

Vietnam Tower

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The beginning

The enemy saw the river of life and fury consumed him. He released every form of destruction to break, to pollute and spoil this river. Everywhere darkness broke out and advanced like a flood against all that was good. The dark one rejoiced. "Soon," he said, "I will reign. Who can stand against me?"

The Lord called to his intercessors. "Take your watch," he said. "It is time to stand. It is time to suffer. It is time to pay the price to break the fury of the enemy." The intercessors heard the voice of the Lord. They knew the price which would have to be paid. They prepared to pay it.

A cloud the size of a man's hand began to rise over the world. God's people were unaware of it and continued in the ways they had chosen. Slowly the cloud got bigger but still God's people continued in the ways they had chosen. Then a hard rain began to fall. It fell lightly at first seeping into the hearts and minds of men and women. It polluted their hopes, stole their freedoms, robbed their heritage and dropped chains over them which dragged them down and down. Still the hard rain fell and people began to cry out, "Why did you not warn us of this?" The Lord replied, "I tried to warn you, but you went to sleep. You were content with the shallowness of faith and what you could get from it. You did not watch and pray. You did not guard the gates. You did not bind the enemy. You did not cover the land with the blood. Now the hard rain is falling and you are not prepared."

The intercessors began to pray from their hearts.

Introduction

The intercessory battle in Vietnam is about authority. The enemy feels, for whatever reason that he can rule here and that he cannot be stopped. He feels comfortable in his aggression and would like to use this nation as a jumping off point to dominate and break other nations as well.

The intercessors are facing his fury as they try to move the heart of the Lord for the Lord's people. How does the enemy display his fury and his intentions? How can the Vietnam tower attack and destroy the strategies of the enemy?

This tower is very strategic and cannot afford to fail when the hard rain begins. This is a tough fighting tower and it is going to be hard for the intercessors. I had this vision of glory one day and it has sustained me in the harsh spaces of intercession.

A cloud came and covered me. It rained down glory on me and I lifted my hands to praise the One who lives for ever. 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 knew pure free worship and was content.

Chapter 1: How the towers ministry started

Still Waters to la Verna and beyond

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

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

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

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

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

Prayer cell

When the war between Israel and Gaza broke out in 2023/4, I was working on my mission base in Ghana. I held a four-session prayer time over a month for this war. About 10 people joined me online and 35 on catchup. As the prayer times began, I became aware that something unusual was happening during them and especially at the last one. During that prayer time the Lord told us that he was going to stand in the middle of the conflict area and asked which of us would stand with him. “We need a tower of intercession,” I said. “Who will occupy it with the Lord?” As so often in intercession I did not know what I was really asking for. Some of the group said they would stand in the tower. I thought that was the end of it. I was soon to discover it was far from the end of it.

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

Early one morning

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

Chapter 2. The arrogance

Satan wants authority. When he fell from heaven his arrogance was so great that he make every attempt to get back the authority he had lost. This tower will experience the full pressure of the arrogance. Here is its origin and intention.

Satan's character - rebellion and arrogance

These passages in the Bible gives insight into the character of Satan – Ezekiel 28, Revelation 12 and Isaiah 14. Taken together they show what this tower is up against.

Ezekiel 28:12-15 - wickedness

Here are the words from Ezekiel

You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God: every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Satanic arrogance began because “wickedness” was found in his deceitful heart. His arrogance grew from this wickedness.

Revelation 12:7-12 - rebellion

“Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.” (Rev 12:7-12)

Arrogance led to Rebellion. Satan, not satisfied with being a cherub, wanted to be God. He rebelled against God and was thrown out of heaven. He landed on the earth, where he carried on his rebellion.

Ezekiel 28:16-19 - character

The battle for spiritual authority is being waged by a wicked and rebellious enemy. What is his true character? It is violent, evil and passionate in its commitment to rule.

Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned.

So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you: you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.

The Bible exposes the character of Satan

“You were filled with violence.”

