. Intercessors drink from the well of his love and they can never drink enough. There is such a passion for his love. It flows from all the hours spent at Calvary. It's a balance for all the pain which has to be shared.

The heart of worship

Here is my vision -

I came to a place of great stillness. Nothing was moving. There was a deep silence. An angel said, "We have come to a deep place of the Holy Spirit. We have come into the heart of God." Waves of divinity 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 was filled with these wonders, and I knelt down to worship.

My comment

Worship is love on its knees before the Beloved. Worship is allowing all of the Lord to flow into the heart. Worship is two hearts seeking each other and when they meet the heartbeat of his creation flows through and adorns him with majesty.

Once in the spirit I found myself standing beside a very deep chasm. "Jump in," said the Lord. I jumped and fell and fell deeper and deeper into his love. It pressed on me and against me and into my spirit more and more. The deeper I fell the greater the pressure of his love on me. I cried out, "If this continues I will die, crushed by the intensity of your love."

Then I realised that's just what I wanted. I wanted to fall forever into this unfathomable love and never return to the earth. This is where those who intercede in the towers will come to eventually - deciding to surrender to this love that they may be whole.

The pain of the heart

Here is my vision –

I was walking on a road filled with thorns. Every step I took was painful because the thorns pierced my feet. I wanted to stand still, but ahead of me I saw the Lord, and he was calling me to himself. But to get to him, I had to walk on the thorns, and I did not want to do that.

I saw a child, laying in the road, deep in the thorns, bleeding and crying. I was shocked. "How did you come to be here?" I asked. "Help me," it sobbed. "No one comes to help me."

The Lord did not speak. The child cried, and the cross called me. I lifted the child and in great agony of spirit, I turned and walked towards the Lord. The journey was endless. The pain hurt, but the sorrow of the child hurt more and began to overcome my own sufferings.

I finally arrived, full of pain. "Take the child," I cried. "Now you can heal." "No," said the Lord. "It is not so easy as that. You must continue to bear the child, day after day. You must bear the burden day after day. You must release the compassion day after day. Do you think you can put down your suffering? I suffer day after day for the heartbreak of my children. If you truly want to share my sufferings, you must do the same."

My comment

In the towers there is real pain and agony. This is because the sacrifice of the Lord and his deep compassionate heart is being rejected by those for whom he died. This is easy to write but very hard to bear day by day. Yet it is a burden which cannot be put down if intercession in the towers is going to be effective.

The struggle - Gethsemane

Towers intercession is a bitter struggle. It's the struggle to Calvary, to bear the pain and love of Calvary and within that to intercede. Archbishop William Temple once said that the closer he got to God the more of a sinner he felt. Reflecting on these words, aware of my own sinfulness I came across these words -

“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 touched 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.”

This was my response to this vision.

I want to be a mirror. So that when the glory of the Lord shines on me, it will be reflected back to him. Then when he looks at me, he will see himself. But how can this be? I am so impure, so full of weakness, sin and failure. The intercessory teachers of the past would say that this feeling is the beginning of deep intercession. They teach that such awareness of imperfection is essential if intercessors are to kneel before the Lord. Without it, they will never gain access to the deepest places of the spiritual world, and never intercede from within his heart.

Victory

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

(Genesis 1:3)

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

(Matthew 28:20)

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 5:1-6)

The pressure of the enemy on the intercessors and the towers is huge. Intercessors have to learn to bear this pressure and within it exercise their ministry. It's good to remember that the battle has already been won. It was God at the beginning who called for light. It was Jesus who won the authority over all things on the cross and it is Jesus who has triumphed.

In the middle of the battle when the task seems so large and the enemy so strong it's easy to forget that victory belongs to the Lord. Authority was his, is his and remains his forever. For his own reasons he still allows the enemy to move but he moves within the victory of the Lord.

Here is my vision of victory and encouragement.

I came to a place in heaven where there were many clouds. "What are these clouds?" I asked. "They are your encouragement," said the Lord. As I stood still, the clouds began to pass over me.

The first cloud rained down glory on me and I lifted my hands to praise the Lord. "This cloud comes on those who worship," said the Lord, "and changes their worship into pure glory."

The second 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 it. I wanted the purity because 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 which is to become more like me."

The third cloud rained down stillness on me. As it touched me, my fears and anxieties were calmed and I knew that the Lord was in control of all the events and circumstances of my life. "This cloud comes to those who are troubled and disturbed," said the Lord. "I stand in the gap for them, and they can rest in my certainties."

The fourth cloud rained down mercy on me. I felt a great sense of release and freedom. I knew that the Lord would never leave me. "This cloud comes to those who feel worthless and of no purpose," said the Lord. "It reassures them of their place in my heart."

The fifth cloud rained down comfort on me. My many sorrows which weighed me down were shared by the Lord. "This cloud flows from very deep within my heart," said the Lord. "I long to comfort those who have no comfort and are lost in their sorrows and despairs."

The sixth cloud rained down healing on me. My sicknesses were taken away and in the new strength which it gave, I rose up to serve him. "This cloud causes great rejoicing in heaven," said the Lord.

The seventh cloud rained down victory on me. In the cloud I saw the triumph of the Lord, and I was encouraged.

Chapter 2: The eternal environment of the Towers

(Chapter 2 is linked to video 2. It describes the eternal and prophetic world of the towers.)

Apostle Paul teaches this - **“He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”** (Colossians 1:17). The Psalmist teaches the same lesson - **“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”** (Psalm 90:2)

However deep the foundations of the world may be and how ever long backwards or forwards history has and will run, Jesus Christ **is** Lord. He always has been an “is.” There has never been a time when he was a “was” or a “will be”. This timelessness of the Lord is something which is not easily grasped, but once intercessors have got hold of this time frame their spiritual understanding will expand enormously. Past, present and future events are all accessible, because they are all “Now.”

Against this background of understanding, the towers can be seen as part of God's eternal purposes. They have not just arrived nor do they float freely in the spiritual world like ships on the sea. They are powerfully rooted in the timeless purposes of God. I came to understand this through this 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.

This experience was timeless. The present with all its timings and frameworks disappeared into the eternity which is God and which one day will be me. I began to understand also that the towers were timeless and fixed in eternity, just as I was in those few moments with the Lord.

Planted deep

Intercessors know that their experiences are progressive. Here is my vision of this -

I came to the deep place of the spirit where the internal rivers flow. I expected it to be dark. But it was a bright place. The sky was open and free. It was a quiet place. The rivers flowed but not in any aggressive way. I remember the Lord's word, "Be still and know I am God." I stood quietly and the Lord began to speak to me. "The towers of intercession do not stand above the spiritual flows of the Kingdom.

They are planted deep within the spiritual world. They have a common foundation on which they all stand." I asked, "What is the common foundation?" The Lord showed me the deepest rivers in which the towers stand. "This," he said, "is their foundation."

Common Foundation 1 - Creation

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. (Colossians 1:16)

The first of the deep rivers I saw was the river of creation. This is what I saw -

I saw the flow of a river wide and deep. It was full of the creative energy of God. It contained in itself all created things - from before the foundation of the world until the end of it. Its flow was ceaseless, and unstoppable. It called to me because I am one of the fruits of its flowing. Before I was formed in the womb the Lord knew me in this creative river. I did not resist the call but in my intercession fell into it and felt the sense of the eternity of God's creation.

What most impressed me about this river was its creative energy. It was like 1,000,000 lightning flashes - although even that does not really convey the impression of the energy I was seeing and feeling. This river has its source in the creative heart of the Trinity. From that creative potential flows every possibility of creation and life.

Every mountain, every sea, every sunset, every storm, every beautiful human being ever created all comes from this creative energy - from this creative stream. The towers stand in this creative stream.

When God decided what to make through the stream the towers were part of his creation. They were in the beginning with God as well as all the rest of creation. This has taken me some time to understand. I believe I also saw in the stream the 50 towers we currently have for intercessory use.

This makes the towers places where intercessors desire to be. Within is the creative urge of which intercessors plead to move his heart. That's why when each intercessor finds his or her tower they are drawn to it with an intensity they cannot understand. Inside the intercessory tower creation is taking place daily, hourly and by the minute.

I fell into the stream because as an intercessor that's what I most long for - to be in the flow of God's purposes. As intercessors begin to understand the towers and their particular tower more and more, the urge to be in them will overcome any hesitation. Intercession is a way of life and this river this creative river is life in its purest form.

Common Foundation 2 - Calvary

The second of the deep rivers I saw was the river of Calvary. This is what I saw -

I saw a flowing river. It was called "The river of God's grace." I followed it along, hoping to arrive at some place of blessing, but the path suddenly turned and I saw a great hill in front of me. I began to climb. I knew I was climbing up to Calvary. I expected to climb in darkness but to my amazement the higher up I got the stronger the light shone. Passing me, going in the other direction, were countless demonic forces - ugliness, violence, filth, deceit and many others. They were screaming in fear.

I did not really understand but I kept climbing. I finally reached the summit where the cross stood and the most blazing bright light I've ever seen engulfed me. I heard the cry of heaven - "Victory!" I fell down and I worshipped the Lord.

All the towers stand in this river - in the flow of mercy, love, forgiveness and grace coming from Calvary. Nothing can break them. Here is their mandate, written before the foundation of the world.

"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Romans 8:31-39)

Common Foundation 3 - Worship

The third of the deep rivers I saw was the river of worship. This is what I saw -

In the spirit I saw a river which was so pure that I could hardly look at it. It was called "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Immediately I was lifted into the glory. Purity and holiness surrounded me. The fragrance of heaven filled my soul, and the worship of heaven rose around me like a mist. All that was happening surrounded me like a great wave of the sea. I sank down and down, deeper and deeper into the Lord. Filled with glory, worship and by inexpressible love, I worshipped him who lives for ever and ever.

Then a cloud came and covered me. It poured down glory on me and I lifted my hands to praise the Lord. I said - "Sovereign Lord, you live forever. Your glory fills the heavens with light day and night. You outshine the sun. Take your throne, your authority, your power and reign! By your blood you have blessed, you have loved and you have redeemed. I worship you." I fell into the river. I knew pure free worship and was content.

God's creation was made to worship him. Isaiah says it so clearly.

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

(Isaiah 55:12)

John takes this into the worship of heaven.

“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, or ever and ever!” The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshipped.”

(Revelation 5:13-14)

Worship is the victory song of the Redeemed - the unassailable victory cry which echoes from everlasting to everlasting. Every tower is filled with worship, standing in the flow and exalting the name of the Lord.

Towers - rooted in the deepest flows of the spirit. This makes them powerful but also very challenging for those who pray within them.

The prophetic framework to the towers

The prophets of the Bible often placed their visions and their messages in a wider prophetic framework. When Moses wanted to challenge the people to enter the promised land, he set that promise in the wider context of the exodus and God's promise. Samuel set his call to repentance in a wider context of the rebuilding of Israel. Jesus set his whole ministry against the background of his return and the new creation which would then be established.

Samuel - “If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.” (1 Samuel 6:3)

Moses - The Lord said to Moses, “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites.” (Numbers 13:1)

Jesus -. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:18-19)

This same principle applies to the towers. Not only are they set in God's eternal framework but they are also set in a prophetic background within that wider framework.

If this were not so they would be orphans - unattached to God's purposes and having no place in which to stand and grow. Here are some ideas about prophetic backgrounds to some of the towers.

Prophetic background - Singapore

Here is the prophetic background to the Singapore tower.

*** The main vision**

I see strips of silver falling from the sky and laying everywhere over the land. The Lord is preparing the way for his prophet.

I heard these words -

"To break the Cedars of Lebanon I need those with a pure heart who will worship me with a pure heart and by their prayers oppose and bring down the enemy."

"Do not get seduced by the world. The spirit of seduction is everywhere. Seek only my voice my way my heart."

"The only way to overcome is to yield your heart to me. Let your heart be so entwined with mine that we are as one."

The intercessors in this tower are working in a prophetic framework of purity - purity reflected in absolute and total love for the Lord. Salvation history is set in such a framework. The love the Lord is looking for in these intercessors is totally committed and dedicated love as his was -

"Greater love greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

"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)

Here is a paragraph from "The Way of the Cross" which gives an idea of what this love might be -

In heaven, the Lord took off his crown of thorns, but the impression of the thorns remained. "Why do you not heal those scars?" the Prophet asked. "They are the impression of love on my body," the Lord replied. "They are the marks of my love for my creation."

The prophet marvelled at such love, but when he looked at his own body, he saw that the impressions of love were in him as well. The Lord continued - "When these scars are in you, then you will begin to understand the purity of my love."

Prophetic background - Jerusalem

The prophetic background for the Jerusalem tower is not difficult to understand.

*** Jerusalem is a place God has claimed for himself**

"But now I have chosen Jerusalem for my Name to be there, and I have chosen David to rule my people Israel."

(2 Chronicles 6:6)

*** Jerusalem is the heart of salvation history**

"In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!"

(Luke 13:33)

*** Jerusalem is the final place of God's dwelling**

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

(Revelation 21:2)

Here is the vision I had of Jerusalem -

I woke up early one morning, and my first impression of this tower was that all was still. It was so still, that I was uncomfortable. But then I became aware that I was entering a place of intense holiness - holiness which has been there for thousands of years. I was suddenly aware of the majesty and glory of the Lord in a very powerful way. Then the Lord spoke -

“Jerusalem is the gate of the world. Here, I reign. Nothing moves here without my command. Here, my sovereignty is supreme. Here I hold the creation in my hand. When I speak, it is done.”

What does this mean for the tower?

What does it mean for the tower? It stands in a prophetic framework of intense holiness - a holiness which has been there for thousands of years. The majesty and glory of the Lord are there in a very powerful way.

“Holy” (Greek: “hagios”) has big implications for the intercessors in this tower. It means “set apart for God’s use.” The whole intercessory life must be of a quality which is holy. The things of the world must be set aside, and by sacrificial living, the intercessors will be able to enter and stand in the presence of the living God. He is looking for the hallmarks of holiness in them – those changes which are made possible by the blood, and which make them slowly but surely, into the image of Jesus.

