

## Sowing Intercessory Prayer for the city

### **God's Message:**

*I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)*

*Believe in yourself, and you will end in disappointment. But those who trust in the Lord will never be disappointed. (Dwight L. Moody)*

Out of many kinds of prayers, there is a very important prayer which is too often ignored by God's people – an intercessory prayer. In the Word of God and the history of nations, it was clear that only the power of intercessory prayer could change a nation; even could change one generation. For example, Nehemiah's intercessory prayer which caused the wall of Jerusalem to be rebuilt, Daniel's intercessory prayer which caused Israelites to come back to Jerusalem after the captivity for 70 years in Babel. Moses defended Israelites; Lord Jesus' intercessory prayer caused Jerusalem to experience great spiritual revival.

Intercession is like the air force or the struggle and spiritual war before the soldiers or evangelists are sent to a ministry. Intercessor is a middleman between God and men, between men and the devil's power. If God's people are called the royal priesthood, which describes God's people as a servant who sows, so the pain of spiritual labor will bring spiritual revival. Having the burden of God's heart is not the same with being moved emotionally or whether you have compassion towards other people. It is because of God's Words or God's promise inside His people's heart.

Intercessory prayer for a city is a spiritual foundation for the city so that the Spirit of the Lord could work through it. This intercessory prayer should be an expression of God's people unity in that city. This component is very important in an intercessory prayer, as it is written in 2 Chronicles 7:14: *"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

This verse explains few important things in an intercessory prayer:

*"My people"* This word explains that those who intercede are His children who believe that the blood of Jesus has redeemed them. God's people must position themselves as the people who have the right for all God's promises.

*"Humble themselves"* This is an attitude where His people leave their comfort and safety to ask for God's mercy and compassion.

*"Pray"* In its original language, there are 2 important words here: *intercede* and *interpose*. This is the type of prayer that God means – where His people leave their own ambitions and exchange them with the vision and burden for the city. *Interpose* means that the prayer is prayed with full confidence – because of the rights that God has given. It is also prayed by holding onto God's promises.

*"Seek God's face"* This is a part of God's longing to change the paradigm by destroying all the veils of spiritual eyes – everything is opened and therefore they can see all things that God has provided

for them as it is written in His Word, *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"* (1 Corinthians 2:9)

"Turn from their wicked ways". This is a sacrifice that must be done - God's people should always walk in the truth and holiness and turn from their wicked ways.

The spiritual place to sow prayer for a city is not limited by place or dimension and time – we have to pray without ceasing – in the center of the place where there is a power of darkness, in the areas which tends to have conflict – we can even have a prayer concert in the city's stadium. To be able to do this activity, we must have a belief that we will reap what we sow. One day we will see our city is transformed according to what we pray in the intercessory prayer.

**Essence:**

Out of many kinds of prayers, there is a very important prayer which is too often ignored by God's people – an intercessory prayer. Intercession is like the air force or the struggle and spiritual war before the soldiers or evangelists are sent to a ministry. Intercessor is a middleman between God and men, between men and the devil's power.

**Reflection:**

What is the focus of our prayer? Are we praying for our personal interest or for other people's interest? Do we have an understanding about intercessory prayer?

**Commitment:**

I want to change my prayer, it's not only for my personal needs – I want to give greater portion of my prayer for intercessory prayer.

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