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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to God and to everyone eagerly looking forward to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

PREFACE

This special book is a result of an online meeting for which I was asked to speak in 2022. The topic "God's Heartcry For The World" was given to me. As I began to write my message, God was gracious to give us key issues that are now more pressing today beyond the short time we had in the meeting. Because God knew the future and saw the spiritual and moral decay that we now see, and which will likely increase, He has given us this message to go throughout the whole world to share His deep anguish over this lost world.

No one knows the depth of God's grief over this lost generation more than the Holy Spirit who has inspired this simple but powerful material. It is my earnest cry to God that this book will burn in your heart the very pain in the Heart of God and will rouse you out of sleep to go and possess the gates for God.

You may find certain burdens too much, but I implore you not to drop this material until God accomplishes in you what only He can do.

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INTRODUCTION

From the fall of man, the world has been on a free fall with wickedness and wicked practices pervasive in every aspect of human life. There seems to be no end to the invention of perversion and men polluting their own ways. This pattern of life has grieved and caused God untold pain ever since. This was not the man who God made, His original plans for the human race were already marred by sin.

In the very next generation after the creation of man, the Bible recorded the event that led to the first murder. Think about the grief that this must have caused God seeing man, His own masterpiece, the perfection of His creative power, turning against her kind. Our mind would be too little to grasp the depth of the anguish of God as He sees sin tear apart humanity – yet this pain is certainly written through the echoes of prophets, saints, and martyrs who cried against the sin of their generation.

From that first murder sprang other numerous killings, increasing homicide cases, and stupid gang fights ripping lives apart. Today, we see the horrendous spilling of innocent blood from wars, just as we have seen in the recent months in the Russian-Ukrainian war, the conflict in Sudan, and more recently the October 7th, 2023 massacre of Israelis by Hamas which has now turned Gaza

into a death zone. Painfully we are seeing a huge rise in fraudulent activities and ritual killings. Our young people, now so desperate to make quick money, are no longer afraid to murder a fellow human in cold blood to satisfy the evil quest in their hearts. It is more terrifying in this very moment in human history as it seems as though there is no limit to the wickedness in the heart of men. Every day we seem to wake up to the news of more horrific killings or certain events that show how dark a place the world is heading. From terrorism to abduction and ethnic cleansing, the horror of death seems to be all over the world.

Just as the disobedience of Adam brought sin into the human race, sin has produced other deadly fruits that have become a tool in the hand of the wicked one (devil) to rob Man of the glory and honor that God has given him.

Indeed, heaven laments this great tragedy that has befallen humanity. I have not written only about the events unfolding in our nation but we see the devastating impact of sin in all the nations of the world.

Everywhere you look today, there is evil. Evil seems to have filled and dominated our generation more than any other in human history. As someone wrote recently, ***“Something is not wrong somewhere, something is wrong everywhere”***. I think this paints an awfully sad but true picture of the time in which we are currently. We have reached the point where God has to pity His

people or else this generation would collapse from the weight of human depravity so enhanced at the highest resolution.

Let me quickly say this, Though I have preached Rapture, Hell, and Heaven, I believe God will look down from Heaven and give us a Revival before the Rapture. This is no complacent statement, this is derivative of many years of pleas to God to send us revival before judgment. My cry to God is that He would be gracious and merciful to give us revival before pouring out His vengeance upon humanity.

Let's not deceive ourselves, we have out-sinned other generations before and the only thing holding back the judgment of God is the prayer of the saints. Therefore, let us all keep praying and hold nothing back for God to be merciful upon this generation. May God do this for us in Jesus' name. Amen!

1

GOD'S GRIEF

In the entire scripture, God's grief has never been so vividly expressed over humanity as we see in Genesis chapter 6 verses 5 to 7.

When God saw the wickedness of men just a few generations after Adam, the Bible recorded that it grieved God at His heart. To imagine God's grief when He saw the impact of sin upon His investment is an understatement. But the Bible was so clear when it says, "*God both grieved and wished He had not made man*" (Genesis 6:7).

One Father who must have felt a similar cut at heart was the father of the prodigal whose son rejected and went away without pity. What pain and grief that father must have felt when his son looked him in the face and told him goodbye. What the boy had done must have brought such uncontrollable tears and deep sorrow of heart to his father (Luke 15:11-13).

Having seen God's grief expressed so vividly in these first few lines, I cannot but ask you to pause and ask yourself these questions.

*Does my life grieve God?
Have I caused Him pain because of how I have
abused His grace?*

Is God looking down from heaven and watching the investment of calvary wasting because you are still wallowing in sin (secret sin) and disobedience though you claim to be in the faith? Is there a regret of heaven upon your life and it is as though God is saying concerning you, ***“I regret I have made (saved) him or her?” (Genesis 6:7 NIV).***

This is God's first cry – It is grief, it is pain, it is lamentation. Have you been a cause?

The Cry Of Sodom And Gomorrah

And the Lord said, “The outcry [of the sin] of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. I will go down now, and see whether they have acted [as vilely and wickedly] as the outcry which has come to Me [indicates]; and if not, I will know.”

