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# **Introduction**

Here is a little about myself. For the first 19 years of my ministry I was curate, vicar and then full-time evangelist with the church Pastoral Aid Society. Then I began to work in Africa and in the UK. Currently I'm head of mission of the Serving Africa mission and honorary minister to our local Anglican church. I am licenced to the Diocese of Chichester. I have been an Anglican minister for over 55 years. I'm married to Mary we have seven children and many grandchildren.

I have been involved in intercession for over 30 years. I knew little about it when I started but slowly I have managed to get some idea of how it works and of its very special value to the church. The towers intercessory ministry came into being through a four-session prayer meeting which I have described later in this material.

## **Intercessors**

Intercessors are all those who will bear the Lord's heart for his world. They are the key prayer warriors of the Kingdom. They walk intimately with the Lord, sharing his intercession to the father and urging him to move on behalf of his people and his creation. They are by their intercession raising up a great barrier to the work of the enemy and cutting pathways into which the spirit of the Lord can flow. Any failure in the intercessory stream is catastrophic both spiritually and physically. Looking at the state of the world today it might be possible that the intercessory stream is struggling and maybe failing.

If intercession fails it is my conviction that the world will pass into a very dark phase. Intercessors - deep intercessors - are in the position to move the heart of God against what is happening. This is the function of the intercessor. If that function fails then hard times lay ahead. If this happens it will be because the intercessory stream has failed. As part of the intercessory stream that failure it will also be mine.

# **Chapter 1. How the towers ministry started**

## **Still Waters to la Verna and beyond**

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

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

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

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

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

## **History of the towers**

When the war between Israel and Gaza broke out in 2023/4, I was working on my mission base in Ghana. I held a four-session prayer time over a month for this war. About 10 people joined me online and 35 on catchup. As the prayer times began, I became aware that something unusual was happening during them and especially at the last one. During that prayer time the Lord told us that he was going to stand in the middle of the conflict area and asked which of us would stand with him.

“We need a tower of intercession,” I said. “Who will occupy it with the Lord?” As so often in intercession I did not know what I was really asking for. Some of the group said they would stand in the tower. I thought that was the end of it. I was soon to discover it was far from the end of it.



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

### **Early one morning**

I woke up in the early hours of one morning and the atmosphere in my room was one I had never experienced before. There was utter stillness – a stillness which I could almost feel. I sat there wondering what was happening. Then the Lord spoke to me and said, “I'm going to show you a worldwide network of intercession. You must act!” While I was thinking about this during the next few days, the towers of intercession began to show themselves - Singapore and Hawaii being some of the first ones. This was a new experience for me. I could not understand how someone with no influence, no power and little financial resource could in any way influence a worldwide ministry. I didn't choose this path. The Lord opened it for me.

## **Chapter 2. What is intercession and how does it work?**

There is a lot of confusion in the intercessory world and much of this is due to the words used in the Bible which are often misapplied. The Greek word for basic prayer, for “Our Father” prayer is “Prosocho”. It is precious and vital, but this is not intercession as Moses, Hannah and Jesus experienced it. Some make a mistake in thinking that intercession is just an extension of this daily prayer. This is not the case. The Greek word for “Intercession” found in Hebrews 7 is “Entyghano”. It means, “To walk intimately with someone”. Here is the verse -

**Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.**

(Hebrews 7:25)

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

## Fulfilment

Deep intercession satisfies the human spirit in a way that little else does. 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.

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.”** I was very touched by these words and my own spirit took flight in this vision -

I wanted to fly in the skies of the Spirit. To soar up like an eagle, rising into the glory. “Fly,” said the Lord. I flew into the heavens, seeing marvellous things I never dreamed were possible. I was free – twisting and turning in the Glory. But my heart was not satisfied.

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

## Intercession is a way of life

When I began in intercession I had very little idea what I was doing. I studied the lives of intercessors from the 12th century onwards and read all their material. I began to try to intercede before the Lord as I saw Hannah had, and the Lord was gracious to me and helped me to go forward.

Slowly over the decades I noticed something was changing. Intercession was becoming my life and not just my times of prayer. It became the foundation on which everything else in my Christian walk was built.