Prophetic background - Beautiful (Auschwitz)

Auschwitz is a hard place to visit. It is brutal and ugly. Yet within it beautiful things took place. Intercessors in this tower will have to spend their time gazing at the beauty of the Lord from the centre of great ugliness.

What prophetic framework might they be standing in? Maybe this one -

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. (Mark 14:22-24)

The tower and its intercessors find their prophetic framework in the eucharist - seeing its pain and its beauty. Seeing its cost and his fruit, and valuing both.

Chapter 3: How to intercede in the towers

(Chapter 3 is linked to video 3. It explains intercession.)

There is some confusion about what is meant by the word "intercession." The Lord taught his people to pray "Our father." This is the Greek word, "Proseucho" - the word used for our daily needs. It's "Our Father" prayer. It is precious and vital, but some make a mistake in thinking that intercession is just an extension of this daily prayer. Nothing could be more wrong. 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.

There is no other place for human spirit to be completely fulfilled than in the intimacy of intercession. I have found that in this environment I am fully the person God planned that I should be before the foundation of the world. I am utterly and totally fulfilled. I desire that totality of his love and within it I am totally fulfilled.

Maria Faustina, a Polish intercessor puts it like this - **“My wings have been set free for flight and I yearn to soar into the very fire of the sun. My flight will not come to an end until I rest in him forever.”**

The life and testimony of Hannah (1 Samuel 1) shows how this works out in reality for the intercessor.

Hannah’s story

Hannah was married to Elkanah, who also had another wife - Penninah. This was Hannah’s problem and heartache. Penninah could have children, but Hannah could not. Penninah made fun of Hannah’s barrenness, and Hannah had no answer except to be broken in spirit. Elkanah was a caring man. He said, “Hannah why do you cry? Am I not worth more to you than ten sons?” Kind but he did not understand the depth of Hannah’s sadness.

Hannah, however, was a woman of determination. She needed an answer to her situation and so went to the Temple to pray. Her prayers are “Entygchano” prayer in action.

“Remember me!”

“Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord’s house. In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly.

And she made a vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”

As she 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 1:9-18)

For Hannah, intercession was her very life. She interceded from great need to meet a great need. She shows the way.

She is urged on by her suffering

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly

Hannah was weeping from deep within her suffering. From such deep places, prayer flows with a great intensity. Hannah’s prayer was urged on by her suffering. The Lord is asking today’s intercessors to do the same - to cry from within their sufferings. I have noticed that the most effective intercessors are those who have suffered. Then they can easily identify the Lord’s suffering. Hannah wept bitter tears. Tower intercessors must do the same.

Deeply disturbed

“I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer.”

Hannah was disturbed very deeply in her heart at what was happening to her. The Lord is also deeply troubled by what is happening to his world. Few seem to care too much for the world. The lands are not safe. Unfaithfulness, a foolish dependence on prosperity and an arrogant abandonment of godliness - these are not the marks of a safe world. The Lord is deeply troubled and the intercessors in the towers must be equally disturbed and distressed by the situations that they are seeing. The pain of the world must become their pain as it has become the Lord's pain. Entyghano intercession demands giving the whole heart into the Lord's distress. This is extremely costly for the intercessor, and yet at the same time a privilege beyond words.

Sacrificial intercession

“I was pouring out my soul to the Lord.”

This is the heart of Hannah's prayer. She was giving her very life to move the heart of God. She was giving everything. The Psalmist describes it like this - **“I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.”**

(Psalm 22:14)

Hannah's outpouring of tears poured out from her broken heart. A broken heart gives entry into a spring, a river, an ocean of tears – tears which can be used to cry for the lost nations. Many have never understood this fact. They have broken hearts without knowing that this is the heart which can reach out to God's broken heart and serve it.

It took me a long time to understand this. I cried and cried for my lost son – I still do. But slowly I realised that these tears could also be cried for others, and for nations. I began to offer them to God, and I found it much easier to understand his broken heart and how to reach it. Here is the vision which helped me understand.

I was walking on a road filled with thorns. Every step I took was painful, because the thorns pierced my feet. I wanted to stand still, but ahead of me I saw the Lord, and he was calling me to himself and his cross. But to get to him, I had to walk on the thorns, and I did not want to do that.

I saw a child, laying in the road, deep in the thorns, bleeding and in pain – “Lord, I want to show compassion, but it is hurting me so much.”

The Lord did not speak. The child cried, and deep in my heart, the spirit of compassion stirred. I bent down to rescue the child and take him to the Lord. The thorns pressed into me, but compassion was stronger than the thorns. I lifted the child, and in great agony of spirit, I turned and walked towards the Lord. The journey was endless. The pain hurt, but the sorrow of the child hurt more and began to overcome my own sufferings.

I finally arrived at the cross, covered in blood and pain. "Take the child," I cried. "Now you can heal." "No," said the Lord. "It is not so easy as that. You must continue to bear the child, day after day. You must bear the burden day after day. You must release the compassion day after day. Do you think you can put down your suffering? I suffer day after day for the heartbreak of my children. If you truly want to share my sufferings, you must do the same."

For me, this vision is the heart of intercession. Bearing the burden - mine and the Lord's burdens and by his grace and his grace alone moving forward to intercede.

Hannah's tears

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. Jesus urged the women of Jerusalem to do the same.

Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children."
(Luke 23:28)

Towers intercessors need to appreciate the privilege of their tears. These tears can move the heart of God and rescue any situation. Hannah poured out her heart with tears. The Lord encouraged the women of Jerusalem to do the same. Intercessory tears come for a very deep place inside. For David, the tears flowed from his loss.

For Peter they flowed from his failure. For the sinful woman they flowed from her knowledge of her sin, and for Hannah the lack of a child.

The private place of tears

*** Tears come from a lonely place.** Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (Luke 5:16)

The word for “lonely” is “Eremos” which means “wilderness, desert.” There is a long tradition of God’s people going out into the desert places to be alone with God.

***Tears come from a secret place.** “You are a garden locked up, my sister, my bride; you are a spring enclosed, a sealed fountain.” (Song of Songs 4:12)

This deep place is a walled garden - a place where individuals meet and share with the Lord. This is where intercessory tears come from - a place where intercessors are alone with the Lord.

*** Tears come from face to face.** “The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.” (Exodus 33:11)

In this deep and private place the tears of the soul are born. They flow from very deep within and they flow not just through eyes and emotions but from the human spirit directly into the Lord’s heart. These tears are a selfless sacrifice. They are released out of love, and each one carries part of the intercessor’s heart in them. This is “pouring out the soul.” This was the Lord’s selfless way and it must be the towers intercessory path as well.

A pattern of intercession

I'm often asked - "Is there a pattern of intercession which I can use?" Here is my pattern when I am setting aside a specific time to intercede.

*** I leave all my burdens and requests at the door of the intercessory room.** These things are precious, and the Lord teaches that all requests be made known to him. But that does not apply here. They will only get in the way. Leave them outside and pick them up on the way out.

*** I control my brain!** The Bible teaches that spirit speaks to spirit and the physical mind has no part of this. It cannot understand spiritual things. It will keep interrupting - "You did not lock the car. You forgot to order the bread. Where are your glasses?" I let all these things run through my mind for a few minutes. This gets them out the way. Then I say this, which looks unusual in writing but works for me - "Brain, I appreciate you greatly and I will need you later to help me analyse what I have seen and felt. But for now please sit at the back of my head run my body and let me alone."

*** I spend some time reflecting on the cross.** This helps me tune my spirit into spiritual things. Sometimes I read chapters 14 and 15 from Mark's gospel, or reflect on a picture. I do whatever it takes to focus my mind on the cross which is the way forward into deeper into deeper intercession.

*** Then I am ready to intercede.** This is how I see it. The Lord is already interceding to the Father. Hebrews 7 teaches that he lives to intercede for his people. I want to get into that flow, stand beside the Lord and share it with him. In this way my intercession is God-centred and not “me” centred. The Lord adjusts his intercession so that I am able to enter into it and begin to intercede for the things he wants me to intercede for.

Chapter 4: Inside a tower

(Chapter 4 is linked to video 4. It is a detailed description of one of the towers - its rooms and its purpose. The first tower chosen for this material is TOWER OF THE GATES OF ENGLAND. The second is the HAWAII TOWER

Preparation

Here are some things to reflect on as this tower is studied.

“It is no longer time to sleep, but to wake up from our carelessness, to rise out of our blind ignorance, to proclaim the truth and prepare to die for it.” (Catherine of Sienna)

“You need not fear delights or great consolations. You are coming to endure and to find no joy, save the joy of the cross. Come, come do not delay because time does not wait for us.” (Catherine of Sienna)

“Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations.” (Isaiah 62:10)

Looking down from the heavenly places I saw gates all over the world - the gates of the nations. Some were guarded by the blood of the lamb. I look through them and still joy and hope. Others were left unguarded. Through them I saw trouble, insecurity and darkness. “Why are some of the gates unguarded?” I asked the Lord. He replied, “My people have not watched and prayed and the enemy has gained access.”

Gates of England - Introduction

The gates were an important part of any ancient city. They were the only way of passing through the wall and were normally closed at night. They were important places of meeting. Much of the business of the city was done there (Ruth 4:11).

The word “gate” is sometimes associated with power, dominion or control. God promised and instructed Abraham that his subsequent generations should possess the gates of their enemies, their towns, and their fortress. (Genesis 22:17)

Jesus taught that the gates of hell would not prevail against the church. (Matthew 16:18)

What spiritual gates may be part of the history and life of the UK? How might intercessors come to know them, protect them and use them?

Spiritual background

The Lord has his eyes on the gates of the spiritual world. He made this clear to Peter -

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”
(Matthew 16:18)

The gates appear to be spiritual places where blessings come in and evil is kept out. Watchfulness is needed in them as King Jehoiada understood -

He also stationed gatekeepers at the gates of the Lord's temple so that no one who was in any way unclean might enter. (2 Chronicles 23:19)

Open gates must be protected and guarded against the enemy. Good spiritual things must be let in but evil spiritual things must be kept out. If even one gate is unprotected, the enemy will gain a foothold. Guarding them is the task of the church and within the church the task is given especially to the intercessors.

Satan aims to destroy the gates

In his commission to Peter Jesus made this danger very clear -
“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

“Overcome” means “To prevail, to be superior, to overcome.”
The overcoming of the enemy is very determined. It is violent, deceitful, blinding, insidious and murderous.

Violent: When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.
(Matthew 2:16)

Deceitful: Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” (Genesis 3:1)

Blinding: “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)

Insidious: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.” (Matthew 13:24-8)

Murderous: Then he took his firstborn son, who was to succeed him as king, and offered him as a sacrifice on the city wall. The fury against Israel was great; they withdrew and returned to their own land. (2 Kings 3:27)

Satan is determined to enter the gates that he might destroy the nation. When he is ruling the nation he can challenge the Lord’s authority over all. Then he can begin to fulfil his deepest desire which is to return to heaven and be God.

Costly struggle

Intercession in the Gates tower is going to be costly, as Hannah found. In Gethsemane, Jesus also outlines the cost -

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)

Background teaching on gates

What is the theological and doctrinal background to the gates tower? Here are some ideas which will give intercessors a foundation on which to work.

* The Lord has power in every gate.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18) "Overcome" here translates "superior in strength." Jesus is the Stronger one. (Mark 3:27)

* The Lord can open every gate which tries to resist God's people.

When they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. (Acts 12:10)

* God's people have the authority in the gates.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
(Matthew 28:18)

* Blessings flow through the gates.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the Lord. (Ps 118:19)

England

The enemy hates England for what it has done for the Lord in the past. He fears what it might do for him in the future. The enemy has gained access at many levels. Here is an old prophecy which might indicate the challenge to intercessors - and their opportunity.

*** England has not guarded its gates**

Yet you have compromised yourselves. You have been willing to lie down with the snake, saying, "We will be safe in the den of the serpent." And so you have been robbed of your power.

The serpent has stolen your power. You have become tarnished, as blind as those you were meant to save. You do not see the poor. You do not hear the cry of the unloved. You do not stand with the oppressed. You do not speak out against injustice. You side with the powerful, saying, “These will protect us.”

*** Hope still exists**

See I am going to do a great thing. All power is mine. Heaven and earth are mine.

I control all things. Nothing is outside my power, for I am the Lord. As the rain falls from heaven and waters the earth, giving life, refreshing and cleansing – so I am going to pour out my cleansing power on you my people, so that you may be prepared vessels to show my glory.

If this word is of God, intercessors in this tower have to resist satanic accusation, seek for forgiveness and open the way for revival.

What gates are vulnerable?

This is for intercessors to discover as they intercede from the top of the tower. Reflecting on the prophecy above it would seem that compromise, the loss of spiritual power and vision, the unbridled pursuit of self and personal satisfaction, the loss of biblical principle and the loss of confidence in the Lord are all areas with the gates have failed. The church has failed to protect the spiritual life of the nation, and the enemy has found entry through these and many other gates.

This corruption of spirituality and morality is the result of the failure of the intercessors to watch and guard. Why has this happened? The intercessors are the lamps of God – so precious and so necessary. They are often alone, often isolated and ignored, their intercession unseen by any but the Lord. But they are vital to the future of God's people everywhere. If intercession fails the gates are very vulnerable. If intercession has failed England why has this happened?

In my prayers, I saw a large desert. It was barren and lifeless. The Lord said to me, "Dig." So I took a spade and began to dig. After a while, I uncovered hundreds of lamps. They were all broken. They had not shone any light for years. "What is this?" I asked. The Lord said, "Once they were my intercessors. They shone but now they are lost."

How has the intercessory stream failed?

* Some intercessors just got weary and tired. God's people in Israel got weary and tired as they had to live in slavery and bondage for so many years. The Bible tells us that "The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out." (Exodus 2:23)

* Some - maybe many intercessors have just given up. They have had so many years with nothing to show for their intercession, and then one day they just did not have the energy to carry on.

* Some intercessors had no support at all. No one seemed to care so they just stopped.