Genesis 18:20-21 AMP

We have reached the edge of the end of all things. This is one of the most dangerous times in human history. We live in a time when sin is not only

increased but normalized. There seems to be no limit to the invention of evil practices in the heart of men.

The sin of Sodom and Gomorrah rose to heaven and their violence and wickedness reached its peak. It is very clear that they had not only reached the limit but exceeded all other previous generations and people in wickedness.

The Bible describes the people of Sodom and Gomorrah as knowing God but refusing to acknowledge Him as God. They lived in licentious lewd ways, they corrupted and polluted every natural ordinance of God. They perverted sexuality and became wicked in their inventions. The Bible says that God gave them up to vile affections and reprobate minds to do things that are not convenient. (Romans 1:18-32).

Are we not living in a time much more wicked and dangerous than that of Sodom? Just as someone once said, *“We have out-sinned Sodom”*. When I look at this generation, I see one marred and tainted in a more grievous sin than any other before us. A generation whose sins' cry has reached up to heaven waiting for the rain of judgment but for the mercy of God and the blood of His Christ.

If God would judge this generation, it would mean doom everywhere. One statement that has been recurring in my heart was the very words of Jesus when He said, *“The people of Sodom will rise in judgment to condemn this generation”*.

Why? Because Sodom had no Bible, Sodom had no preacher, Sodom had no place of worship, Sodom had no missionaries, Sodom did not know the atoning work of Calvary, Sodom did not have the privilege of the Holy Ghost, yet she was overthrown in judgment.

The people of Sodom lived as a brute beast without knowledge and our generation has even degenerated lower. This is what I believe it would mean especially for those who claimed to be Christians and in Christian nations: The people of Sodom and Gomorrah would rise in judgment to challenge and condemn every believer who lived in pornography, homosexuality, sodomy, paedophilia, and other sinful lifestyles. If you are living in any perverted way, do not wait to be condemned in judgment - repent today!

Though this generation has all the privileges that Sodom did not have, yet she is heading into destruction. We are on the verge of judgment and only the mercy of God is staying the hand of God's wrath. Our pride against God seems to know no limit as we begin to push radical transgender ideas into the mainstream. Who would have believed a few years ago that gender is fluid and anyone can be any gender? It would be unthinkable that people will not be able to define who or what a woman or a man is. More dangerously, we see children mutilated and cut apart so that we can assign another identity to

them. Do you think God is up there simply loving this act of wickedness playing out now? No! He is not and here is what I think is coming soon except we turn back and repent - Judgment!

Take a look around you for a moment and tell me the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah that is not prevalent in our society today. Can you see how perversion is being projected everywhere around us? Everywhere you turn today is sin and sinfulness.

Here are some shocking statistics I believe will stir your heart to pray and beg the Lord to be merciful.

WHO estimated that there are 121 million unwanted pregnancies yearly, and 6 out of 10 of these are aborted, resulting in 73.3 million abortions yearly.

There are 1.3 Billion Tobacco users, and 8 Million die from Tobacco yearly. It was reported that “for the entire 20th century an estimated 100 million people died prematurely because of smoking, most of them in rich countries”

About \$426 - 652 Billion was reportedly spent on illegal drugs in 2014 alone. Illegal drugs claim about 750000 souls per year.

Apart from these few stats, rape is on the high, homosexuality, pedophilia, incest, and many perversion have overtaken our society.

The media and entertainment industry have been highly instrumental in the spread of immoral living and wicked devices in our time. Social media has made sin widespread and to speak against sinful practices is quickly tagged prejudice, racism, phobic, misogynistic, and you name it.

We are in trouble, we are in the days of war, yet many are not weeping. Where are the mothers like Rachel weeping with great lamentation for the woe and lostness of the hundreds of millions of young people? The mad rush for quick black money, the violence and vileness, and the almost impossible-to-believe wickedness springing from our youth should cause someone to cry, at least heaven weeps.

I am no religious apologetic, but look around you and see for yourself as prostitution and cheap sex thrives. Human trafficking for the sexual exploitation of many children and youth victims is also on the rise. Do we suppose God is happy and simply having some fun? I do not think so. I think for every one moment of joy by angels and the hosts of heaven over a soul that is saved, there are ten other moments of a louder uproar of great lamentation over souls eternally lost.

Let me cite an example at this point to paint a horrible picture yet one that must be drawn to stir

our hearts. In the year 2012, the world woke up to dreadful news coming out of New Delhi, the capital city of India. It was the news of a violent attack and death of a young Indian student perpetrated by some men aged 17-30 years. She was brutally abused, and iron material was inserted into her private part leading to her death. Though it was news then, it is no news again today. That girl probably and most likely without God was sunk into eternal perdition.

We are at the zenith of sinfulness and the mad rush for sin seems to have no limit. Judgment seems inevitable and must begin in the house of God.

Sadly, such things that ought not to be mentioned among the so-called saints of God have not only found their way into the church but now seem to be prevalent among the shepherds. Let me illustrate this statement to you using an article we published a while ago titled *“Who is clean?”* in the next chapter.