Intercession had become my way of life. Wherever I was and whatever I was doing it could break into my experience. Finally I reached a level where I was comfortable in intercession. It no longer frightened me or burdened me because it was me. I now live at peace with this calling.

Intercession needs to become the framework in which intercessors live and breathe. That doesn't mean to say they cannot do other things, other ministries, be married, have families, have fun. But underneath everything is the intercessory heart. It touches everything, as Moses realised. When he came down the mountain and found the people committing idolatry, his intercessory heart was moved and he said to the Lord in intercession -

**“But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”** (Exodus 32:32)

In much the same way circumstances broke into Hannah's intercessory life. Desperate for a child her intercessory heart was finally moved in the temple.

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

(1 Samuel 1:15-16)

The Lord shows went through the same experience. In Gethsemane his intercessory heart is shown -

**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 22:41-44)**

## **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.

**\* Control the 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."

**\* 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 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 3. Character of a Towers intercessor

What kind of intercessor is a towers intercessor? These are the characteristics which I have found in myself and in others who have been deeply involved in intercession.

### Night and day

**“Of what infinite importance is the place the intercessor holds in the kingdom of God! Is it not indeed a matter of wonder that God should give us such power? Yet there are so few who know what it is to take hold of His strength and pray down His blessing on the world.”** (Andrew Murray)

In a small cottage by the roadside in the village of Barvas in the Hebridean Islands, (U.K.) lived two elderly women, Peggy and Christine Smith. They were eighty-four and eighty-two years old. Peggy was blind and her sister almost bent double with arthritis. Unable to attend public worship, their humble cottage became a sanctuary where they met with God. To them came the promise: “I will pour water upon him that is thirsty.”

These two elderly women understood that deep intercession was a night and day experience. It never stopped and they did not want it to stop. It had taken over their lives and they wanted it to do that. Towers intercessors are night and day intercessors. The calling must totally overtake their whole life and this is what they want it to do.

## **“Still standing”**

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

Many in the 21st century church have become confused over the meaning of intercession. It's now used to describe any type of prayer which might be a bit longer than 5 minutes! The character of the towers intercessor cannot be built on this kind of attitude. One old intercessor who lived in a monastery said this - “Prayer is warfare to the last breath.” It's a tough environment and Apostle Paul shows one of the key characteristics which towers intercessors must have -

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

Towers intercessors have to have an unyielding spirit. For them victory is still to be standing at the end of the daily struggle. They have to believe that “still standing” is victory. The enemy will find this attitude impossible to overcome.

## **Pay the price**

**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.** (Charles de Foucauld.)



From the very beginning of my intercessory experience I accepted that it would be costly. Over the years of teaching I have found that this attitude has not been popular. The 21st century church, focusing on the love of Jesus has perhaps got a little soft. The intercessory stream of the last thousand years would teach the opposite. Intercession at the deep levels is very costly.

Towers intercessors must have this understanding deep in their spirit. The price is high and they will be asked to pay it daily. There was no way around this, and any intercessor who thinks otherwise will eventually stumble under the pressure of the enemy.

## **Worship**

**“Lord you are my lover, my longing, my flowing stream, my sun, and I am your reflection.”** (Mechtilde of Magdeburg)

In the towers, one of the keys to intercession is worship. Sadly few seem to know how to worship. They get locked into liturgies, patterns and written songs and choruses. Excellent as all these are, they are not sufficient for a towers intercessor. A towers intercessor must open his or her heart and let the worship of heaven flow in and take them in any direction, without making any attempt to control.

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

This is free worship - the worship of the intercessor in the towers. Absorbed, filled and unyielding. It's not easy to do but without it intercessors will always have to stay on the lower slopes.

## **Humble**

**"What heart could not keep from breaking at the sight of your greatness descending to the lowliness of our humanity." (Catherine of Siena)**

Catherine of Siena was a woman of great insight. She understood that in order to intercede at the deep levels intercessors have to be humble and surrendered to the Lord. When towers intercessors are at work they must be profoundly aware of the greatness of the one they serve and have a deep humility towards him and all that he says and shows. If any pride should creep in it will destroy the intercession at this level.

I am constantly overwhelmed in the towers and a session with the greatness and holiness of the Lord and consider it a great privilege to be allowed into his presence. I tried to remain his humble servant. I feel this is the only way to approach towers intercession.