Satan is violent. Here is an incident from the Old Testament which is one among thousands-

“At that time Menahem, starting out from Tirzah, attacked Tiphseh and everyone in the city and its vicinity, because they refused to open their gates. He sacked Tiphseh and ripped open all the pregnant women.” (2 Kings 15:16)

This same violent nature can be seen in the New Testament –

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)

Ripping open pregnant women and killing children are the mark of his violence. It is violence for the sake of it, and violence to impose fear and break resistance.

“And you sinned.”

Rebellion is sin – one of the worst sins. **“For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.”** (1 Samuel 15:23) Satan is a sinner – and continues to pile up his sins. He will do all he can to drag the world into ever deeper sin with him, until it too becomes a rebel before the Lord.

“Your heart was proud.”

Satan is a proud being, exalting himself and himself alone. The Virgin Mary makes it clear that this is not God’s way – **“He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.”** (Luke 1:51-52) Pride makes it easy for him to manoeuvre around and inside the gates.

“Corrupted your wisdom.”

Satan is corrupt and will corrupt. If he ever rules, he will pollute and destroy. Corruption will run like a cancer through nations and destroy them – which is exactly what he wants and will do as it is his nature.

“By your many sins.”

The enemy is totally corrupt and totally evil without limit and without any morality. He is a violent, obscene, corrupt being with not a trace of pity or morality. He is, as John teaches - “The Destroyer,” (Revelation 9:11) and he will destroy to achieve his passion - to rule.

Isaiah 14:12-14 -still rebelling.

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

“I will ascend to the heavens.”

Satan is so arrogant that he believes he can get his place back and be God.

This arrogance can be seen in two places – Babel (Genesis 11:1-9) and the Temptation narrative. (Matthew 4:1-11) In the first, he motivates God’s people to rebel and build up to heaven. **“Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves.”** (Genesis 11:4)

In Matthew 4, he blatantly lies, but in it reveals his ambition – **“Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.””**
(Matthew 4:8-9)

“Worship me.” This is the headship he seeks – spiritual headship over the world God has made. It’s a deceptive and cunning offer, but Jesus sees through it. Jesus is fully aware of the character of the enemy and his scheming. Unlike Satan, he knows his strategy – **“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) He also knows that victory belongs to him.

Chapter 3. Strategy of arrogance

What is Satan's strategy? It's more diverse than sometimes Christians think. Here is some of it.

Copy Jesus

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 enemy has to undermine Jesus in order to get to the throne. Here is how he does it –

The bible teaches “At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Phil. 2:10) but the Dragon stole this name with a “blasphemous name” (Rev 12:1)

The Bible teaches “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me.” (Matt 28:18) But “The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.” (Rev 13:2) Satan claims the authority of Jesus.

The Bible teaches that Jesus “is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.” (Col 1:18) The beast claims this same resurrection gift – “One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed.” (Rev 13:3) Satan is claiming resurrection.

The Bible teaches that there is one God and creation is to **“Worship him!”** (Rev 22:9) The beast steals this worship - “People worshipped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshipped the beast and asked, ‘Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?’ (Rev 13:4) This Satan desires above all things.

The Bible teaches that Jesus is “The Way, the Truth and the Life.” (John 14:6) But the beast steals the truth - “Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth.” (Rev 13:14) Satan claims to be the only spiritual way to walk.

The Bible teaches that Jesus brings freedom - “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32) And the beast? **“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.”** (Rev 13:15) Here is the truth - the “freedom” Satan offers is bondage – he will chain the human spirit. He can say to God, “I have broken your creation. It is mine.”

Corrupt the nation

Satan uses the things of heaven and earth to assume headship.

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)

* **Rulers.** These are the physical leaders of the world - the Politicians, Governments and community leaderships. History has shown that when the opportunity comes, religious groups can expect little support from world powers. The Iraq church found this when terrorists were going from house to house beheading Christians. It is not just Christians who find this. The Muslim Rohingya in Myanmar are finding little protection from the Hindu Burmese government.