2

WHO IS CLEAN?

Pornography In The Church

Recently while working on an article I came across a very disturbing and thought-provoking statistics on pornography from two perspectives; society and the church. How did we allow this evil to so much overtake our generation?

It might not have been so sad if this cancer is only detected among the people of the world who have rejected Christ and His mercy, but how do we get comfort if it has found its way into the church and right to the leadership of our churches? What is the implication of these statistics?

40 million American adults give themselves regular visits to pornographic websites and spend at least 6 minutes 29 seconds viewing the filth.

The devil has made porn so easily accessible and inexpensive with about 42 million pornographic

websites and 370 million web pages dishing out this bowl of iniquity.

The evil has increased infidelity by 300% and is the root cause of 47% of marital problems.

Children are victims as early as age 11 and 94% would have seen porn at 14.

The obsession with pornography has been said to be the cause of 56% of divorces in America.

This first part of the statistics is at the general society level, but what happens if:

70% of youth pastors have at least one teenager in 12 months admitting to being caught in the web of pornography.

68% of church-going men and over 50% of pastors view pornography on a regular basis.

76% of young Christian adults between the age of 18 and 24 actively search for porn.

59% of men seek pastoral help on the use of porn.

33% of women aged 25 and under search for porn at least once a month.

Only 13% of self-identified Christian women claim never to have watched porn, leaving 87% who have.

55% of married men and 25% of married women say they watch porn at least once a month.

55% of pastors say that porn addiction is the most dangerous issue in their congregation.

69% say porn has adversely impacted the church.

So sad are these figures though they are by no means exhaustive. How do we explain 33.5 billion visits to a pornographic site in 2018 and 35% of total internet downloads being porn related?

We have seen the damage and ruin porn is doing to our society today. Rape is on the high, with 121 million unwanted pregnancies relating to 73.3 million abortions yearly. The filthy and immoral society we have today is because of the terrible impact of porn. Sexual orientation has been badly damaged and sexual gratification has been so exalted, pushing many of our young people into dangerous and perverted lifestyles.

Today the abomination of Sodom has crept into the household of the Christian faith, and the cankerworm has gripped even the men of the pulpit. Who then is clean? If half of the pastors are victims, how many of their members are victors? The church is the true reflection of the inner life of the preacher, which means the majority in our

churches are infected with the evil of pornography.

Who then are the fathers, the priests in the homes of 68% of church-going men who are bound by pornography? If the minds of these many dads are ruined by pornography, how sorry would the families be? No wonder the divorce rate in the church is as high as they are in the world today; maybe not even.

Who then is clean? Are the church people not meant to be pure and holy people? Men who by their holy lifestyle condemn a sinful world? How have they become as filthy as the world? How do we recover from this embarrassment and be restored unto righteousness?

There is a need for a revolution of holiness and repentance. We must repent and hope that the merciful God will pity our situation and forgive us. So many spiritual giants have been crippled by pornography. We need the Spirit of Christ to move upon the church and give us a revival. It's either God saves us or we would lose more.

Are you unclean and defiled with this evil? Have you tried to come out of its chain? Run to the cross and wash in the blood. Plead for mercy – our God is rich in mercy. He will abundantly pardon. Nothing is impossible with the power of Jesus.

It's time to rise in prayer and be delivered so as to deliver others. Oh God, raise for us clean men and women who will honor You in their bodies, souls, and spirits in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Statistics are from an article written by [Mission Frontiers](#) and other Internet sources.

Sin seems not only to be destroying society but also her very foundation of truth and morality i.e. "The Church". Look for yourself at the figures and you would agree with me truly that heaven is weeping and there is cry, even great lamentation.

God's cry for the world is a cry for the church. He has put the church into the world to lighten the world and dispel darkness. The church is the only hope of this world, but she has been paralyzed and neutralized by sinfulness and worldliness, while materialism and covetousness top the list. Oh that the Lord whom we seek suddenly comes to cleanse His church and make His people clean again. Amen.

3

A CRY FOR PREACHERS

God is looking for righteous men to show His grace and mercy to this decaying generation. He seemed to be crying out loud to everyone who would partake in His blessing. The Bible speaks about a preacher of righteousness, Noah who preached faithfully for 120 Years. Such a man who is non-compromising in his commitment to God and His will, will never lack the favor of God.

‘We need a preacher to preach to the preachers today’, a beautiful line from the book ‘Why Revival Tarries’ by Leonard Ravenhill. The book of Hebrews 11:7 spoke of this man Noah who was moved with fear and built an ark as commanded. Though what God said would happen has no precedence, he took God at His word. God is looking for such men. Are you like that?

God is very clear on His desire to raise men who are faithful and true shepherds over His flock, those who like Spurgeon of old feed His flocks with the word of life. The book of Jeremiah expresses God’s angry cry of woe at the shepherd who feeds at the expense of the sheep.