* Some intercessors - maybe many - have been destroyed by the Church. Jeremiah the Prophet faced this pressure. The leaders of God's people did this -

They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud. (Jeremiah 38:4-6)

Many intercessors have been so attacked, ridiculed and judged by God's people that they have been pushed into the muddy pit, never to rise again.

*Some intercessors - maybe many - have been crushed by the enemy. Despair, hopelessness, sickness, financial trouble, problems at work and home - have broken their willingness to intercede. The Bible tells us this about Satan - "The Thief comes to kill and steal and destroy." (John10:10) Satan has, effectively, killed many streams of intercession.

* Some intercessors have survived. They hid themselves away. They refused to be beaten down. They refused to yield. These have kept a tiny flame flickering – but they are few.

A few have survived. It is into the hands of this few that this material is given.

Rooms in the Gates of England 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

These words are written on the door, and they have already been mentioned in this material. They are the obvious ones but they should set the minds of the intercessors in the right direction. **“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”** (Matthew 16:18)

Gates room - denying and claiming

Intercessors who are going to fight in the gate begin by being strengthened in these two areas -

Denying Satan

The Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?” (Zechariah 3:2)

But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” (Jude 1:9)

In these two verses, Satan is denied whatever he wants. By standing firm in faith and victory intercessors are able to deny him access. He is used to getting access. It is time to remind him that the Lord is the stronger one.

“When someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.” (Luke 11:22)

Claim the Lord’s authority

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18)

No matter how much the enemy whispers, intercessors have the authority in the gates. Any statement to the contrary is a lie and the enemy is a consummate liar. It is time to establish the victory of the cross. God's people and God's people of alone have authority in the gates.

Gates room - Lift high the cross

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken 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. (Colossians 2:13-15)

Victory is in the cross. These old words are lovely here - *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.* These are the areas where the cross can and must be lifted –

The cross has power

When the cross is lifted over a nation things can happen. Impossible circumstances can be turned round. Strong enemies can be defeated. Huge advances can take place. If intercessors have the courage to lift the cross over situations that are desperate, then anything is possible.

Here are just a few of the mighty powers to be found in the cross –

*** Released.** “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

The power of the cross is a key. It opens the prison doors and lets the prisoners out. One terrorist who had been fighting and killing for years said this: - “I have fought for decades to set my people free from tyranny. I thought violence was the way. But when I read the Bible, and saw the power of the cross. I gave my life to Jesus. Now I know what true freedom is!”

*** Breaks every curse.** “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.” (Gal 3:13)

No chains are left. Curses - old and new - are broken forever and the enemy has no further hold over the nation.

Watchman Nee tells this story. “One day the enemy came to accuse a man of many sins and failings. But as he began to accuse and curse, the Lord came to stand beside the man.

“What are you accusing me of?” he asked. “What are your curses against me?” “Not you,” said the enemy, “but that sinner who is standing beside you.” “No,” replied the Lord. “It doesn’t work like that. He is mine, so it is me you have to accuse and curse. What were you saying again?” The enemy withdrew, defeated. He knew he could not accuse the one who had shed his blood to break every curse.

*** Opens the new way.** “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

The cross not only opens the prison doors, it leads into new pathways where a nation can be healed and set free to serve.

*** Conquerors.** “Having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” (Colossians 2:15)

A catholic Priest came to his new Parish. As he talked to one man, suddenly a strange voice came out of the man. “We control this town,” it said. The Priest was amazed. He had never heard such a thing before. “I am going to preach the blood of cross,” the Priest said, “And you will be defeated.” “We know,” the voice replied. “That is what we are afraid of.” By the power of the cross, we can take back the land which the enemy has stolen.

The power of the cross is as strong as every intercessor who stands in the power of the cross is strong.

Gates room - worship

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 5:13-14)

Why is worship so powerful?

*** Worship lifts the name.** (Philippians 2:9-11)

The enemy hates the sound of worship. It reminds him of what he has lost and will never have again, however much he attacks in the gates. This one word from Jesus crushes him . **“Worship the Lord your God and him alone.”** (Matthew 4:10)

*** Worship lifts the authority of the Lord.** (Matthew 28:20)

The enemy claims authority - “All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.” (Revelation 13:8)

But he does not want to be reminded of this - **“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.”** (Luke 11:21-22)

*** Worship breaks the enemy. (1 Samuel 7:8-11)**

The enemy had planned to destroy Israel at Mizpah, but worship broke him -

The people 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.

*** Worship establishes the throne.**

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. 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. (Revelation 5:7-14)

Intercessors in this gate need to be strong and worship will make them strong

Gates room - repentance

Unrepentance has to be dealt with to free the gates.

Unrepentance has been around for a long time. Lamech, a descendant of Cain showed no sign of repentance at what Cain did or at what he himself had done. His unrepentance has rolled down the generations and damages England today.

Then Lamech said to his wives: “Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”

(Genesis 24:23-4)

Unrepentance has to be removed and the rebellion ended. Intercessors in this gate will have to be profoundly aware of the unrepentant nature of the nation. They will have to draw that unrepentant spirit into themselves and bring it to the Lord to be broken. It can be done.

Here is my vision.

*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.*

Everyone waited quietly, and then 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 nation.

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. Tears poured down and became a small trickle which ran towards the feet of Jesus. His tears ran and mixed with the tears of the people. He began to intercede in Gethsemane pain. “Father,” he cried “have mercy.”

Gates room - revival

Revival is needed and possible. These words are from writing about the Hebridean revival which will encourage the intercessors in this tower as they pray for revival.

“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—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.”

Will God revive?

The writer of Psalm 85 tries to answer this question and gives intercessors some material on which to think and pray.

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation. (Psalm 85:6)

What is the Psalmist asking for?

The Septuagint and Vulgate help here, translating “Will you not revive us again,” as **“Returning, wilt thou not give us life?”** The word revive means **“to live; to cause to live.”** and the idea is that of recovering from a condition of death.

One writer puts it like this - “Everything among them was like such a winter, when there is neither leaf, nor flower, nor grass, nor fruit; or like such a drought, when desolation is seen everywhere; or like the grave, where the dead repose. The image of spring, after a long and dreary winter, is one also which will properly describe the condition of the church when the influences of the Spirit have been long withheld, and when, under the visitations of grace, religion seems to live again among the people of God.”

Does the Lord want to revive and what will he do?

Here are the promises in this Psalm for intercessors to build on. (The bold type is mine.)

* You, Lord, showed **favour** to your land you **restored** the fortunes of Jacob.

*You **forgave the iniquity** of your people and **covered all their sins**.

*You **set aside all your wrath** and turned from your fierce anger.

* **Restore us** again, God our Saviour, and put away your displeasure toward us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

This promise was revealed again at Pentecost -

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)

I had this vision while I was working in Ghana. A woman wanted to boil her pot to cook vegetables. She had wood but no fire. She went to a friend and took a red hot charcoal in her tongs and carried it to her fire. She had to carry the red hot charcoal carefully so she kept it low to the ground. As she moved along the ground everywhere the charcoal touched the grass it caught fire.

Intercessors have the power to pray that the fire of the spirit will move and the grass will catch alight.

Top of the tower

Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. (Isaiah 62:10)

As intercessors begin their ministry having passed through the tower, here is a verse to reflect on as they look for the gates and try to break them and retake them:-

* **Pass through** has the meaning of “Enter.” Intercessors have the right to enter and retake the gates.

* **Prepare the way.** Intercessors need to break every covenant, every witchcraft, every curse and every sin, especially the sins of our Fathers.

* **Build up the highway** of intercession, sacrifice, and worship. These are the “stones” of the gates.

* **Raise a banner.** Intercessors proclaim the Lordship of Jesus over every gate.

Inside a tower - Hawaii

Introduction

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

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.

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.

Hawaii 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 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)

Hawaii 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."

Hawaii 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.

Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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.

The spiritual warfare environment of the Hawaii tower

The guardian Hawaii 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 Hawaii 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."

The character of the Guardian tower intercessor

The intercessory character is common across all of our intercessory experience. Are there specific characteristics which guardian intercessors might need?

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. Maybe the guardian intercessors are going to face opposition from powerful people. Then intercessors 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 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.

Chapter 5: Why intercessors fail

(Chapter 5 is linked to video 5.
It describes why intercession fails)

Introduction

The towers ministry is about intercession. It is a very positive ministry because intercession is a very positive experience and contributes enormously to the work of the Kingdom. It is mostly a hidden ministry and easily misunderstood. During the 40 years that I have been involved in it I have experienced great highs and great lows. It places a great burden on the human spirit and yet it is one of the most thrilling experiences of my Christian life.

The intercessors are the lamps of God – so precious and so necessary. They are often alone, often isolated and ignored, their intercession seen only by the Lord. But they are vital to the future of God's people everywhere. **If intercession or intercessors fail the towers are very vulnerable.**

I have often thought that Hitler's rise was due to a failure of the intercessors to guard the gates of Germany. If I am right then any failure of intercession can have catastrophic implications for any nation. Intercessors need to know what might lead to a failure of the intercessory stream.

Why do intercessors fail?

Here is my vision.

In my prayers, I saw a large desert. It was barren and lifeless. The Lord said to me, "Dig." So I took a spade and began to dig. After a while, I uncovered hundreds of lamps. They were all broken. They had not shone any light for years. "What is this?" I asked. The Lord began to cry. "My intercessors," he said. "Once they shone but now they are lost."

Why do the intercessors fail?

- * Some intercessors have just got **weary and tired**. God's people in Israel got weary and tired as they had to live in slavery and bondage for so many years. The Bible tells us that **"The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out."** (Exodus 2:23) Some - maybe many intercessors have been worn down and have just given up. They have had so many years with nothing to show for their intercession, and one day they found that they just did not have the energy to carry on.
- * Some intercessors had **no support at all**. No one seemed to care so they just stopped
- * Some intercessors - maybe many - **have been destroyed by the Church**.
- * Jeremiah the Prophet had to put up with a lot from God's people. One day he nearly reached the end of his life when this happened: -

Then the officials said to the king, “This man should be put to death. He is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin.” “He is in your hands,” King Zedekiah answered. “The king can do nothing to oppose you.” So they took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king’s son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud. (Jeremiah 38:4-6)

Many intercessors have been so attacked, ridiculed and judged by God’s people that they have been pushed into the muddy pit, never to rise again.

* Some intercessors - maybe many - have been **crushed by the enemy**. Despair, hopelessness, sickness, financial trouble, problems at work and home - have broken their willingness to intercede. The Bible tells us this about Satan - **“The Thief comes to kill and steal and destroy.”** (John10:10)

Satan has, effectively, killed many Lamps.

* Some intercessors have survived. **They hid themselves away**. They refused to be beaten down. They refused to yield. These have kept a tiny flame flickering – but they are few.

Lost sight of the Lord & the call

One of the main reasons intercessors fail is the reason why Peter failed. He and they made this mistake -

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” (Matthew 14:28-30)

Under the pressure of the wind and the waves Peter forgot his call, lost sight of the power of his Lord and turned his eyes to the deceits of the enemy. Inevitably he failed. Having taught intercession in over 60 countries and met many intercessors I think that the reason most intercessors fail is for exactly the same reason that Peter failed. They have forgotten their call, turned their eyes away from the Lord and let the enemy dictate what should happen.

Consequences

Failures in intercession have serious consequences.

The Lord’s covering is lost

One of the functions of the intercessors is to maintain the Lord’s covering over the nation and God’s people. This will prevent the nation straying from his path. A failure here can be catastrophic as the Jewish people discovered.

The Jews refused to listen to the Lord and his message over the need for repentance and new beginnings. Their answer to him was this - "Abraham is our father." (John 8:49) Once they had said this their covering was lost. Their failure to discern the mind of God through the witness of Jesus had terrible consequences. In the year 133 C.E. the Romans crushed the rebellion of the Jews against their rule. Based on archeological evidence, between 500,000–600,000 Jews were estimated to have been killed in the conflict, with a significant number of captives sold into slavery. It has become a 2000 year judgement.

If intercessors fail then the Lord's covering is no longer present over the nation and God's people. This is truly a terrible failure.

The Lord's grace does not flow

Intercessors encourage people to put God first. This enables his continual grace into their lives and the life of the nation. When the Jewish people returned from exile in 539/538 B.C.E. They did not put God first. Those who prayed did not ensure that the people put God first. In this case, the consequence was the denial of the grace of the harvest.

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." (Haggai 1:5-6)

Intercessory failure removes both the covering and the flow of grace. This causes such sorrow in the heart of the Lord and should cause great repentance in the heart of the intercessors.

The lost promises

Intercessors must ensure that the promises of God are held onto and obeyed so that they can be fulfilled. Failure here brings a terrible disaster on any nation. God's people refused to take the land that he had promised them. They rejected the promise and this is what the Lord said -

“Certainly all the people who have seen my glory and my signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not listened to my voice, shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who were disrespectful to Me see it.” (Numbers 14:22-23)

Intercessory failure led to the loss of a whole generation.

The path is lost

Intercessors through their intercession move the heart of God to keep the people of God in the right way. They seek God for the right path and then call the people to follow it. If they fail this is the consequence -

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

(Matthew 7:13-14)

The enemy advances

This is the ultimate and terrible consequence of the failure of intercession and intercessors.

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 'An enemy did this,' he replied."

(Matthew 13:24-8)

Many nations in the world are in turmoil. When I see great upheaval physical, economic or natural disaster my immediate conclusion as an intercessor is that the intercessory stream has failed.

How does an intercessor start again?

The enemy seems to be advancing all over the world. These are very unsettled times and the Lord is calling all intercessors to the fight. That's why he is raising up the towers around the world. He wants to call any intercessors who have given up to start again. The Christian faith is all about starting again no matter how much things have gone wrong. If any intercessors reading this want to make a new beginning, here's the way.

Fix your eyes on Jesus

Prophet Samuel gives the starting point. **“If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts.”** (1 Samuel 7:2)
Those who have stopped their intercession need to confess their sinfulness and failure, and ask the Lord to recommission them.

The writer to the Hebrews outlines this re commissioning in a very positive encouraging way. (The bold text is mine.)