* **Authorities/powers.** The world leaders have power - Satan's favourite weapon. History shows that they will not hesitate to use this power for their own ends when the opportunity arises.

* **Spiritual forces.** "Lord of the world, prince of this age" is a traditional name for Satan. The battle rages in the heavenly places. Intercessors have to face the reality of spiritual oppression.

* **Evil.** This entity is pure evil at every level. Some might ask, "Who would ever allow such a force to assume spiritual headship of a Nation?" Sadly, pride and arrogance blind many to this reality which is just what he wants.

There is nothing good in this verse. Physically and spiritually the enemy is fighting for his headship. World governments are just as pliable by him as is the demonic realm. This is a serious battle – to the death.

Blind the church

Satan has used a number of agents to deceive and blind the people of God. Here are some of them for thought and prayer by the intercessors.

The serpent - rebellion

The serpent is described as “more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.” (Gen. 3:1) As the story progresses, it becomes obvious that behind the Serpent is an evil entity which is at war with God. It challenges God's statements, tries to reveal God as evil and controlling. Satan is a rebel angel and he implants into God's creation the same spirit of rebellion.

Baal and Ashtoreth. Idol worship and sexual perversion

God told Israel not to worship idols. (Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 5:7) But Israel compromised with idolaters. The false gods Baal and Ashtoreth encouraged illicit sex, and ritual prostitution. Almost inevitably this happened - “the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods” (Numbers 25:1–2). Satan has always had great success with sex and idols. Sometimes it is overt and sometimes it is covert. The unreformed human nature loves all kinds of deviant sex, and the pollution of God's creative gift. It also loves its idols - whether stone, wood and rivers, or money, sex and power.

Moloch. Destroying innocence

Moloch was a Canaanite deity which involved child sacrifice - “You shall not give any of your children to devote them by fire to Moloch, and so profane the name of your God” (Leviticus 18:21). The King of Moab, seeing the battle going against him did this – “Then the king of Moab took his oldest son, who would have been the next king, and sacrificed him as a burnt offering on the wall.” (2 Kings 3:27)

But Israel ignored this instruction. Ahaz (2 Kings 16:3) and Manasseh (2 Kings 21:6) worshipped Moloch at Topheth, outside the walls of Jerusalem. This site was destroyed by King Josiah - “And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the sons of Hinnom, that no one might burn his son or his daughter as an offering to Moloch” (2 Kings 23:10).

Satan’s character enjoys the destruction of innocence. Herod makes this abundantly clear. “When he 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)

Milcom. Occult knowledge

This national god of the Ammonites was associated with divination, seeking knowledge of the future through occult means – all strongly forbidden by God. There is plenty of occult activity in the world today as there was in the days of the Ammonites. Humanity loves it and sadly so do some of God's people.

People – Jezebel, Herod.

Many times, Satan reveals himself in people. Jezebel was the great controlling influence - controlling men by sexuality. Herod was a manifestation of the violent side of Satan, murdering whoever he felt like murdering to protect himself. The 21st century church has often ignored this kind of material believing it belongs to the past. Satan loves this kind of attitude. Intercessors however would never make this kind of mistake knowing that these agents or some representation of them are often opposing them in the heavenly places. The best defence is to know the enemy.

Chapter 4. Jesus the victorious lamb

Jesus wins!

Authority is a cross-centred struggle. At the cross the battle was fought and won. **“And through him (Jesus) to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”** (Colossians 1:20)

It's a very positive view, and very appropriate to the issue of authority. However hard Satan pushes, Jesus has already won. Intercessors know this and it is going to have to be very deep in their spirit in order to break the claim of authority by Satan. The bible adds to this truth to strengthen intercessors in the fight.

Satan is going to lose

At the very beginning, the Lord makes it clear who the Victor is going to be - **“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”** (Genesis 3:15) Satan was a loser from the very start, although he was too blinded by his arrogance to see it.