I have expressed that statement in a more simple fashion: *"Rather than feeding the sheep, they milk the sheep for breakfast and roast its flesh for dinner"*. Are the days of Old-fashioned preaching gone? Days when men preached, heaven, hell, and rapture with great conviction. Has heaven stopped the production of men like Apostle Paul or Charles Finney? I don't think so, I think heaven is still waiting in deep anguish for one man to rise as Paul and other men rose. God is still very willing to share with men the deep mystery of His power that brings men to the cross and gets them saved.

Have you not asked yourself as I have often, is there no more power to save men as of old? Some of you will agree with me that though we managed to bring people out for altar calls, many ended up not getting saved. As Bro Ravenhill said, there are more spiritual abortions at our altars than in real abortion killing babies. This abortion is more damnable because of its eternal consequence.

A while ago, I was at an open-air crusade where the preacher brought men out for altar call, without asking the people to pray for themselves, he declared them saved and sanctified by the blood of Jesus. This weakened me, I lost my joy, and it was as though I was fatally wounded at heart. I sat there weakened and troubled. In the midst of that, I wrote some of these words:

"To declare anyone saved and sanctified is Christ's prerogative. This authority is given to no man. Decisionism is not salvation. A decision for Jesus is not a mere confession but an intelligent decision under the Holy Ghost to follow Jesus with genuine repentance that leads to salvation.

I am weak... I sat so weak even though the next item is the ministrations of two great gospel ministers I love.

A minister after making an altar call, simply prayed for the people who came forward with the declaration that they were saved.

It is a great pain in my heart. I told the Lord, "They are not getting saved". If we don't rise, then this rubbish will continue, after all Judah said, the hand of men who bore the burden is weak and there is so much rubbish.

What kind of soul are we harvesting? The numbers may truly be great but what is the profit of heaven over these many souls who have been simply declared saved without repenting and making a personal commitment to the Lord?

Our God must indeed be gracious. I am very afraid for this generation, I know we need help. Lord, please help us!

Truly I have said this generation without the proper Biblical doctrine is superficial and will fall apart. I need mercy, Lord".

Where do we go from here, if declaring someone saved is a big error, how about declaring an

unsaved soul sanctified? Do we really understand the implications of these spiritual abortions?

That evening, the Lord shared His grief with me, it was nothing mechanical or emotional. I was simply feeling His anguish and pain, no tears though I wish I had one but a deep heart cut.

I am of the persuasion that heaven is crying out for preachers of holiness like Enoch, John Wesley, John Fletcher, and other men of similar passion. Men who will not rush out but wait to be made under the molding hands of the King of Heaven.

Will you allow Him? Are you not rushing out to preach when you ought to sit? Beyond the zeal, eloquence, and knowledge, there is a need for commissioning. Have you been commissioned by God or have men commissioned you? Let me borrow another phrase from Leonard Ravenhill as I conclude this section, "***preaching is not a profession, it's a passion***". Are you called a preacher and passionate for the souls of men?

Having raised these few questions, let me shock you into prayer by informing you about the outstanding qualities of Mr. Spurgeon in his many years at the London Tabernacle. Without making a single altar call, many came to Jesus. What do these men have that we do not? Are they a special breed? No, they are men who yielded themselves to God as errand boys and girls and do not mind being treated as such.

4

A CRY FOR INTERCESSORS

And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. (Isaiah 59:16).

Before I speak about the travail of God in seeking men to travail in birth so that spiritual offspring might be born, let me quickly share with you the travail of the world.

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now (Romans 8:22).

Do you know that the whole creation groans in pain even now? Many currently sits in the regions of the shadow of death, tormented in their mind by fear of death. The rich and the poor alike are condemned to the prison of guilt of sin. Many are sitting in the valley of decisions, they desperately need help but seem to be out of reach. These are men who can only be loosed from the bondage

and chains of wickedness by our intercession. They have waited for so long, others are waiting, and many who could wait no longer have sunk into eternal perdition. The hopelessness and helplessness of these throngs without God are written all over our major streets and communities. They languish in their own world of doom, they need a Savior to save them, and they cry to be out of the deep mess in which they have found themselves.

When I go into our major streets and see how sin has torn lives into pieces, I conclude that no social reform could reach these ones but the cleansing power of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. As the world cries and is in deep labor pang, so also does heaven weep because there is none to stand in the gap for this generation before the throne of grace to obtain the needed mercy to save a drowning world from the holy anger of the Most High God. Somehow, the whole creation seems to be eagerly waiting for one man to rise tall and bring them liberty. A man like Elijah, who will stand up against the false gods and idolatry practices of his generation. But before he stands upon Carmel, he must stand before the holy God in His holy mountains.

Intercession is one art that very few people know anything about. Much more, only a few people will dare take up this noble cause. Intercession is God's heartcry to us. Although intercession is a form of prayer, it is not like any other prayer you

pray. It is the peak of prayer, where there is no ulterior motive but the glory of God. Nothing matters in intercession but the honor of Christ and to see God glorified. It is the state in which the man interceding imposes himself to turn the hand of God's judgment upon sinful people or enforce the will of God on earth. The intercessor stands in the gap, he places himself in between the anger of God and the offender. He both identifies and bears with the individual for which intercession is made. God enjoys men who daringly hold His hands, those who will not let Him go until His favor is secured, and those who will not take **No** for an answer but will keep holding the hands of God until mercy is released.