# Chapter 4. The blazing fire tower

## Background vision

Most of my experience with the towers starts with some kind of spiritual vision and this is the one that came to me as I reflected on blazing fire.

**I saw a candle burning in the darkness.** It was small but determined. Winds and storm came against it. Violent storms broke against it, but it never flinched or flickered. Steadily it burnt and nothing could break it, destroy it or put it out. It shone in the darkness, beautiful in its purity and radiating hope. I heard the Lord speaking. "Nothing can overcome my light." I was comforted.

**Angels came to the light.** They surrounded it with beauty and praise. "You are worthy," they sang. "You who dwell in unapproachable light and who reign above all things. You who are the source and fulfilment of all history. You are glory, the source of all glory. We fall and worship you."

**A river of praise and glory swept over me.** I was caught up into the glory. I saw the Seraphim, whose love never ends and who were created only to love. I saw the spirit of the Just, surrounding the glory. I heard all of heaven worshipping with a sweetness which made my soul long for the fulfilment of all things and the opening of my dwelling in this place forever.

From this vision I began to understand more and more the root and foundation of the blazing fire tower. In the following pages I will try to explain what I have come to understand, recognising that it is incomplete and that others can add more to my understanding.

## **The beginning**

### **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?

## **Mock the cross**

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) (More Of the spirit in the next room.)

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.

I have Found these verses helpful as I have reflected on this.

\* **Releasing:** “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John. 8:32)

\* **Healing:** “That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.” (Mark.1:32-34)

**\*Reclaiming:** “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you.” (Joel 2:25)

**\* Redeeming:** “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 1:18-20)

**\* Sanctifying:** “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” (Romans 12:1)

**\* Empowering:** “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)

**\* Delivering:** “When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.”  
(Mark 5:15)

**\* Building up:** “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)

\* **Victory:** “When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” (1 Cor.15:54)

\* **Hope:** “In his name the nations will put their hope.” (Matthew 12:21)

\* **Glory.** “We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:12)

These are powerful verses. The Trinity is a powerful teaching. This is both an encouragement and warning. There is great power in the blazing fire tower, but it will deeply challenge those that pray from it and in it.

## **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 -

### **Weapon - 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)

It is helpful if intercessors have a clear understanding of the blood - its background and use.

## **1. Blood carries the essence of life**

Two men prepare a sacrifice for the Lord. (Genesis 4:1-5) Cain brings fruits of the soil but forgets that God has already cursed the land. (Genesis 3:17) Abel brings an animal sacrifice. The Bible teaches -

**“For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.”** (Leviticus 17:11)

Blood carries the essence of life in it. So, to make an offering which involves sacrifice and the shedding of blood is something very powerful. The fruits of the earth have no blood and so no life in them.

## **2. 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)

Blood is much more than just an issue of sacrifice. Blood has power in itself. Cain murders Abel, but the blood cries out from the ground for justice and vengeance.

### **3. Blood - the pollution**

**“Do not pollute the land where you are. Bloodshed pollutes the land, and atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it.”** (Numbers 35:33)

Blood pollutes the land on which it is spilled, and somehow this has to be overcome or Satan will always have a stronghold. This pollution has grown since the death of Abel. It gives a stronghold to the enemy that must be dealt with.

### **4. Jesus - the perfect sacrifice**

**“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!””**

(John 1:29)

In order to deal with the blood, a better blood was needed. That blood was the blood of Jesus. There are many biblical verses to support this -

**\* He was “the lamb of God.”**

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**\* He was the perfect offering.**

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

(2 Corinthians 5:21)

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

(1 Peter 2:22)

**5. The blood showed its power at the death of Jesus.**

**“At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.”**

(Matthew 27:51-53)

The blood was so powerful that it established its control over sin, (the curtain was torn) over nature, (the rocks split) and over death (the tombs were opened). The sacrifice of the blood was complete. A greater sacrifice than that of bulls and goats had achieved its mission. The Church soon began to understand this truth.

So what can intercessors gain from this room? They have to learn how to use the blood as a strong place from which to release the consuming fire.

**\* 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.

**Weapon - the cross is 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 the 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.”**

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