It is going to be a costly fight

Victory is not usually achieved without a lot of struggle. For the victory of the cross to be achieved,

Isaiah warns of the cost –

“He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him and by his wounds we are healed.”
(Isaiah 53:3-5)

A very tough path was ahead for the Lord - and a similar tough path is ahead for Intercessors challenging Satan's claim of authority. Most of the path will involve sacrifice and intercession. “Our struggle is not against flesh and blood.” The word for “Struggle” can be translated as “wrestling.” It is going to be a tough mountain to climb.

It is total victory

The victory, when it comes, will be total. It will be conquest.

“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)

Jesus wins and so do we!

Why are we still fighting?

Jesus is the head of his creation. However, in the gap between his Ascension and his second coming, Satan has some room to manoeuvre and continues to hinder. This can be seen in these stories -

* **Jericho was closed and obstinate.** “Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.” (Joshua 6:1)

* **Nebuchadnezzar was violent.** “Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.” (Daniel 3:6)

* **The controlling beast.** 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 13:16-17)

Intercessors are in the gap, and this is why the struggle continues. Satan has lost, yet is still a dangerous enemy, and still believes that he can authority. This view is driven on by his arrogance. Victory is in the blood of Christ and intercessors in this tower need to absorb the victory into their intercession as they challenge the authority which Satan claims.

The Deceiver deceived. Victory is ours

“All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him [the beast], whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” (Rev 13:8)

God had planned before the foundation of the world to triumph by the sacrificial lamb. In Exodus he outlined what the lamb would do – to atone and to protect Israel from certain death. This would be done by the blood. This process will lead Israel into the freedom of the Exodus. So the lamb for Israel and for the church means freedom and new beginnings by the shedding of the blood. Jesus would become the Passover lamb to cleanse and forgive forever.

Jesus responds

How did Jesus deal with the Satan’s claim to authority? The Temptation story gives some indication.

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” (Matt 4:8-9)

Little by little he broke Satan’s claims.

Jesus takes the power of sin from him

“My son your sins are forgiven.” (Mark 2:5)

Satan can only accuse of sin. (“For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.” Revelation 12:10) Jesus can forgive sin. The man is forgiven and healed. Satan’s power of sin is challenged and is broken at Calvary. The Lord breaks this great rod of iron which Satan has wielded for so long.

Jesus takes demonic power from him

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

(Mark 1:23-6)

Satan exalts himself with many great names and claims to have a hierarchy of demonic at his back. “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) Yet Jesus has all authority. “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18) No demonic force can resist him, however much Satan tries to deny it. The Satanic army is under the authority not of its Commander but of the Lord. Satan’s power over his own is challenged and is broken at Calvary.

Jesus takes any power over creation from him

Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. (Mark 4:39)

“Rebuke” is the word Jesus often uses as he throws out demons. Satan cannot use the physical creation to attack and destroy, because Jesus has shown that whatever happens in the physical, he has the power to overcome it. Satan’s rule over the physical kingdom is challenged and is broken at Calvary.

Jesus takes the power of sickness from him

And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

(Mark 5:25-29)

Satan can only destroy, but Jesus has the power to heal and to restore. His claim to be able to do so is proved in this and many other healing stories.

Jesus takes the power of death from him

He took her by the hand and said to her, “***Talitha koum!***” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. (Mark 5:41-42)

Satan’s greatest claim was to be lord over death. “**Talitha koum**” shows that this power has been taken from him. “Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” (Hebrews 2:14-15)

Chapter 5. Rooms in the tower

As I have studied the towers and have tried to understand their character I have used the picture of rooms. These rooms equip the intercessors for their work from the top of the tower. Teresa of Avila also did this in her book "The interior castle."

Door

These words are written on the door of the tower. They sum up everything which the intercessors are being asked to do and underline the strength and victory which intercession can bring.