Only daring men can intercede, only men who have been baptized into the Spirit of love of Christ can intercede. Other people may pray without prevailing, but not so with the intercessor. He travails in birth until spiritual offspring are birthed. Paul spoke of such continuous travail until Christ was formed in the Galatian church (Galatians 4:19).

I must share this truth again with you, and I want you preachers to pay attention to it. ***“No soul is won in our preaching until they are won in intercession”***. The truth is that souls are won by praying and then by preaching. As beautiful as preaching is, it is not the priority, intercession must be the cloak of the preacher. It is the secret of preachers of old.

Let us quickly look at the classic example of how men have stood in the gap in intercession to hold the hand of God's judgment.

Abraham

Abraham standing in the gap for Sodom is a classic example of intercession that cannot be ignored. In Genesis 18:20-33, God was going to destroy Sodom. Though they were wicked, Abraham was willing to plead with God for the sake of Lot. The Bible says that Abraham stood before God and began to negotiate. Daringly he negotiated with God to spare the people for the sake of a few righteous people. He continuously negotiated with God from fifty to ten people. He claimed that God is too righteous to destroy the sinners and the righteous. Abraham said, "Far be it from you to do wrong, God; You are the judge of the whole earth and You will do right". The heart that Abraham had for Lot was that of love. Even though Lot had wronged Abraham, yet Abraham loved him and prayed that God would spare him. Intercessors are people with deep love, they are not praying for their enemies to die. They share the nature of God their Father whose will is not for any to perish but that all may come to repentance.

Moses

Who can forget in a hurry the intercession of Moses? In Exodus 32, Israel had sinned and God was going to destroy the people until Moses stood in the breach. In verse 10 the Bible says that the anger of the Lord was so kindled as to consume the people, but see the intercession of Moses from verses 11-13.

Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said: "Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' "

Exodus 32:11-13 NKJV

Such was the passionate intercession of Moses that in verse 14 the Bible said, ***and the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do to the people of Israel.*** Moses stood in the gap for a whole nation; he turned away the wrath of God. This great intercessor didn't stop there, he went further. In

Exodus 33:11-17, he bargained again until God was willing to go with the people.

Even though at a point God was offering Moses the opportunity to become a nation mightier than Israel, yet he would not let God destroy the people. Here we see the selflessness of an intercessor.

Do you wonder why God called the two men His friends? Intercession seems to bring a man into a deep and intimate union (friendship with God).

God is looking for such men who like Jacob would not let Him go until they have secured His blessing. Men who will be desperate enough to hold God on a matter until heaven smiles upon them. When Jacob was at his wit's end, it was either an intervention or nothing. He wept and cried, he pled until the blessing was secured.

Even in the womb, Jacob struggled with his brother; when he became a man, he even fought with God. Yes, he wrestled with the angel and won. He wept and pleaded for a blessing from him. There at Bethel, he met God face to face, and God spoke to him— the Lord God of Heaven's Armies, the Lord is his name!

Hosea 12:3-5 NLT

He said to the angel, "I will not let you go unless you bless me". That night, Jacob was willing to die rather than let God go. By doing this he secured a

promise greater than him. Though he lost a thigh, he got a nation, it was the cost of his persistence in prayer. Just as in the case of a sinner, Jacob received a pardon from the Most High God and got a new name. He was no longer a cheat or a liar, but a prince of God.

Heaven is looking for such men who will be desperate enough to cry out for this generation. Men like David Brainerd, Edward Payson, Robert Murray Mcchyne, John Fletcher, Abel Clary, Father Nash, Rees Howells, and many unknown intercessors.

A call to intercession is a call to partnership. It is a position of trust earned by faithfulness. Both Abraham and Moses were faithful in their dealings with God, so God could trust them with the destinies of nations. (Hebrews 3:4-5). God would not hide anything from Abraham - He said, *how shall I hide this thing which I do from Abraham?* Indeed God will do nothing without revealing it to His servant, the intercessor.

Intercessors take matters into their own hands. They don't mind the wrath of God falling on them as long as it does not fall upon the people.

Hindrances to Intercession

Anyone can pray, but only holy men can prevail in intercessory prayer. Since intercession many times requires pleading the case of others, an offender cannot plead for another. Intercession

requires a high level of purity and holiness. Only those with clean hands and a pure heart can climb to the hills of the Lord holding His hands on behalf of other men. I have found secret and unconfessed sin a major hindrance to intercession. Of this sin, the Bible admonishes us thus,

Wherefore seeing that we are compassed about by this great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside the sin and weight which does easily beset us and let us run this race with patience, while we look up to Jesus the one who both started and finished the cause without sin (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Intercession costs so much, it takes a toll on the soul and body. Though the spirit-man is renewed, the body and soul may suffer severely. Many have left intercession because of physical conditions. They have not followed the examples of these two men, David Brainerd and John Hyde (also known as praying Hyde). The former with tuberculosis and the latter with a shifted heart both prayed themselves to death. But history will never forget the impact of their prayers. The world and the devil have not recovered from the earth-quaking effect of their intercessions.

