

# Destiny: An Intimate Journey

## Session Two

### Entering Into A Session With God Through Intercession

#### The importance of intercession and prayer

✧Intercession is vital to Jesus. He ministered briefly in human form before returning to His Father to intercede for us continually.

*Hebrews 7:25 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.*

✧Jesus became angry at the beginning and at the end of His ministry, seeing the moneychangers in the temple.

*John 2:13-17 15When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"*

*Matthew 21:12 13He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"*

*Isaiah 56:7 For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.*

*2 Chronicles 6:32-33 32Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but who comes from a far country for the sake of Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when they come and pray in this temple...*

The moneychangers were in the Gentiles prayer closet.

#### Who desires us to pray and intercede?

✧God the Father— Urges us through the Word

*2 Chronicles 7:14-15 14If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (New International Version)*

*Isaiah 59:16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.*

✧God the Son, Jesus— Encourages and motivates us

*Matthew 7:7-8 7Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

*Matthew 9:37-38 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

*Matthew 26:40-41 What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.*

✧God the Holy Spirit- Inspires and equips us

*John 14:15-31 16And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever. 26But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

The Holy Spirit helps us in prayer.

*Romans 8:26-27 And in the same way—by our faith—the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words. (The Living Bible)*

## **The battles are won on our knees and rewarded by the Lord.**

*Psalms 68: Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil. (King James Version)*

You will reap only as much as you have sown in prayer.

Deeds do not produce relationship with Him.

Only after we have talked to God about the man can we talk to the man about God.

*Acts 1:4-8 4And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me."*

## **What is the meaning of intercession?**

✧“Intercession” means to “Enter-Into-a-Session-With-God.”

✧*intercede(v)* “to come between two parties or act as a mediator or advocate; to intercede in the strike.” *Collins Dictionary*

The two key words: mediator and advocate.

## **The biblical meaning of an intercessor**

✧Standing in the breach

*Psalms 106:23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them.*

✧Standing between the dead and the living

*Numbers 16:41-50 48And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped.*

✧Making use of discernment and taking practical action for deliverance

*Exodus 4:24-2 24At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met and was about to kill him. 25But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. (New International Version)*

✧Taking practical action because of a burden

*Nehemiah 1:1-11; 2:1-20; Daniel 2:10-23*

✧As the mediator (or daysman), taking hold of the need and God to bring them together.

*Job 9:33Neither is there any daysman betwixt us that might lay his hand upon us both. (King James Version)*

In *Eaton's Bible Dictionary*, a "daysman" is described as "an umpire or arbiter or judge (*Job 9:33*). This word is formed from the Latin *diem dicere*, i.e., to fix a day for hearing a cause. Such a person is empowered by mutual consent to decide the cause and to 'lay his hand,' i.e., to impose his authority on both and enforce his sentence."

### **Discernment as to how you handle God's secrets is vital.**

*Matthew 7:6 Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.*

### **Who can enter into a session with God?**

✧All believers can and should, but some go deeper than others.

*Ezekiel 47:1-5 3And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles. 4Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist. 5Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.*

ANKLE DEEP: You pray occasionally, usually when in need, as you begin. You choose to do it.

KNEE DEEP: Your prayer life becomes important and regular to you through discipline.

WAIST DEEP: You begin to intercede and listen to the Lord's heartbeat as you wait.

DEEP ENOUGH TO SWIM IN: You develop a lifestyle of intercession, going in all the way. You let God take you to where He desires you to be.

✧Each believer can go in as deep they desire or as much as they are willing to allow the Lord to take them to.

Prayer is not a feeling.

Prayer is an act of your will. We must choose to pray.

### **The functional difference between intercessors and pray-ers**

*1 Timothy 2:1-2 I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.*

✧Intercessors desire to:

- ◆ Identify with God and the need on His or their hearts.
  - ◆ Join with Jesus in His heartbeat about the matter.
  - ◆ Stand in the gap with Jesus on the matter.
  - ◆ Become part of His intercession.
  - ◆ Draw into intimacy with Him to deal with any problems needing a breakthrough.
  - ◆ Get down to the specific root of the problem until it is completely resolved.
  - ◆ Go deeper to get a strategy for practical action and deliverance.
- ◆ Intercessors are prophetic and specific.

✧Pray-ers are more general in their prayers as they:

- ◆ Present the needs directly to Jesus for Him to carry out the intercession.
  - ◆ Become aware of the need and simply give it to the Lord through prayer.
  - ◆ Carry the larger burden, as they do not have the time to go into intercession.
- ◆ Pray-ers are often more pastoral and caring.