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)

Room of light where all the deceptions and all the ugliness is dispersed.

**"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(John 8:12)**

“For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.” (Luke 8:12)

Intercessors in this tower need to be clothed in light, be reflectors of the powerful light of Christ, be lamps shining in the dark darkness. In this room intercessors need to meditate on the light of Christ so that it is deep in their spirit. Only in the light can the falseness of the enemy's claims be shown up and the authority of Christ claimed and established.

Here is a vision I had in this room -

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 by 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 surrounded and filled me. I heard the cry of heaven, “Victory!” I fell down and worshipped the Lord.

Room of deep struggle - where the intercessors must understand the very dangerous and deep level and the cost of challenging Satan's authority.

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

(Mark 8:34)

These rooms belong together. First the room of light which equips the intercessors to challenge and break Satan's authority. Now comes the room of the cost of doing that. These two rooms go together as most serious intercessors will already know. Here is the vision I had in this room.

I went into the dark places. Spirits of destruction attacked my intercession. “Kill him,” they cried. “Do to him what we did to his master.” I stood and remembered the cross. A great scream broke out. From every side it beat against me. It got louder and louder. It was a scream of fear at the power of the cross.

Whispers began against my intercession. “He saved others but he could not save himself.” “He called but there was no answer.” “Who will see this sacrifice? Who cares?” “It is all a lie.” “See he is alone. No one answers him. What can he do against us?” But I filled my ears with the praise of heaven and continued to remember the cross.

Threats began against my intercession. "We will destroy your children." "We will defile your wife. You cannot defend them against us." But I filled my mind with the promise of the Word, and continued to remember the cross and I remembered the Lord's victory. I cried out - "We are more than conquerors."

Then Satan and all his legions came before me and against my intercession. Baal, Bel, Nimrod, Jezebel, the Curse, Jericho, Moab, Pharaoh, Diana, Legion, the Empire, Aggression, Lie and False god. They lifted their swords and came against me and the children of the Lord that I held in my heart. But I did not yield, because in this moment of showing his power, I saw his weakness and his defeat. I rejoiced in my wounds and in the blood and in the Spirit. Hell trembled. "Your days are numbered," I said, "and your defeat assured. You may rule for a time, but you will never reign and in this place I prove your defeat. Here I fall on my knees, I intercede and worship Him who reigns over all - even this place."

Room of eternal victory - where the intercessors draw the strength of the victory of the cross into their lives

**But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(1 Corinthians 15:57)

Now this final room brings everything together in the victory of the Lord and intercessors in this tower must be powerfully aware of that victory as the enemy comes against them.

Intercessors are the victors. The battle has been won. During the time between the Lord's ascension and his return this victory cannot be fully realised, yet it can be claimed. It becomes the framework of the intercessory heart. Intercessors are able to live in the end times return of Jesus and his victory even though it has not yet happened. If intercessors can grasp this they have a power in them which can never be broken and the enemy will be forever backing away from them in defeat. The victory will shine out brightly. Apostle Paul puts it like this -

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 8:36-9)

I have been considering how to describe this victory in spiritual and heavenly terms. One day in the spirit the Lord showed me this picture and it has helped me understand that victory has to be described in spiritual terms.

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.

Top of the tower

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

The intercessors must now establish the authority of Jesus over Vietnam and beyond in the strength of his victory, their knowledge of the enemy's deceptions and their willingness to pay the price. They must look and see where the enemy is trying to establish his authority in economic, political, educational and social areas and then intercede with power into those situations. They must plead the victory of Christ and the establishment of Christ's authority.

Here is my vision from the top of the tower -

I came again to the place of stillness and I saw the angels. Worship flowed between them and I was dazzled by the sight. From them came music and every note exalted Jesus and proclaimed him. This was what I heard.

“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. We, created pure, worship you.”

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



Recently I have been learning about towers of intercession - special places in the world where intense intercession is needed. I have been learning about such a tower in England.

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