Christ our perfect intercessor prayed till death and continued to make intercession for the saints. The Bible says that He lives forever to make

intercession for the saints. He is the greatest intercessor of all time. The effect of His intercession is what gave birth to the souls of men and His continuous intercession is what kept us saved and from falling into error. He is both a compassionate and loving High Priest who can feel our plights and be merciful to us in our ignorance. At the peak of His intercession at Gethsemane, Jesus prayed with groaning which cannot be uttered.

He has set the example for us, intercession is the way of the Master, why should the servant not follow a similar path?

Spirit-assisted intercessions are original, this is because the Bible promised to pour upon the saints the spirit of prayer (Joel 2:28). The Holy Spirit can help us to pray with groanings which cannot be uttered. The Bible says that while Jesus was on earth, he wept and cried unto God (Hebrews 5:7). This shows the level of His commitment to seeing that lost humanity is restored to God. The same God is well able to furnish His saints with a special ability to pray His will upon a sinful world. Since God can and will not be able to do anything in the realm of men without the input of men, God seeks men who will intercede.

This is another heartcry of God, a cry for intercessors that prompted Him to speak with great passion:

So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

Ezekiel 22:30 NKJV

Though God will be justified if He rains fire and brimstone upon the earth, yet because of His great mercy, He is willing to spare a wicked and rebellious generation. However, God cannot spare her without the cooperation of men who will make up the edge.

Are you such one that heaven can count upon?
Are you such one who will take up the lamentation and wail for men who are lost?

Heaven is waiting for you, your generation is waiting for you, don't keep them waiting.

5

A CRY FOR MISSIONARIES

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

Isaiah 6:8-9 NKJV

The great commission is for all. Whether you agree or not, every child of God is called to be a missionary. As long as you are born again, God's call upon your life is to missions. As simple as the great commission is, it is sad that only a few people obey it. We are the generation who is so satisfied with our religious activity at the expense of the many people who sit in faraway lands hopeless and lost without the message of salvation. The need for a Gospel Mission to the ends of the Earth is one of the greatest cries in the heart of the Lord.

When Jesus was leaving the earth, He gave His disciples the commission to go to the ends of the

earth, but they must start in Jerusalem before dispersing to the end of the earth. The world is in darkness, and men who ought to shine as light have turned off the switch - this is the grief of heaven. Some months ago I made a lamentation about the dying state of missions. Though I have written and prayed for the revival of missions, the situation is not getting any better. Some men who claim to be missionaries are an embarrassment to the name of Jesus, while we have only a few faithful laborers.

Listen to the word of the Lord which I think is more relevant than ever before. The tone with which Jesus spoke shows the deep pain in the heart of the master:

“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.” (Matthew 9:37)

With the world population standing at a staggering 8 billion people, what is the hope of the world? According to Joshua project, 42.3% of these are called the unreached people groups (UPGs), they have limited or no access to the gospel. These include the Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, and many other non-religious peoples. The majority of this group lives in the 10/40 window cutting through Asia, Africa, and Oceania. Is God not mindful of these people? Is heaven less interested in the salvation of these many? Have we

condemned these 3.28 billion people to eternal damnation? Are they not worth saving? Meanwhile, among these groups are the most intellectual, rich, and the poorest of men. The cry of heaven is that many will still die today and be lost eternally without God. How much or often does heaven wail over a lost soul? I believe more often than any of us would or imagine. While many of us are dancing in our major congregations, heaven is weeping. Should we not join Jeremiah to cry with heaven, can our bosom not yearn after the pain of the Lord?

There is no better way to lament and weep than in the words of Jeremiah.

My bowels, my bowels, I am in pain... (Jeremiah 4:19).

When was the last time you felt the pain of heaven? God's desire is clear, He would want all men saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

As dear Leonard Ravenhill describes it, there seems to be some important command of God, *go ye, pray ye, come unto me*, and all these are associated with the great commission.

One sad thing that grieves Heaven today is the lack of a Mission mindset in the church. The world owes her development to missions and has not recovered from the labor of great

missionaries like *David Livingstone; Hudson Taylor; Jim Elliot and friends; Amy Carmichael; Adoniram and Ann Judson; William Carrey; and many other pioneer missionaries*. These are men and women who risked their lives so that the knowledge of the truth might be known in the heathen land.

Mission is a must and you must be a part of it. The world is dark and grim. The report coming from a missionary brother in India is dark, the persecution is high even in the south which is known for Christianity. If you can not go, then you must pray, and send your donations to Mission causes. I know many of the modern churches have cheated us, using mission funds for every other thing but mission – heaven weeps because of this.

Did you know it is increasingly hard to find mission organizations that are willing to take new missionaries, especially from certain parts of Africa because of trust issues? Another reason is that there is little or no zeal for missions. Recently I was speaking with an organization that could no longer send as many mission materials as they used to because they were low on funding.