Therefore, since we are **surrounded by** such a great cloud of witnesses, let us **throw off** everything that hinders and **the sin** that so easily entangles. And let us run with **perseverance** the race marked out for us, **fixing our eyes** on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he **endured** the cross, scorning its shame, and **sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.** (Hebrews 12:1-2)

* **Surrounded.** Intercessors are not alone. They are surrounded by all those intercessors who gone before them. Many of the intercessors of the past have failed but were able to restart and continue their intercessory ministry.

* **Throw off...the sin.** It's time for the intercessors to take off the old clothes of failure and burn them! Once repentance has been offered and received the enemy has no further claim.

* **Perseverance.** Here is a lovely description of perseverance from an older theologian- “It is the characteristic of a man or woman who is not swerved from their deliberate purpose by even the greatest trials and sufferings.”

*** Fixing our eyes.** Like Peter the eyes of the intercessors must be locked onto Jesus and nothing else. Then the enemy will have no room to disturb or detract.

Renew the fire of the spirit

Elijah was a great intercessor but he needed his fire renewed - **Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.**

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The old fire has died, as it had died in Elijah. New fire was needed and Elijah would be given that at Mount Carmel -

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. (1 Kings 19:11-13)

Intercessors who beginning again need to be fired up by the power of the spirit as Elijah was on Carmel and the disciples were at Pentecost.

Take up the fight again

When Peter was arrested and put in prison the situation was desperate. He would certainly have been killed the next day. So the intercessors had to take up the fight -

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. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. (Acts 12:1-5)

The intercessors in the church in Jerusalem could not wait. The battle was “now” and the battle was urgent. If they had failed Peter would have died. The situation today is no less serious. It is time for those intercessors who have stopped interceding to come back to the fight. If they do not the consequences maybe worse than have ever been seen before.

Prayer of surrender

This prayer of Dietrich Bonhoeffer might help some intercessors as they return to their task. It was written in prison and is an honest giving of self into the Lord’s hands. He was murdered by the Nazi regime so he has some credibility to write this prayer.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer ’s prayer -

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.
Help me to pray and gather my thoughts to you,
I cannot do it alone.
In me it is dark, but with you there is light;
I am lonely, but you do not desert me;
My courage fails me, but with you there is help;
I am restless, but with you there is peace;
in me there is bitterness,
but with you there is patience;
I do not understand your ways,
but you know the way for me.
Father in Heaven praise and thanks be to you
for the night.

Charles Finney

I came across these principles when I was reading Charles Finney recently and I think they might be helpful for intercessors as they find their way back.

- 1.** Prayer opens the soul to God; lifts the soul up to God. God floods with light the soul of those who open their hearts to him in earnest, pleading prayer
- 2.** Prayer increases faith and brings spiritual blessing. It is through prayer that we become acquainted with God, and a more intimate knowledge of God must of necessity increase our faith.
- 3.** Prayer enlists us for God's will. It puts us in an attitude of receptivity where we become more willing to do God's bidding. It increases our desire to know and to do his will, and thus enlists us in his service.
- 4.** Prayer gives us determination, patience and the courage to face and conquer the problems, and difficulties of life. It not only gives us the spiritual strength to do so, but often the necessary physical strength as well.

Chapter 6: Towers around the world

At the time of writing these are the towers I have discovered so far. Where possible I have suggested where they're placed but as I have reflected some of the places have changed.

1. Intimate (Middle East)

In this tower the intercessors are intimate with the Lord. They have to bear the burden of the cross and understand the sacrifice that the Father made in sending his Son. This testimony will be an unshakeable testimony.

The Greek word for intimate is “entygchano.” This is also the word used in Hebrews 7 to describe the Lord's ministry –

But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Intercession is a deeply intimate experience of the Lord. Inside this tower the intercessors will have to feel the Lord's agony for all the destruction which is around him, and then having felt that bring it to him in intimate prayer. Intercessors here will be people of a gentle spirit who will suffer quietly with the Lord they love. They have little to say but much to bear.

2. Be still (Singapore)

This tower is a warrior tower. “Be still” is the Greek word “Phimeo” – which means “to muzzle.” Intercessors in this tower will have to break many attacks of the enemy as they seek to take over this region. Here is my vision -

I was lifted up into the glory of the Lord. This was a dazzling sight, beyond describing. The glory was like a million diamonds, all reflecting and shining at the same time. I saw that this glorious light was reflected down into the creation. This glory penetrates and enfolds all. The whole of God's creation is enfolded in his glory.

Singapore stands in the middle of many great flows of the enemy's deceptions. Here is my vision of the view from this tower –

I found myself in a watchtower. Beneath me the people are going about their daily lives and they are prosperous and think they are secure. But as I lift up my eyes I look out and on the horizon I see a cloud called “Abaddon.” It wants to oppose and destroy this country.

It wants to sweep in - into the minds and the hearts of the people deceiving them in every way. Lone voices cry out but the people brush them off. “We have all we want,” they say, “and you just want to disturb us.”

The intercessors in this tower will face a bitter struggle. The enemy will be constantly trying to corrupt and destroy faith in the Lord. Intercessors here would have to have the character of Jeremiah –

“Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

(Jeremiah 1:17-19)

Warriors are needed here - intercessors will pay the price and refuse to yield.

3. Praise

The intercessors in this tower need to be strong in praise. This praise tower requires intercessors who have moved in the praises of heaven not in the praise of men. Then they will be able to lift high a powerful spiritual weapon over the world. This is the praise they must offer –

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 5:13-14)

4. Beautiful (Auschwitz)

Auschwitz is a hard place to visit. It is brutal and ugly. Yet within it beautiful things took place. Father Maximilian Kolbe sacrificed his life here. When some prisoners were to be executed - "Father Kolbe pointed with his hand to the condemned Franciszek Gajowniczek and repeated: "I am a Catholic priest from Poland; I would like to take his place because he has a wife and children."" That is exactly what he did.

Intercessors in this tower will have to spend their time gazing at the beauty of the Lord from the centre of great ugliness and like Pastor Kolbe, such sacrifice.

5. Fire

I have seen the revival fire of the Lord many times. It is not a gently burning candle or a nice wood fire in the fireplace. It is powerful, dangerous and all consuming. On many occasions I have been almost frightened by its power.

This is a dangerous tower, for the fire of the Lord is all consuming. Intercessors in this tower will be exposed to the terrifying might of the Lord.

Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. (1 Kings 18:38)

6. Purity

I once saw the Lord in all his purity. It was very challenging, and I felt like Isaiah - "Woe to me!" I cried. "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 us.

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.

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)

7. Strength (Jerusalem)

I was walking on the seashore and I saw a tree trunk laying on the beach. It was black with oil and it had been burned hard by the sun and the salt and the rain. No matter how many times it was battered on the rocks it showed no sign of breaking. It had been made as hard as rock by the natural elements and I think it's probably still there!

This is a good description of the tower in Jerusalem. It is a very old tower and a very strong tower with very deep roots. The intercessors in this tower will absorb the strength to be found here. They will have to learn to pray through that strength to break the enemy in so many places.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

(Ephesians 6:10)

8. Worship

God's people were made to worship. It is the ultimate blessing - to be filled by the Spirit with worship to offer to the Lord. It is God-centred. It flows from him and not from the hearts of his people. He gives it into hearts which are ready to offer it back. It's beautiful.

The worship in this tower is so pure that it is not exercised with words but pours from the heart to the throne of God. The intercessor here will have to be those who pray with deep emotion.

Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

(Psalm 96:9)

9. Beloved (London)

Here is my vision. As yet I can not give any detail about this.

One day I asked the Lord - "Show me your heart." I saw the most beautiful sunset I had ever seen. "Is this beauty your heart?" I said. Then I was lifted up to a high mountain and looked out over the range of snow tipped mountains before me. It was breath-taking. "Is this your heart?" I said. I was shown a mighty river cutting its way through a gorge. It was so powerful and strong. "Is this your heart?" I said. Then he turned to me, took me in his arms and held me so close that I felt his heartbeat. "This," he said, "is my heart."

10. Pillar (Philadelphia, Turkey)

I have visited Philadelphia, in Turkey. It is a small set of ruins, surrounded by another faith. But its secret is its position at the end of a long valley. It can watch and it can send moves of the Spirit from the valley to pour out over the whole land. Here is how the Revelation sees it - **"I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."** (Revelation 3:8)

This is a tower of great strength standing at a crossroads of the spiritual world. Intercessors here will have to have wide and deep vision of the things of God. **The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.** (1 Corinthians 2:10)

11. Tears (Argentina)

On the afternoon of 30 April 1977, 14 courageous women set aside all their fears and worries and left their homes to confront the Dictatorship which had stolen their children.

That day marked the first weekly march in the Plaza de Mayo by the mothers of Argentina's "disappeared" against the military commanders who had planned the systematic murder of thousands of their sons, daughters and husbands. They marched and marched and marched. mothers are not easily beaten, and they were not beaten.

Four decades and 2,037 marches later, the mothers are still marching, though some of them must now use wheelchairs. The mothers' white headscarves became a symbol of courage and their hard struggle for justice. They have largely succeeded in their original aims. By 2016, more than 1,000 of the dictatorship's torturers and killers had been tried and 700 sentenced.

The mothers of Argentina cried. It took a long time, but their tears were not wasted. Things can be changed - impossible things - when women pray and act. The intercessors in this tower are going to have to learn how to offer tears to the Lord for what is around the tower. This is a very high price to pay. Here is a warning - intercessors here have learnt how to grieve, be very determined and willing to pay any price in their intercession.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. (Psalm 126:5)

12. Healing (Germany and other places)

The people of God often overlook this verse - **On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.** (Revelation 22:2)

Personal healing is a wonderful ministry, but the Lord wants to heal nations. This means that God's people have to be aware of the history of their nation, love their nation and want all that God has for the nation. Sadly, so many of God's people do not care about the nations.

The Intercessors in this tower are praying for the healing of the nations. This is a tower caught up in very tough situations. It's a very tough tower to be in.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
(Jeremiah 29:11)

13. Peace (Hiroshima)

I found this on a travel site – "On September 20, 1964, the peace bell was erected as a symbol of the spiritual and cultural movement, aiming to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and war. On the surface of the bell is a map of the world without borders symbolising "the world is one.""

I'm not criticising this but it is a man centred symbol. The tower of intercession here is totally different being God focussed. The intercessors in this tower carry the sufferings of the world and the hope for peace and reconciliation. The burden of peace is written on their hearts and in their emotions. Tough place.

14. Perpetual worship

In my book "The way of the cross" I wrote this description of heaven. At the time of writing, it is as far as I have got.

"The Pilgrims wanted to mark the new beginning and the new hope. So they built a beautiful new house for the Lord. Into the foundations they poured their love, and the walls were built from their praise. A river of forgiveness flowed in the house, and they were daily cleansed and made new. They promised that they would never come to his house to take, but only to give. In the house, the name of the Lord was held in high honour. Glory shone and heaven rejoiced. Satan was afraid and feared to come near. Then the Lord came again to his people. They rejoiced at his presence and offered him love from a pure heart."

As I wrote these words I was transported to heaven and enjoyed the worship of the angels, the invisible church and my own heart. Somewhere here the tower of perpetual worship is to be found. It is situated in the high heavens where the wild birds fly. It is a tower of pure worship, so it is very hard to describe. It is one of the towers I have chosen.

Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness. (Psalm 96:9)

15. Power

The plagues which Moses released over Egypt were a power contest. Satan was determined to keep the Israelites in slavery so each time Moses released a plague he opposed it. But when the final plague came it would clear who had the power. Pharaoh admits his defeat –

During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested.” (Exodus 12:31)

This tower attracts enormous spiritual opposition. It is a tower of overcoming and breaking the thrusts of the enemy.

16. Resurrection (Ireland)

When the monks of St Patrick's time wanted to establish a new church, they got into a small round boat, with no sail or steerage. They set out to sea, with no idea of where they might go. Many drowned in this process. Those who survived came to land, and there they built their church. They called the place where they landed “the place of resurrection.”

This story contains the essence of this tower. Risk to death, and glorious success. This is a tower of incredible cost. For resurrection pre-supposes death. This is a tough place for intercessors. Hold on to this - **“I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.” (Revelation 1:18)**

17. Stillness

I woke up early one morning and there was a very strange atmosphere in my room. It was completely still. Outside, down the valley everything was completely still. It was as if everything had been frozen in time. I asked the Lord what was happening, and he said - "There is a great stillness to be found in the heaven."

I was reminded of Elijah's experience –

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. (Kings 19:11-13)

This tower is the "small still voice." It hardly raises a whisper yet it can change the world. Intercessors here have to have a quiet spirit.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10)

18. Strong

I've been reading the story of the Celtic monk Brendan in his document "Brendan the Navigator." He sets out on a very tough journey and yet he has an inner strength which shows itself again and again. Here are his words as he sets out on his journey -

“Brothers do not fear. God is our helper, sailor and helmsman, and he guides us. Ship all the oars and rudder. Just leave the sail spread and God will do as he wishes with his servants and their ship.” Strength in the strength of our Christian faith, and that strength can be released from this tower. It's another fighting tower and the intercessors here standing firmly in the faith of Brendan and all the northern Saints we have to pray for the release of power into many situations.

This tower has been a place of prayer for centuries. It stands in the Celtic stream of faith, flowing from Ireland.

“Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”
(Ephesians 6:10)

19. Blessing

I had this picture.

A man gathered up lots of beautiful flowers and brought them into the church to give to God's people. But God's people said, “What do you think you're doing! You can't just walk in here and start giving out flowers. Get out!” And they threw him out. The Lord said to me - “I was that man. I wanted to bless my church with so many gifts but they rejected me.” The flowers fell from his hands onto the ground and were trampled by those passing by.

I share this picture as a warning to those who come into this tower. In this tower the intercessors are channels of God's blessing to all his creation.

It's not an easy tower to be in because creation rejects so much of what God wants to give. This is painful to see and experience. We will feel rejected, we will see the blessings lost and yet we must continue to try and absorb the blessings of God and release them into his creation. Not an easy tower to be in.

20. Watching over

I've been thinking over Ezekiel's Commission -

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, speak to your people and say to them: 'When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not heed the warning and the sword comes and takes their life, their blood will be on their own head.'"

(Ezekiel 33:1-4)

Intercessors in this tower are like Ezekiel, watching over the work of God but from within his heart and not from our own human wisdom.

21. Protection

Walking home from dropping the children at school a huge storm broke - thunder, lightning and heavy rain. As I came round the corner I saw a small child, standing in the rain, crying and very frightened. I went to her and took her into the tiny shelter which I had seen. I held her hand and talked to her until the storm passed. Then, without any thanks, she skipped away.

Many people and groups are so vulnerable and need the protection of the Lord. They need to be gathered up into the arms of the intercessors and taken to him. In this tower intercessors will have to protect those who are weak, innocent or being abused or exploited. They will have to share their pain and take it to the Lord. A tough tower to be in.

22. Raise a banner (Solomon islands)

A banner in front of an army is a common idea. Romans followed their standard and soldiers follow the flag during the first Great War. Here Isaiah sees the Exiles returning following the raised banner.

Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. (Isaiah 62:10)

In this tower the intercessors will be constantly lifting the banner of the Lord over situations in his world. They will make sure that every situation is under the banner of Jesus Christ is Lord. The enemy will never be able to sneak in because the banner will always be lifted by the intercessors here.

23. Everlasting love (Northern India)

I had this vision.

I saw pure glass - purer than I have ever seen. It was just like pure ice. The Lord said:- "I have placed my pure love far away from people, so that it could remain unbroken and pure. From here, a wave of my love breaks eternally over my creation. No matter what they do, my whole creation lays in the shadow of my love for them."

This for me defines this tower. It is a tower of reassurance. A tower to remind creation that the love of the Lord which flowed from the beginning of time continues to flow and will always flow however tough things seem to be.

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)

24. Agony

As a pastor I was called to visit a family who had started coming to my church. It was a very nice house and we sat in comfortable chairs drinking coffee that everything seemed quite normal. Suddenly without any warning the woman began to cry. The tears ran down her face and stained her makeup and slowly she sank down and down and fell on the floor, curled into a ball and sobbed and sobbed and sobbed. I couldn't understand where this agony was coming from and then the husband said, "We lost a baby."

In her agony I caught a glimpse of the Lord's agony as he suffers even today for the rejection which his people and his creation pour on him. Yet still he was willing to go to Calvary and still he is willing to suffer today. Intercessors in this tower will have to be able to bear the burden of the Lord's sacrifice at Calvary.

25. Passion of Jesus (Taiwan)

In one of her visions, Julian of Norwich saw the Lord and writes this –

“Then they took an old red robe, foul, misshapen, and of poor quality, and clothed him with it. And [they] took a wreath of sharp thorns, instead of a crown, and thrust [it] on his head and gave him a sceptre in his hand – all for scorn.”

She was experiencing in the spirit the passion of the Lord. Intercessors in this tower will experience in their spirits the passion of the Lord. In this way they will bring it into the 21st century and its power can be released into every and any situation. This is a great privilege - and a very high price to pay.

26. Flowering (Austria)

I had this vision I saw the Lord walking in a Meadow and everywhere he placed his feet flowers began to grow it was really beautiful then he called to me and said - “Come and walk with me.” So I did and after a while he said - “Look behind you.” When I turned round I could see along the path which I had been treading flowers were growing.

This beautiful tower will bring the flowering of the Lord into many lives and many nations. As the intercessors walk with the Lord and bear his burdens the flowers will grow.

27. Fire (2)

This is my vision –

I saw a mighty angel with a fiery torch in his hands. Prayers were pouring up to the Lord, like liquid gold, and he delighted in every one. Then the Lord spoke. "Go to every church in the land. Hold the torch high so that I can examine the heart of my people. When you find those who are longing for me, touch them with the fire."

The angel went through the land, examining the heart of each church. Where the spirit of repentance was found, the angel touched the church with the torch and the church caught fire and became a great column of fire, blazing and burning away all the sin of the filth that had come into the land. Many fell down before the fire and confessed their sins. Those churches burnt even brighter and a light began to spread in the land.

Some churches were found to be so full of sin and corruption that they could not burn. They opposed the light, shouting, "Why have you come to trouble us? Leave us alone!" But this time, the fire could not be resisted and it burnt them to death. A new fire began to burn in the land. This is exactly what intercessors in this tower will be praying for - a new fire in the land.

28. Gold

This was my vision –

I saw oil, flowing like liquid gold from the cross. It contained all the goodness of salvation. It poured over me, and I wanted to laugh, to dance, to run and to sing. More and more oil flowed over me, and the more it flowed, the more I wanted it to flow. Light sparkled in it like diamonds and glory shone in it like the sun. Then the vision faded, and I was alone again, healed, stronger, yet more broken. Death and life lived in me.

Intercessors in this tower will be living in a very strong flow of the spirit, releasing all the goodness of God into his creation.

29. Blessing (2)

This was my vision -

I saw a river, a very deep river, flowing gently in its bed. This river had a name. "The intimacy of his blessing." Silently and with great tenderness the river flowed into me. It enfolded every part of me and I knew and I was known. Everything in him became me and everything in me became him. I was held and I never wanted to let go.

Intercessors in this tower will be releasing the blessings of the Lord for his creation, but to know them they will have to go profoundly deep into the spiritual world. A very challenging experience.

30. Gladness

The disciples knew gladness – **The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.** (John 20:20) Intercessors in this tower will have to have the same experience of gladness in the lord as they battle the despair of the world around them.

31. Majesty

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. (Isaiah 6:1-4)

Isaiah had such a clear understanding of the majesty of the Lord. Intercessors in this tower will share his heart and exalt the majesty of the Lord in the dark places.

32. Gentle

This is my vision.

There is a place I found, far above all in the highest and most distant place. Here, far away, here is nothing and the nothing is everything. The nothing filled my soul, and in it I found everything I ever wanted. Here I rested and here I want to spend my eternity within the nothing of the everything of God.

At last, in the highest of the high places I found peace and I was content.

Intercessors in this tower must, like me enter into this gentle place and intercede.

33. The voice of the Lord (Russia)

As I saw this tower, these words came into my mind. **“The voice of the Lord breaks the Cedars of Lebanon.”** (Psalm 29:1) This is a calling tower - calling out the unshakeable truth of the Lord over a land which once held them but has so easily abandoned them. It is an optimistic tower. Nothing can break the word of the Lord over this land.

34. The light of the Lord (India)

I looked into the spiritual world and saw so many deceits. Suddenly a light swept over the land - a bright penetrating light as comes from a lighthouse. Hope was born.

35. Searching (America)

As I saw this tower, these words came to me - **“The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.”** (1 Corinthians 2:10-11) I think this tower is a place where intercessors will be searching for the deep roots of America - the secure foundation which was once there and still is - somewhere.

36. River of life

This is my vision -

The Pilgrims sat down by a river. It was cool and they refreshed themselves with pure water and they began to sing praises to the Lord who had saved them. The air began to move with the presence of the Spirit, and their praises were lifted up into heaven. The power of the Lord grew mightily in strength among them. Heaven rejoiced, and for the first time, the dark powers began to worry. "This," they said "could break our hold. We will have to act."

The intercessors in this tower will be filled with life and praise. This will draw out the dark powers, who will have to be confronted.

37. I am the lord that heals (Vietnam)

As I looked at this tower in Vietnam I saw how much this whole area needs the healing touch of the Lord. Intercessors here will have to share the pain of this whole area and seek the Lord for the release of healing.

38. I will restore (Cambodia)

This is my vision -

As I looked down, I saw below me a cloud. But not a normal cloud. This one was made up of what looked like ropes or cords. Each one was very tight, and they were all twisted together. There seemed to be so much anger and spite in this cloud.

As I looked through it, I saw millions of people, trying to live under the shadow of this anxiety and tension. There seemed to be little freedom. Then suddenly waves began to sweep around me. They were ugly waves and seemed to have freedom to move as they wanted to. I was very troubled by this.

What hope was there? Then I saw a small wave, very beautiful, waiting to come. It was filled with love for this whole area, and I heard a voice in the wave saying, "I will restore."

The intercessors here have a hard task - but a lovely hope - the small voice.

39. Love (Tierra del Fuego)

Here is my vision -

"I placed this tower far away from the affairs of men, so that it could remain unbroken and pure. From here, a wave of my love, my agape love, breaks eternally over my creation. No matter what they do, my whole creation lays in the shadow of my love for them."

The intercessors in this tower will be channels of the Lord's love.

40. Blazing fire (America)

Here is my vision.

The angel of the Lord is searching the land, carrying a light in one hand and blazing fire in the other. The angel is beginning to search – looking for hearts which can be set white hot ablaze for the honour of the Lord.

What a tough tower! Blazing with the fire of the Lord and seeking for hearts that can be set white hot ablaze. Such fire burns those that carry it.

41. Flowering (2)

I saw a very barren land. It was covered in briars and thistles. As I looked this verse came to my mind - "I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:19) This tower will bring flowering to barren and hard places.

42. Watcher

As I saw this tower, these words came to my mind - "I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled." (Jeremiah 1:12) This tower is full of very observant intercessors, who are watching carefully. I do not know what they are watching over or why.

43. Dedicate (Portugal)

As I stood in this tower, these words from Mary came to my mind - "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." (Luke 1:38) This is a tower dedicated to obedience to the Lord.

44. Innocence

This tower is set in a very corrupt and depraved place, where sexuality and morality have been corrupted.

45. Yearning

I saw a man coming close to the things of God, but when he saw the cost of following, he walked away as fast as he could. In this tower, the intercessors must feel the yearning of God for the salvation of all and allow it to pour onto these who have or are turning away.

46. Deep things of the Spirit

This is a very challenging tower. The intercessors here we have to search the deep things of the spirit. Apostle Paul teaches this "The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God." This is what will happen in the deep tower. (1 Corinthians 2:10)

47. Proclaim

This is such a strong tower. I recall these verses -

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. (Psalm 19:1-4)

Next to Jerusalem, this is probably the most powerful tower.

48. Victory

The intercessors in this tower stand in and proclaim to the heavenlies the victory of the Lord. Many forces will attack it but will all fail. "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57)

49. The Lost

This is my vision -

I was driving along a sandy road. It was not an easy road and it was gradually disappearing into the sand. Finally it stopped and the car ploughed into the desert. There was no road ahead and I was a long way from safety and security.

I felt very lost. Intercessors in this tower are also going to feel very lost, and from this lostness they must intercede.

Our part

Slowly the Lord began to make it clear to me that these towers had a function. Intercessors have a part to play in them. I began to wonder who might join me in this unusual journey to discover the towers and to pray inside them. I realised that I would have to find those that could join me and share with them what the Lord wanted to be done. I knew that they had to be people who had deep intercessory spirits and deep intercessory experience. This is intercession for the battle hardened.

How will the towers affect us? What can we expect inside them? What are we expected to do? What might we be joining up to? These questions must now be faced but first are there any satanic towers that need to be considered?

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. (Habakkuk 2:1)

*** Reflecting the character**

Each tower is different. Intercessors in each tower will reflect the character of their tower. Some towers will appeal to some and not others. Our character will be matched to the character of the tower. Here is a rough idea of some of the character of some of the towers.

- 1. intimate.** Sensitive to the Lord.
- 2. Be still (Singapore).** Character of a fighter.
- 3. Praise (Athens).** Heart of praise.
- 4. Beautiful (Auschwitz).** Longing to gaze on his beauty.
- 5. Fire.** Open to works of power.
- 6. Purity.** Longing for purity.
- 7. Strength (Jerusalem).** Strong in the things of the Lord. Unshakeable.

- 8. Worship (Clair Vaux. France).** Heart of worship.
- 9. Beloved.**
- 10. Pillar (Philadelphia).** Searching the deep things.
- 11. Tears (Argentina).** Deeply sensitive.
- 12. Healing (Germany and other places).** Burden for release of healing.
- 13. Peace (Hiroshima).** Deep awareness of the need and cost of peace.
- 14. Perpetual worship.** Ceaseless worship, unending, deep, eternal.
- 15. Power.** The Lord is king and nothing can stand against him.
- 16. Resurrection (Ireland).** Calling the dead back to life.
- 17. Stillness.** Abandoned to stillness.
- 18. Strong.** Courage in the face of opposition.
- 19. Blessing.** Longing to release blessing.
- 20. Watching over.** Never resting.
- 21. Protection.** Heart for the lost and abandoned.
- 22. Raise a banner. (Solomon islands)** Joy and thanksgiving.

23. Everlasting love (Northern India). Deeply committed to the love of the Lord.

24. Agony. Willingness to feel the agony.

25. Passion of Jesus (Taiwan). Re-living the passion.

26. Flowering (Austria). A sensitive spirit.

27. Fire. Passion

28. Gold. Purity

**This list is not complete and others are mentioned in the text.
This is a developing project.**

Chapter 7: Blazing fire tower

Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!” (1 Kings 18:38-9)

Here is my vision -

I saw the world and everywhere there were temples of darkness. They were strong and from them spite poured out to crush God’s people. Many surrendered without a fight and entered the temples. Some opposed the darkness, and released the fire of the Holy Spirit into the dark places. The struggle began.

The struggle

The Lord is seeking

The angel of the Lord is searching the land, carrying a light in one hand and blazing fire in the other. The angel is beginning to search – looking for hearts which can be set on fire for the honour of the Lord. What a tough tower! Blazing with the fire of the Lord and seeking for hearts that can be set on fire to burn away the darkness.

The enemy is doing the same

I was waiting to speak at a church in Africa, when I saw, in the spirit, the approach of a man dressed in black. He was at the head of a mighty army, and each had, on their coat, a dark and twisted cross. "Who are you?" I asked. "We are the black Satanic army of the cross," they replied, "and we are waiting to attack and to destroy." I tried to command them to go away, but they did not move. Then the pillar of fire and cloud, which had led the Israelites out of Egypt rose up and separated me from them.