Imagine you go home and inform your parents that you'd like to be a missionary, or you want to marry a missionary, it is then you will know how degrading it seems to have become if you are a missionary. The world is dying and we are dancing. The case for missions is a case for the

world and a case for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Missions is now or never, we must go gather the harvest before they are rotten and useless. What use is it if they die without God? Does that bring joy to heaven or serious grief?

Where do I start, you may ask? Start by asking God if He would want you to go to the unreached, and don't forget we have a lot of work to do in our communities. Who will evangelize our local community, who will, in all honesty, evangelize the church?

You can commit to sponsoring a missionary, many missionaries have been left to themselves, and they are the forgotten ones. God is counting on you and me to go and to support those who want to go. Be determined to labor now while you can, if you cannot go, send someone, pray for someone, or encourage or mobilize someone to go. Like never before, Missions is now or never! It is an emergency, will you do something about it or simply ignore it?

6

A CRY FOR WATCHMEN

Who will sound an alarm to warn this generation of the impending doom that looms on her walls? Where are the watchmen standing upon the watchtowers in our communities, cities, and nations to spot danger ahead of time in this end time? Where are the men and women who give themselves no rest day and night to see that the invading armies of the wicked do not force their way into our families and society? Are they all together gone to sleep? Have they soon forgotten the call of their youths? Have they left the watch to watch movies and entertain themselves to spiritual death? There is a cry today in the heart of God as our streets have been infiltrated by forces of darkness parading without fear because those who ought to stay up at night are themselves fast asleep in pleasure. Oh, what a grief God must be feeling to see sexual perversion become so normal among the young and old. The need for watchmen and women in this generation is not optional but important!

Watchmen are those who stand upon the watch, they are the gatekeepers. They are the eye of the town. They are the ones who sound the alarm to warn men against the invasion of an alien army.

Watchmen are known for their alertness, and all-round readiness to foresee danger before it crashes upon a people.

The office of the watchman is a very sensitive one, he must stay awake while others are asleep, and he must keep watch and ensure that no intruder makes any sudden attack upon the city.

God calls for such men who will be spiritual watchmen, men who will stand upon their watch and warn men of the danger that may befall them.

In the Bible, we see God call Ezekiel the man of God a watchman. This role comes with very great responsibility, and it is because of the cost of the human soul.

Ministry And Role Of A Watchman

The Bible gave us the job description or the role of the watchman. He must be a man who hears God first for himself and then for other men. The role of a watchman like that of an intercessor is that of trust. God seems to say, I trust the destiny of these many people into your hands. You are responsible to see to it that nothing hinders them from becoming what I planned for their lives.

God is very particular about this ministry of watchmen.

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. “Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul.”

Ezekiel 3:17-21 NKJV

This same matter was repeated in Ezekiel 33:1-19. When God repeats a matter more than once it shows how important the matter is. There seems to be a cry in God's heart for men who will not only stand in the gap but warn men. Intercessors may labor in secret but watchmen stand to warn

people about impending dangers. Watchmen are prophetic in nature, they are vocal and daring. They are God's emergency men for crisis hours. They hear from God and knowing the mind of God they declare it without fear to the people.

They are men whom God will do nothing without revealing it to them. They take the role of an intercessor and combine it with that of a prophet. They labor in prayer and declare God's mandate.

Of such men are prophets of old, Nathan a man among the many who would not reduce the weight of his message to the king. He simply declared to the king, "You are the guilty one".

They bow their knees to no man but God, they are afraid of no man but God, honor no man above God, and see through the eyes of God. Watchmen arm themselves for war, they are ready to act. As the first line of defense, they stand to fight against the incoming militant army.

But we hear a Cry from God,

His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant. Isaiah 56:10-12

See how heaven mourns over these watchmen. Those who are meant to watch are somehow blind. They are ignorant, hence they can not identify danger far off. Dumb dogs that cannot bark, even in the face of danger, they cannot warn or alert the people. Lying down and loving to slumber, they are asleep spiritually and not alert to danger.

They are greedy dogs, and cannot have enough, they can be bought and let the enemy in. It is a tragedy today that those who are meant to protect the people are the people we are afraid of.

They give themselves to drinks and cannot be sensitive enough to watch over souls. They wallow in these, while the enemy breaks in and destroys the land.

Heaven's cry is that there are no watchmen who will warn men and bring them into the right way. Will you be a man or woman of integrity who stands with and for God, and God alone?

God desires to place watchmen who are honest and dedicated upon the watch of His people. Who will not be quiet day and night warning men from the rising of the sun to the setting thereof? Men who will watch until the armies of the alien nations are put to flight and God's holy name is praised in all the earth.

Will you respond to the call of heaven?

7

A CRY FOR MEN TO CRY

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Jude 1:21-23 NKJV

Lord make me a man of God, a man of prayer, and a man of faith. Lord break me and take away the dryness in my heart. Give me a tearful heart and wet eyes. Let that which causes you to grieve cause my heart to bleed. Don't allow me to cross this space in time without carrying your burden. These are my prayers and I shared this need to cry in one of my written poems titled "*Tearless*". I must share what God's desire is.