A few days later, when I was leading a conference on intercession, I saw the army again. This time I saw that they were waiting. "Our time has not come yet," they said. This time I ignored their presence, and eventually the vision faded. My heart was troubled.

Waiting to attack?

Is an army of evil waiting to attack? If it is, why are they held back, for how long will they be held back. What will happen when they are released? Is it possible to turn them back? Where does the tower of blazing fire stand in this? The black army wants to make a mockery of the cross.

It mocks with these words - **"Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"** (Matthew 27:40) It wants men and women to laugh at such a stupid idea. This mockery blinds eyes to the truth.

“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)

The tower of blazing fire?

I was reflecting on the burning bush but I had never really understood the fire. Then the Lord spoke to me in the following vision. I encourage those who intercede in the tower of blazing fire to reflect carefully on what I heard, as I have done so.

I saw the burning bush, which while full of fire and light, was not consumed. The Lord said “The world could not consume me, though I suffered much and still suffer. You will suffer much, as I did, but you will not be consumed by the world. You will release many who are trapped in the darkness. You will release many to confess their sins. You will release the penetrating fire of repentance. But your higher calling is to speak his words into the desperate and dying world. This will be your suffering and your glory.”

Rooms in the blazing fire 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

This verse is written on the door -

Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. (1 Kings 18:38)

The blazing fire tower is a dangerous tower. The 21st century church teaches a God of love, which is lovely. But this can blind intercessors to a very powerful truth - the fire of God has immense power and if intercessors are going to pray in this tower they are approaching an extremely powerful force. For example -

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. (Psalm 29:3-5)

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. (Matthew 27:51-2)

The fire of the Lord is intensely powerful and irresistible. There is no need to fear it because it comes from a God who wants only good for his people and for his creation. Nevertheless it is not unrealistic to say that the blazing fire of the Lord is at least challenging and at most dangerous.

Room of exposure

In this room the works of the enemy are revealed to the intercessors. This will help them be more effective in their intercession. What must be exposed? The enemy will be exposed. His deceits, schemes, violence, aggression and the passion to dominance. Intercessors will have to go deeply down into the spiritual world in this room to understand what needs to be exposed.

Here is my vision -

I saw before me a mighty continent, but it was covered by angry clouds and a ring of fire. The fire was burning around it and beginning to destroy it. From inside this fire I heard many voices. "Corrupted!" "Fallen from grace!" "Mocking!" "Ridicule!" "Man is god!" "Tear down the divine." These were such ugly sounds and I blocked my ears, but I could not keep the voices out.

From this vision the deceits of the enemy began to be exposed to me.

*** The denial of the cross and the plan to lead people away from it**

The enemy is trying to empty the cross. Apostle Paul warned of this - **"In case the cross of Christ be emptied of its power."** (1 Corinthians 1:17)

The alternative to a powerful cross is a powerless one. Satan wants to empty the cross of power - power to forgive, power to heal, power to release, power to triumph. The Satanic strategy wants to achieve completely the opposite to the sacrifice of Jesus. It wants to bind, to chain, to pull down, to humiliate, and to imprison. John shows this clearly -

“The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.” (Revelation 13:15-17)

*** The denial of any idea of perishing**

The enemy wants to blind people to the reality of this verse - **“for the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.”** (1 Corinthians 1:18) The enemy wants to reverse this verse. It wants to say - “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who believe. It cannot save. It has no power. There is no perishing or eternal judgement. All is well.”

*** The denial of reconciliation**

The enemy wants to deny this verse - **“and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.”** (Ephesians 2:16) It wants to break the cross, so that there is no reconciliation with God. The enemy wants to maintain the hostility by blinding the eyes of the world to it. If the enemy can break the cross, creation remains fallen, and in its power.

*** The denial of defeat**

The enemy wants particularly to deny this verse - **“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”**
(Colossians 2:15)

The enemy must eradicate this verse. It must destroy any idea that the cross has broken him, triumphed over him and made a public display of his powerlessness and failure.

The enemy must turn the eyes of creation away from the triumph of Jesus. It will say, “He is powerless. The cross marks his defeat. Look to us - we have the power.”

This is the fundamental deceit -

“Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”
(Daniel 3:4-6)

I was surprised by this room. I did not expect it to be the first one but as I have reflected on it I understand what the Lord is trying to say. If intercessors are going to release the consuming fire of the Lord against the enemy, then it is good to know how he is trying to work against the tower. There was nothing new here - any good intercessor will know these things already. The room is placed to prepare for what is to come.

Room of power

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 and the nature of the power intercessors will need to release the consuming fire. After the room of exposing, intercessors need to be filled with the power of the trinitarian God to fight from the top of the tower.

The "blazing fire tower" and the trinitarian God

The power of the intercessors need must be released through the Trinity.

- * 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)

Any one name of our God would be sufficient, because in the One is the Three, but in intercession it is vital to maximise the available strength. Interceding in the power of the Trinity not only puts the enemy to flight, but also draws into intercession the many gifts and offices which the Trinity releases into the church. So by praying in the power of the Trinity intercessors are praying in the power of releasing, of healing, of reclaiming, of redeeming, of sanctifying, of empowering, of delivering, of building up, of victory, of hope and of glory.

Room of Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

(Acts 2:1-4)

Intercessors in this tower will need the fire of the Holy Spirit. It's not always easy understand the personality of the Holy Spirit. This vision helped me and we will set the framework in this room.

I came to a place of great stillness. Nothing was moving. There was a deep silence. The angel said to me - "We have come to a deep place of the Holy Spirit. We have come into the heart of God." Pulses of divinity 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 was folded into these wonders, and I knelt down to worship in the joy and awe of the Spirit.

How will the fire show itself? How will it intercessors get hold of it and use it. There are some places in the Bible that give an idea.

Protecting fire. By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. (Exodus 13:21)

Even as they attack the enemy with fire the intercessors will be protected by the fire which is released through them.

Penetrating fire. Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. (1 Kings 18:38)

The fire in the hearts of the intercessors will break the enemy. The fire of the Lord is a consuming fire and cannot be withstood by the dark powers.

Intercessory fire. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
(Acts 1:8)

In the end it is the intercessory fire in the hearts of the intercessors generated by the Holy Spirit which enables the blazing fire to be released through them.

Room of warfare

Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
(1 Peter 5:8)

Many years ago, I saw, in the spirit, a whirlwind within the Continent of Africa. It was aggressive, powerful and dangerous. Its name was “Violence,” and it was always looking for places to touch down. Where it did, bloodshed and pain were to be found. Intercessors are facing a destructive enemy and this room will teach exactly what that means.

Destruction

Destruction is the aim of the enemy. John teaches in Revelation - **“Whose name in Hebrew is “Abaddon” which in Greek Apollyon.”** (The Vulgate adds this explanation adding “Destroyer.”) (Revelation 9:11)

In this room of warfare the enemy is revealed as a destroyer and this is who the intercessors in the blazing fire tower are facing. They are in battle with an enemy whose aim is to destroy. He shows himself in different ways through the Bible and intercessors need to have an idea of how he appears in his destructive role.

*** Is he Goliath – using power to dominate and kill?** (1 Samuel 17:11) This puts pressure on the intercessors.

*** Is he the golden calf - leading the world into idolatry.** (Exodus 32)

*** Is he the yeast, small, hidden and damaging.** (1 Corinthians 5:6) He isn't always Goliath. Sometimes he works in the dark slowly undermining and destroying pure faith.

*** Is he the thief, stealing the heritage.** (John 10:10) It is not always easy to spot this activity yet to destroy the heritage is the ultimate destruction.

*** Is he darkness?** (John 3:19) Is he invading the minds of people, bringing them into the darkness of bondage.

*** Is he despair?** (Revelation 13:4) This is the ultimate response to darkness. Hopeless despair invades humanity.

How can intercessors draw strength from this room? They need to absorb this verse - **“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.”** (Ephesians 6:1)

In the original language, Apostle Paul challenges intercessors to be filled with power, strength, might force and dominion of the Lord. This is mightier than any of the destructive forces of the enemy.

The armoury

Blazing fire is a tough tower and the intercessors need very strong weapons. Here are some of in the armoury of the tower.

*** The blood**

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.” (1 Peter 1:18-21)

*** Innocent blood demands justice**

“Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let's go out to the field.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” “I don't know,” he replied. “Am I my brother's keeper?” The Lord said “What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.” (Genesis 4:8-10)

*** They have to be identified with the blood**

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

Through the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup, in whatever form, intercessors identify themselves with the “better blood.” This releases power into the spiritual world.

*** Repent and bring the sin to the blood**

“I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.” (Nehemiah 1:6-7)

Intercessors need to follow the example of Nehemiah, taking the sin of the nation as if it were theirs, and bring it to the cleansing of the blood. This will break Satan’s hold.

*** The cross - our victory**

“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” (Colossians 2:15)

I came across this recently, from an intercessor of the past -
“The cross is our regimental badge, marking us out as men and women of the cross - redeemed by the cross, empowered by the cross, living crucified lives, and bringing down every stronghold and power ranged against us. When the enemy sees intercessors with this badge, he is truly afraid. He knows he must yield.”

Satan cannot stand in the presence of the consuming fire released in the hearts of intercessors who was standing in the power of the cross. **“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.””**
(1 Peter 2:24)

Top of the tower

“For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:29)

The rooms of the tower have equipped intercessors to begin to release the consuming fire against the works of darkness. This is the aim of their intercession -

*** Newness** - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

***Breaking of strongholds** - “The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.”
(2 Corinthians 10:4)

***Releasing prisoners** - “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” (Luke 4:18-19)

*** Restoration of life** - “But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” (Luke 15:32)

*** Bringing in the kingdom** – “The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”” (Revelation 11:15)

Final word

The blazing fire tower intercessors are pilgrims. Like all pilgrims, they are on a journey of discovery, but for them it is a journey in the spiritual world. They do not use their intellect but use their emotions to “see” and experience spiritual things. For intercessors in the blazing fire pilgrim, spirit speaks to Spirit.

The pressure from the enemy on those who have the courage to pray for the release of the consuming fire will be relentless. He fears intercessors for they can change the heart of God, and he also knows that his days are running out. Any enemy facing the reality of his defeat fights with a viciousness and determination unseen in normal times.

Intercession is a hard calling, and the blazing fire tower is a very hard place in which to be and from which to intercede. Yet for those who can endure, there is the possibility that the darkness of the enemy will be broken and the consuming fire of the Lord will release new dimensions of his Kingdom.

I believe the blazing fire tower is to be found in America but I haven't tried to explain the background of America. American intercessors will know this well enough. I have tried to explain the framework of the tower as I see it. I have left contextualisation to those who are in the situation. My studies of intercessors of the past I came across the following words which will encourage those who want to make this intercessory journey into the blazing fire tower.

“Prayer is the indestructible wall of the church, the unassailable fortress which terrifies the demons and protects us in the work of righteousness.”

Singapore tower

“Be still”

“Be still” is the Greek word “Phimeo” – which means “to muzzle.” Intercessors in this tower will have to break many attacks of the enemy as they seek to take over this region. This tower is a warrior tower and this will be the character of those who intercede here.

Singapore stands in the middle of many strategies of the enemy. Here is my vision of the view from this tower –

I found myself in a watchtower. Beneath me the people are going about their daily lives and they are prosperous and think they are secure. But as I look to the horizon I see a cloud called “Abaddon.” It wants to oppose and destroy this country. It wants to sweep in - into the minds and the hearts of the people deceiving them in every way. Lone voices cry out but the people brush them off. “We have all we want,” they say, “and you just want to disturb us.”

The intercessors in this tower will face a bitter struggle.

The enemy will be constantly trying to corrupt and destroy faith in the Lord. Intercessors need the strength character of Jeremiah –

“Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land— against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

(Jeremiah 1:17-19)

Inside the Singapore tower

I discovered in prayer that the Singapore tower is divided into number of rooms. Each one teaches and prepares the intercessors for standing on the summit to intercede. Here are some of the rooms I discovered.

The door

The door to this tower has these words written on it. They are warrior words. The intercessor warriors must take these words into their hearts as they begin the climb up to the top, where they will intercede.

“See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.” (Joshua 6:2)

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

“Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.” (Daniel 10:12-13)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12)

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (Colossians 2:15)

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!” (Revelation 5:12)

The room of deception

This is a difficult room. It deals with the deceptions the enemy will throw against the warriors as they seek to bring him down. Revelation 13 is in this room as it shows how the enemy uses counterfeit gifts to deceive. Here they are -

The Beast out of the sea (Revelation 13: 1-10)

This evil manifestation counterfeits Jesus in these ways -

* To steal the position of Jesus. The Bible teaches that Jesus has authority over all things (Philippians 2:11) yet **“The dragon gave the beast his power, and his throne and great authority.” (13:2)**

* To claim resurrection, the very heart of the ministry of Jesus: **“One of the heads of the beast seemed to have a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed.” (13:3)**

* To capture the hearts of all men by deception, instead of by love - **“The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. Men worshipped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast?””** (13:4)

* Not to honour but to attack God - **“The beast was given a mouth to utter blasphemies - he opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name.”** (13:5-6)

The Beast out of the earth. (Revelation 13:11-18)

The next manifestation makes the evil intentions of darkness even clearer. Jesus taught creation to honour God, out of love and thanksgiving. But the beast **“ordered them to set up an image in honour of the beast who was wounded with the sword yet lived ... He also forced everyone to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”** (Revelation 13:15-17)

The beasts had, and still have, only a single aim - to rule as God. To do this, they either fooled or destroyed God's people and fooled or enslaved all the rest. This is what “Be still” tower is dealing with, and intercessors must learn these deceptions.

Pictures

In this room, there are some pictures on the wall which show the Trinity of evil which the intercessors are facing.

Goliath. On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. (1 Samuel 17:11) **Goliath plans to overcome through fear.**

Golden Statue. "Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace." (Daniel 3:6) **This statue uses authority backed by violence.**

Golden calf. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'" (Exodus 32:7-8)

This demonic trinity is bent to the will of the greatest of demonic manifestations - Satan himself. He is the angel of light, the father of lies, the greatest of all deceivers. He is behind all that is in this room.

The room of violence

Satan is violent. It's the complete counterfeit of the Agape love of the Lord. Here is an example from the Armenian genocide -

"Along the way, the deportees were robbed of money and clothes by mobs of Turkish and Kurdish peasants. Women and girls were raped by the armed escorts who were supposed to protect them. Pregnant women were ripped open and their unborn children stuck on the tops of bayonets and left beside them."

The Bible describes much the same thing -

Then Menahem struck Tiphsah and all who were in it and its borders from Tirzah, because they did not open to him; therefore he struck it and ripped up all its women who were with child. (2 Kings 15:16)

Revelation brings it right out into the open -

The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).
(Revelation 9:7-11)

Christian leaders of the past and present warn of the violent destructive nature of the dark powers -

Charles Spurgeon - "He will attack you sometimes by force and sometimes by fraud. By might or by sleight he will seek to overcome you, and no unarmed man can stand against him. Never go out without all your armour on, for you can never tell where you may meet the devil. He is not omnipresent, but nobody can tell where he is not, for he and his troops of devils appear to be found everywhere on this earth."

Puritan **Thomas Watson** wrote - “Satan tempts after some discoveries of God’s love. As a pirate sets on a ship that is richly laden, so when a soul hath been laden with spiritual comforts the devil will be shooting at him, to rob him of all. The devil envies to see a soul feasted with spiritual joy.”

Martin Luther - “For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.”

Ray Stedman sounds the clearest of warnings. “It is his delight to smash, to mangle, to twist, to mutilate, to disfigure, to darken and blast in every way he can. It does not make any difference whether it is bodies or souls, flesh or ideas, matter or spirit, the aim of the devil is exactly the same in every case: It is to distort, to blast, to twist, to destroy.”

Why is this room in the tower? It's a warning of the very great danger intercessors stand in when interceding in “Be still.”

The room of faith - the seven faiths of heaven

Deception and violence have to be opposed by men and women of faith. So the room of faith stands in the tower as a proclamation of what the intercessors believe. Here is the proclamation of faith found in this room.

The first faith of heaven is faith in Jesus. “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.”

The second faith in heaven is faith in the power of the Spirit. “And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

The third faith of heaven is faith in the creative order of the Trinity. “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.”

The fourth faith of heaven is faith in the final victory. “In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

The fifth faith of heaven is in the reigning of Jesus. “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!”

The sixth faith in heaven is faith in the defeat of Satan. “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.”

The seventh faith in heaven is faith in the kingdom. “After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!””

The seven “faiths” challenge the deceptions of the enemy. They are strong, pure and reliable. They are the Warriors’ shields.

The armoury

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

Prayer

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. (Acts 12:5)

Peter was only saved by an angel, but it was the tough unyielding prayer of the church which moved God to send the angel. This tough unyielding prayer - prayer which will never give in, no matter what comes against it – is the prayer which will break the enemy.

Sacrifice

When Israel was coming back to the Lord Satan attacked and his heart was full of violence and destruction. The prophet Samuel called on the power of sacrifice to break 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. (1 Samuel 7:7-9)

Samuel offered the sacrifice, and intercessors have to do the same –

First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them” —though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

(Hebrews 10:8-10)

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

(1 Peter 1:18-19)

Intercessors have to become the sacrifice as they fight the enemy. It's no good just talking about sacrifice - it has to become part of the intercessors. This is a tough tower.

Intercessors have to become as the Lord -

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested?

For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
(Isaiah 53:7-9)

Release the blood

Intercessors in this tower must have the blood of the lamb in their hearts and in their prayers. The New Testament church has available the blood which can break the enemy -

Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
(Hebrews 12:24)

The Israelites put the blood on the gates. Intercessors must sprinkle the blood in their hearts and in their lives -

Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. (Exodus 12:7)

Intercessors need the cleansing of the blood so that Satan can get no hold on them -

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

Intercessors have to release the blood for healing, forgiveness and new beginnings. They have to move in the blood, and then it can flow through them.

Bind the strong man

Intercessors have to bind the strong man as he attacks them and that which they are protecting -

In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.
(Mark 3:27)

The enemy is a complex spirituality. Like Legion, he is made up of many. One of the ways of restricting him is to begin to bind some of the more obvious "Strong men" as they become visible. This begins to trouble the enemy and puts fear into him - just what Joshua did at Jericho with his marching strategy. Intercessors will be led as to what to bind -

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

Authority

The enemy has no authority though he would try to claim it.

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." (Matthew 4:8-9)

Authority belongs to the intercessors -

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:20)

The cross

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. (Romans 1:16)

When the cross is released things can happen. Impossible circumstances can be turned round. Strong enemies can be defeated. Huge advances can take place. If intercessors have the courage to lay the cross over situations that are desperate, then anything is possible. There is amazing power in the cross. When intercessors look to the cross they are powerful. Here are just a few of the mighty powers to be found in it: -

Release. “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

The power of the cross is a key. It opens the prison doors and lets the prisoners out. One terrorist who had been fighting and killing for years said this: - “I have fought for decades to set my people free from tyranny. I thought violence was the way. But when I read the Bible, and saw the power of the cross. I gave my life to Jesus. Now I know what true freedom is!”

Breaks every curse. “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.” (Galatians 3:13)

Curses - old and new - are broken forever and the enemy has no further hold. Watchman Nee tells this story. "One day the enemy came to accuse a man of many sins and failings. But as he began to accuse and curse, the Lord came to stand beside the man. "What are you accusing me of?" he asked. "What are your curses against me?" "Not you," said the enemy, "but that sinner who is standing beside you." "No," replied the Lord. "It doesn't work like that. He is mine, so it is me you have to accuse and curse. What were you saying again?" The enemy withdrew, defeated. He knew he could not accuse the one who had shed his blood to break every curse."

Opens the new way. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

The cross not only opens the prison doors, it leads intercessors to open into new pathways for those who are the target of their intercession.

*** Conquerors.** "Having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." (Colossians 2:15)

A catholic Priest came to his new Parish. As he talked to one man, suddenly a strange voice came out of the man. "We control this town," it said. The Priest was amazed. He had never heard such a thing before. "I am going to preach the blood of cross," the Priest said "And you will be defeated." "We know," the voice replied. "That is what we are afraid of." By the power of the cross, we can take back the land which the enemy has stolen.

The top of the tower

This is where the intercession battle must be fought, and the rooms will have to be visited again and again as the battle rages. Here are three great battle cries for use at the top of the tower –

*** Jericho leads to victory!**

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. (Joshua 6:20)

*** Exodus leads to freedom!**

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant. (Exodus 14: 29-31)

*** Incarnation leads to hope!**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

*** Cross leads to triumph!**

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)

Prophetic background to the tower

The tower does not stand in isolation. It stands in a prophetic framework. Here is what I discovered about the prophetic background for Singapore -

I see strips of silver falling from the sky and laying everywhere over the land. The Lord is preparing the way for his prophet. I heard these words -

“To break the Cedars of Lebanon I need those with a pure heart who will worship me with a pure heart and by their prayers oppose and bring down the enemy.”

“Do not get seduced by the world. The spirit of seduction is everywhere. Seek only my voice my way my heart.”

“The only way to overcome is to yield your heart to me. Let your heart be so entwined with mine that we are as one.”

I saw the angel of Singapore. I asked the Lord what this angel was called. He replied - “This angel is called “All the glory.” I saw such blinding light around this angel, and beauty beyond my imagination.

Explanation

The intercessors in this tower are working in a prophetic atmosphere of purity - purity reflected in absolute and total love for the Lord. When placed against the background of a warrior tower, this makes total sense. Salvation history is set in such a framework - and the love the Lord is looking for in the Singaporean warrior intercessors is totally a committed and dedicated love as his was -

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13)

“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)

Here is a paragraph from “The Way of the Cross” which gives an idea of what this love might be -

In heaven, the Lord took off his crown of thorns, but the impression of the thorns remained. “Why do you not heal those scars?” the Prophet asked. “They are the impression of love on my body,” the Lord replied. “They are the marks of my love for my creation.” The prophet marvelled at such love, but when he looked at his own body, he saw that the impressions of love were in him as well. The Lord continued - “When these scars are in you, then you will begin to understand the purity of my love.”

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The spiritual warfare environment

The Singapore tower is a warrior tower. What is the battlefield in which it is fighting?

I saw the seductress. Biblically this force tempts people into apostasy. I went to find her stronghold - a huge office block, which I tore down, bound her and raised a “Chapel of divine love.”

I saw an animal’s head. I think this represents a demonic guild of some sort. It was polluting the Eucharist, trying to destroy the efficacy of the sacrifice which will destroy it. I demolished it and established the “Place of the beautiful Lord.”

I saw a serpent. This demonic force swept in from the sea looking to destroy whatever it could get its teeth into. I destroyed it and established “**The chapel of the star of the sea.**”

I saw a very hard face. This was an insight into the vicious nature of the enemy. There is no compassion no hope and no yielding. I smashed this idol and established “**The place of Falling glory.**”

I saw Spirit of deceit of false things. I remembered the words of the high priest at the trial of Jesus - “What need we of further proof?”

I had a dream about this. I saw a long line of people queuing up in front of a market stall. One by one they were going up to this stall, giving lots of money, and coming away with something which was making them very excited. When they showed me what was in their hands, I saw only cold ashes. I realised that all the people in the queue were God's people. They were giving up all that they had and were receiving ashes back in return. They were so excited about this transaction. I knew that what they were doing was wrong, and I went up to speak to them. I said, "The earth is being shaken. The people do not care. They are selling the treasures of the Kingdom and buying dross."

I saw the thief. This demonic force loves the night and moving stealthily without being seen. It has this ambition - to steal and kill and destroy.

Uncovered innocent blood. Everywhere I saw innocent blood that had been spilled and not covered with the mercy of the Lord. It was crying out for justice from the ground. I raised up "**The Altar of the Lord**" from which blood of Jesus could flow to cover the innocent blood with mercy.

The hunter. Finally I came to the demonic force for which I've been looking - the hunter. This demonic force is looking to kill and is very active. At this point the tower came to life. In the spirit I saw it for the first time.

The tower - construction

The outer walls of the tower are stained with the blood of the lamb. This is the first thing any attacker sees.

Its walls are constructed from the victory of the lamb. The whole structure is vitalised by the spirit which raised Jesus from the dead.

It is filled with the song of the lamb. Every part of it sings out these words -

“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 5:12 -14)

The top of the Tower stands on this promise -

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. (1 John 5:4)

My visions

From the top: I'm at the bottom of a deep chasm looking up and at the top I see blinding light. Now I know I'm seeing Jacob's ladder - the angels are ascending and descending. Lifting up my intercessions to the throne and bringing back strength to resist and to fight. The battle is not an isolated one but has been going on for some time.

I hear shouting all around me. Voices determined to conquer and destroy - I was immediately surrounded by great darkness. In front of me was a throne, and Arrogance was being crowned. Around the throne were worshippers. I saw their names. Deceit, Filth, Degradation, Bondage, Rape, Pollution, Ugliness, Pride, Anger, Destruction, Incest, Paedophilia, Lying, Despair, Disfigurement, Atheism, False Religion. They all bowed down and proclaimed "Great spirit of darkness, soon your time will come and their spirit will be broken. You will empty the filth of the cross of its Liar, and take your power and reign."

I saw the Lord in glory. His majesty was like living light, radiating out from his heart and filling all creation with his authority, his throne, his victory and his love. He outshone the sun. Suddenly a great pulse of his compassion swept over us. All of us, the living, the raised ones, the angels and the archangels felt it. It pulsed with such love, longing and fulfilment that at its release, the bells ceased their praises, and all heaven fell silent. We had come to the King, and the King had come to us.

Chapter 8: The gates of the high places.

Introduction

The gate of the high places is a very different place. It is a place where the intercessors can focus their heart and mind completely on the Lord. It is here to help those who are struggling to intercede in the intercessory towers of the world. In this gate the Lord shows the intercessors the higher places of the spirit which they are reaching for. My feeling in writing about this gate is that it is meant to be an encouragement for God's intercessors. It is a place of encouraging and equipping. I believe passing through it will lift the heart of any intercessor. I am a poet and so what I have described is very pictorial and imaginative. I've tried to write about the things of the spirit and that is never easy with words. So I have used as much imagination as I can to give the emotional impression of what I am feeling and what I think intercessors might find helpful. At first I thought I might order the things I wanted to say but that proved impossible so I've just jumped around, sharing the things I think are important. I hope intercessors and others who want to explore the high places can jump around with me. This is very personal material and I accept that.

The beginning

Recently I was reading a theologian who said this - **“The deeper levels of intercession are “the mysterious beckoning of divine love.”**” I think it's a good attempt at some description of the high places. Older intercessors have also tried to define this experience.

Maria Faustina, in her diary, put it like this -

“An extra ordinary fire was kindled in my soul and I thought I would die of joy and happiness. I felt the separation of my soul from my body. I felt totally immersed in God. I felt I was snatched up by the Almighty like a particle of dust into unknown expanses.”

Thomas á Kempis, in the “Imitation of Christ” wrote this -

O God, you who are truth make me one with you in love everlasting. I am often wearied by the many things I hear and read but in you is all I long for. Let the learned be still, let all creatures be silent before you. You alone speak to me.”

Gertrude More was a 17th century Intercessor. She wrote:-

“I do not know what, nor can I express the unspeakable joy and delight which you sometimes admit me to.”

These older intercessors encouraged me to explore the high places for myself. This is how I felt and how I began my exploration.

* 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.

The praises

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. 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. (Revelation 5:11)

The high places are full of worship. To enter into that worship is a great encouragement to intercessors. It lifts the spirit. Here is my experience.

* I came to a place where angels were singing the praises of the Lord. I was not able to sing. I was sad and asked - "Why can I not sing this beautiful music?" "Look inside yourself," said the Lord.

I looked into my heart and there I found many beautiful pearls. I reached out for them and praise filled me. Within my praise were beautiful white doves, soft, gentle, pure and perfect. They circled around me, and I began to sing a song of purity - a purity I had never felt before.

The angels stopped singing and allowed my song to rise to the throne. They were in awe of the beauty of my song. They asked, “Where does this beautiful song come from?” The Lord spoke from his throne. “This song flows from the redeemed human spirit and has a beauty beyond price.”

The angels began to sing again, and I was overwhelmed with worship. “The echo of this song will live in your soul until the end of time,” said the Lord. I looked into my heart and saw the golden dust and the doves. I was content.

The mighty Lord

Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness.

(Psalm 145:3)

Intercession is lonely and often hard. Intercessors need to remember who it is that they are serving. This will give confidence and the ability to endure.

* I was standing on a hill, and I saw a great figure towering over the landscape – a beautiful figure, which I knew was the Lord. He was pointing to the north, to the south, and to the east and to the west. “Lord,” I said, “what do you want?”

Immediately, I saw the vision again. But this time thousands of hands were reaching up to Jesus, from all over the world, and many voices crying out in joy. Then the Lord spoke-

“Look to the North, the South, the East and the West. What do you see?” “Clouds.”

“The clouds are breaking. My glory is beginning to shine. But there is still far to go. Much to be done before I can reveal my fullness. What must you do?”

“I must go and proclaim - Glory! Glory! Glory!”

Pure

God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

(John 4:24)

The high places are very pure and as we live in the spirit of impurity on the planet it is not always easy to appreciate this. But my experiences in the high places have always been a challenge to experience holiness and purity and contain it in my intercessory spirit. I haven't found it easy.

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

The light flowed in me and every new flow drew me nearer to the throne standing in the Sanctuary. I wanted to stand in this light forever. I never wanted to leave. For here, I was totally one with all creation. I stood alone, yet not alone for all eternity stood with me and was in me. All my life I had looked for this completeness. Now, in the light, I was truly “I.”

I have often found after these experiences that the earthly places are very dull and that I long to be in the high places and to stay there. One day my wish will be granted.

Him alone

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" (Luke 4:8)

My relationship with the Lord in the high places is always very intense. Many of the earthly barriers are stripped away. Here is one of many experiences. As I have got used to them they have got more intense.

* I looked in the heavenly places for a pavement made of gold but there was no path at all. "Lord," I asked "how do I move around? How will I know where to go?" The Lord replied, "Here you are always in me. You have no need to travel or journey towards me. Here you are always where I am and I am always where you are."

I fell into him and into a depth of being beyond anything I had ever known. I became vibrantly alive with a life greater than anything before. I shone. I glowed. I radiated. I became. "This," he said, "is eternity." I cried at the completeness of the joy in me.

Be still

There never seems to be any rush in the high places. Part of their character is a stillness and a peace no matter how stormy the earth gets. I've always found this very calming.

* I came to a quiet place. The air was still and glory shone in the silence. In this quiet, my soul rested from all its struggles and the quietness filled me. Adoration flowed out of me like light and surrounded the Lord. In that giving I was complete in the unity of him who was and is to come.

I tried to pour out all that was in me, but the flow never ceased. I wanted this rest. I wanted to look at Jesus for all eternity - and to do nothing else. What else could my soul want? For this is what I was created to do.

Stay with us

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. (Luke 24:28-29)

The earthly places are transient. The high places of the spirit have a permanence along with the stillness. Intercessors are moving in the set purposes of God and as they do this permanence give some security to the often impermanent and shifting ground of intercession.

** 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 and 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.

Deep places

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me. (Psalm 42:7)

I think my whole life has been a search for deeper things of the spirit. I have never been content. I am restless spirit and my restlessness is a longing for more and deeper. I suspect this is what drives my intercession on. I want to reach the deepest place where I can be totally fulfilled.

* I longed for deep water in which I could swim. I tried every lake and every river, but they all failed to go deep enough. So I took a shovel and began to dig. Down and down I went. The shovel broke, so I dug with my bare hands, down and down. I could no longer see the sky above but still I dug. Then in an instant the shaft broke into a cave and I fell – down and down into the deepest stillest water I had ever felt.

I sank down and down, but still there was more. My spirit was full with the stillness, but still there was more. The water crushed me but still I wanted more. I cried out, “I want all of you and then more.” The water crushed into me and I died in the depth of the spirit where all is all. And I was content.

The house of glory

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)

This vision came to me while I was worshipping and took me to a deep place of worship. It encouraged me.

I came to the house of glory. Its walls were praise and its roof was love. I began to praise the Lord and a fine rain began to fall on me. It was very fine - like gold dust. As it settled on me I fell down to worship, and glory shone all around me. A rainbow stretched over me and a voice spoke words to my soul which were like liquid gold flowing into me.

I lifted my hands into the glory and doves took my worship and flew with it took to the throne of the Lord. I longed to worship more, to release more doves.

Earth faded from my mind. I only wanted to worship in this sanctuary where all was worship. I was made to worship. What future did I want anywhere else.

Then, in an instant I was standing alone. I cried and cried for the House of Glory. "Do not be distressed," the Lord said. "The echo will live in your soul until the end." I looked into my heart and saw the golden dust and the doves. I was comforted, but I knew it would never be enough for me.

The gift

“This is what love is..” (1 John 4:10)

The emotion in this vision is overpowering. Being in the high places of intercession is very much an emotional journey. This was one of the most powerful experiences.

* I saw people bringing gifts to the Lord. One by one they gave him the trophies they had won for him on earth. Each one received a blessing from him. Then he looked up and saw me standing near. He was smiling and he called me over. I stood before him empty handed and I began to cry.

“Why are you crying?” he asked.

“Because you are my Lord and I have nothing to bring to you.”

“But you have bought me the one thing I desire above all.”

I was puzzled. I looked down at my empty hands and up into his beautiful face.

“What is it?” I asked.

“You have bought me yourself. That is all I ever wanted.”

He began to cry and we fell into each other’s arms.

“Never let me go,” I sobbed.

“I never did,” he replied.

The mountain

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)

This mountain was hard to climb. It's good to be reminded in all this emotional uplift that is going to be tough and will continue to be tough for intercessors.

I saw a high mountain with a small path leading up it. I wanted to climb the mountain and come to the high places of the Spirit where His glory rested. I began to climb. The path was steep, but golden mist swept in and lifted my spirit. As I climbed, I began to grow weary, but the music of heaven poured down the mountain and urged me on. I wanted to be in the place from which that music came.

The path grew steeper and steeper, and my tiredness became overwhelming. Suddenly the path was lined with figures - great saints of the past and ordinary men and women of God who had gone before me. They were looking at me and praying for strength. I heard a voice calling "Power and strength to the Lord," and those words lifted my heart.

The path grew steeper and steeper. I could not walk but was forced to climb on my hands and knees. Dark forces swept around me, mocking and jeering. "You will never get to the high places," they laughed. Then I saw a figure coming towards me. It was the Lord's mother. "Come," she said, laying her hand on my arm. "Together we can do this." With a new determination I stood up and walked again.

Suddenly I was clear of the mist and clouds. All around me was the beautiful view of the heavenly places. I was alone. I turned and climbed the last few steps and stood on the highest part of the high places of the Spirit. But I was alone. All my determination and struggle had come to nothing. I had yearned and ached and climbed to be with the Lord, and I was still alone.

I fell down and cried and cried for the emptiness and loneliness of life without Him. I heard laughter and his hand lifted me up. "Did you think that I would abandon you," he said. "You have only one more step to take and you will have your heart's desire." "But there is no path," I replied. "I am at the very top of the high places of the Spirit." "No, you are not," he replied and taking my hands he drew me into his heart. "This," he said, "is the highest one."

Peace filled me. I surrendered all my struggles and rested from my journey.

Final word

I wondered how to end this material. Then I remembered Charles de Foucauld, a Catholic missionary who gave his life serving the Toureg people. He had a prayer which he called "the prayer of abandonment" which demands a very high level of commitment from those that follow the Lord. In material which is very emotional, this seems a very practical and down to earth final prayer.

Charles de Foucauld's prayer

Father,
I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do,
I thank you.

I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures.
I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul;
I offer it to you
with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord,
and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands,
without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father.

Chapter 9: Dark towers

In the Book of Revelation, the Lord teaches that everything good in the Kingdom is counterfeited by the enemy. Take this for example –

One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed.

(Revelation 13:3)

The only one with a fatal wound that had been healed is the Lord through his resurrection. The dark powers want to claim the same miracle for themselves. This counterfeiting can be seen over and over again in Revelation.

As I've waited on the Lord I've come to understand that the same is true for the Towers. So far I have discovered 12 dark towers, and have been able to describe a few, but many more will show themselves. As I discover them, this list will grow. How do the godly towers oppose these dark towers? The Lord will reveal his strategy at the right time, but it will certainly involve his towers.

Tower of violence

This tower pours out violence and pain and agony into creation. There seem to be many smaller towers of violence, but the main one is to be found at Calvary.

Here is my vision of this tower, taken from my book, "The way of the cross." It gives a glimpse of the inside of this tower. In the last few sentences, it also gives an idea of how the Intercessors can pull down these towers. It begins to look as if Towers intercessors will have two functions - to support the Lord's towers and destroy the dark towers.

The Pilgrims descended into a valley, and a mighty wall stood in the way. It reached up to heaven and down into hell. It was thick and strong. The Lord said, "This is the first frontier you must overcome. This is the frontier of unrepentance. It has advanced strongly into your land." The Guardians of the frontier hissed and spat. There was violence in their eyes. "You will never pass here," they said. "You will die here, and all your hopes with you. Your King is a liar. He has no power here."

From far beyond this frontier, deep within the enemy's territory the Pilgrims heard voices crying with sorrow. "We are lost forever. This darkness is crushing us. We have no hope. Can no one help us? Can no one set us free?" The Pilgrims were shocked at the pain in the voices. "What is happening?" they asked.

The Lord replied - "This is what your land has become - a place of sorrow, suffering and pain. This is where your greed has led you. But you can do something." "What can we do?" the Pilgrims asked, "We are few and have little strength. These Guardians of the frontier are strong and violent." "Do not look to them," said the Lord. "For too long you have looked only to your own needs. Now feel the pain of the voices and make it your pain."

The Pilgrims listened to the lost voices again, but this time with their hearts. A great agony came to them, beating them down and overwhelming them. They cried out "Lord, help us. We are lost." The Lord reached out his broken hand and lifted them up. "Feeling the pain of the lost is the only way," he said. "Only when you are willing to bear the agony of the lost can hope come again. This is the beginning." The Guardians of the frontier, seeing the Pilgrims weeping for the lost were afraid. "These tears," they said, "could be our end."

The tower of Corruption

In the New Testament leaven does not have a good record. Apostle Paul warned about its dangers. (Galatians 5:9) Corruption is like bitter leaven. It destroys the very foundations of faith and trust in the Lord and releases the human spirit and it's pagan desires into the heart of faith. Mostly the people cannot see it or if they do see it they do not want to oppose it as they benefit from it.

Here is my vision of the consequences.

"Then came a time when the world grew up, and no longer had any use for the divine. The world became strong in its own mind and its own strength. Men and women exalted themselves, and threw off the chains of the past, with its need for any god. But this flowering brought a bitter harvest. Creation could no longer make sense of suffering and pain. Millions died in bitterness of spirit. In the emptiness of a faithless life they died into a Christless eternity."

Tower of Iron pillars

This tower boasts the strength of the enemy and the inability of God's people to resist. I wrote this in my book, "The wasted child."

A child lay on the ground, covered in dirt and filth. The storm beat against the child, beating and beating, and the child had no defence. Eventually the child was broken in heart, in hope, in spirit. Then a man came – an iron man, strong, hard, unloving, merciless and greedy. He took the child and said - "Now you will serve me. I will give you to others who will abuse you, and I will make money from your pain. I will exalt myself over you. You will serve me in misery and shame. I will show you to others and we will mock you. This was my plan, and now I have my way. No one can stop me."

Tower of the dark Angels

As I was waiting on the Lord, I began to think about the mighty Angel in Revelation. Immediately I saw many strong black angels standing in the land. The Lord revealed their names to me and here are a few of them. They will violently oppose the towers.

Legion. An angel of domination

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!” Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.”

(Mark 5:1-9)

The Legion forces believe in their strength. They are “many.” They believe that they are strong and cannot be beaten. Legion has a clear aim - to destroy the human spirit, put it in bondage, control and ultimately to destroy. This is how Legion wants to be known - **“Extortion of power to dominate.”** This dark angel is arrogant and dangerous. Towers intercessors must watch out for its approach, and destroy it, as Jesus did.

Abaddon - The destroyer

They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer). (Revelation 9:11)

I had a vision of the enemy coming against Africa once, and it sums up Abaddon well –

The whirlwind was roaming across the continent of Africa. Everywhere it touched down it destroyed lives, communities and nations. The enemy rejoiced in this destruction. “It is so easy,” he said. Then at last he turned his eyes to the nation God loved with a passion - the nation he called his Beloved. “This one I must destroy,” he said and sent the whirlwind of destruction towards it. “Nothing can stop me now,” he gloated, “I have been destroying this place for decades. Now my moment has come.”

Abaddon has only one aim – destruction. This angel shows itself in many different ways - from the terrible violence of the Armenian genocide to the undermining of morality through secular philosophies. Beneath them all – destruction. Towers intercessors will feel the weight of this dark angel over and over again.

Goliath - the angel of fear

Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul?”

Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.” Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. (1 Samuel 17:8-12)

The dark angel Goliath dominates by fear. Israel, God’s own people, were afraid of his might and his power and were reduced to inactivity. Goliath has not changed and he will challenge every tower, exalting his strength and the apparent weakness of the Intercessors. Towers intercessors will have to resist fear and stand firm in faith against this onslaught.

Tower of Satan

Satan is the ultimate dark Angel who will be attacking the towers day and night. He must pull down the towers because he wants the crown which Jesus wears.

Here is my vision -

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 come to you," it said. I replied - "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 Great crown

There are many ways of seeing the crown of Satan. But it all leads to one place:

"You must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."
(Daniel 3:4-6)

The crown of Satan leads to our defeat, our imprisonment and his triumph.

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