Tearless, Loveless Soul

"Awake o tearless saints, arise o loveless soul"

*Awake o tearless heart,
Arise o loveless soul,
Weep o dry eye,
For the woe of sinners lost.*

*My soul, mourn and weep,
Groan for a people lost,
Let none escape thine tears,
O for to save one at least.*

*O that the drop of tears shed,
Be the number of souls won,
A river flows of tears for the lost,
An eternity full of joyful ones.*

*Love awake in my soul,
Dryness canst but leave my way,
Lest these souls I see be ever lost,
Without God in ageless eternity.*

*Travail o painless soul,
Thou canst ease at Zion be,
Groan, moan, and plead the case,*

Of souls on a hell-express train.

God is looking out for a man, a woman to cry and warn souls who will be damned unless they repent. He is in search of people who will both pray and preach until souls are won into God's kingdom. They may not be Bible college trained or seminarians but ordinary people who will share His passion and burden for the lost human race. This concern in God's heart can be represented in a short article I wrote a few years ago titled, "Warn Souls".

Warn Souls

As days go by and time flies away, men are drawn into perdition, many saints are asleep, while some are careless. Who will warn the millions? Who will plead with these hell-bound souls? Who will persuade this hopeless generation to turn, to turn to their God and Maker?

It may not matter now, but I tell you painfully that it will matter then: when your son, daughter, husband, wife, friends, family, and neighbors call out your name screaming and cursing in hell hopelessly – “You warned us not” and your congregants yells in tears “Pastor, you were casual in your preaching. You never described this place vividly as it is. O if you had, I might have changed; O, you never prayed for us, now we are lost”. A long endless chorus of woe and regrets

pointed at you. Will you be there laughing even if you are in bliss or with shame weep and cry for the souls you failed?

Not many years from now, it will all be over, the titles, the positions, the fame, the luxuries and pleasures, and each soul one after the other march to its eternal destination – its home for ageless eternity. While some will be in bliss, many will be lost forever. Of what use then my friend is the whole world; your money, your skills, your innovations, and inventions? Do we suppose any of the big men of our time, the big-firm executives will go in there saying: “Don’t you know who I am, I built this or I made that?” No sir, just like every poor soul, they will stand naked before their God trembling at His Majesty, before Him whom all men are as grass.

To those who trust in themselves and their riches, and reject Christ, the Lord of all, you won’t do that forever. A day shall come when He shall judge all the creation, both the rich and the poor. You cannot ignore Him forever; you must find Him now.

If men will truly be lost forever, and I believe some will, then they must be warned! Saints must tearfully warn men on their jobs persuading them of the danger of eternity without Christ. Teachers and students must warn souls in our schools of the danger that awaits men without Christ. Souls must be warned everywhere, in the village, in the city, in the subway, in the train station, in the

markets or malls, and every place in the world at all times.

In Hell, every soul is of equal value, rich or poor, there is no gender disparity. There will be no social gap, no first-class seat in hell but first-class torment, and no elite class but agonizing sorrow and pain for all hopeless souls. The soul will be tormented for the whole eternity and there is no escape route, no parole, no exit, no purgatory. An endless woe and suffering that the human mind cannot capture, men lost without redemption, waiting for the final judgment, a woe which can never be explained in the lake of fire.

What more then? No more arguments, we must warn men, even at the peril of our souls. We must warn them with tears, our hearts cannot be drained and empty, and our eyes must be fountains of water. We must cry to God for souls, and weep for our own family, friends, our community, and our lost world.

Now we can pray, for here is prayer answered for the lost, it is here we can fast, only on this side of eternity can we travail for souls. It may cost you something, but it means everything. One soul saved is a whole world gained. Will you join me as we travail for men to be saved, as we plead for our generation to be delivered from the hold of hell and be turned to God? Will you labor for the soul of your children, parents, spouse, etc? Wives cry for your husbands and the husbands for your wives, children weep for your parents. It is not too

late to do so now, but it can be late anytime as time flies and men die.

It is on this side of eternity that we owe God and humanity this cry. It is either we cry or millions die because we refuse to help them find the light.

This call is for all men to cry against sin and decay even in the church among the so-called people of God. It is time to cry against idolatry and disobedience among God's people. We all must rise in prayer and duty for this generation not to sink in eternal perdition. My friend, will you be an answer to the cry of heaven by crying for the souls of men in our time?

Final Words

A Call To Obedience

It is not enough to know that there are deep cries in the heart of God for the salvation, and deliverance of many, but to rise to the occasion and join the Lord's army. God desires to mobilize and stir your heart to duty so that many will experience His saving grace. Our generation will keep going astray except someone arises and obeys God in bringing souls to heaven.

We have seen the decay, we can no longer feign ignorance. We either retreat or take up the cross of our Lord to march against the enemy's territories. But this will come at a huge cost which we must count intelligently. It will cost separation from the world, people will misjudge and misinterpret your motives. In some extreme cases, it may cost you your life. But we know that our lives if given to Christ are worth eternity for many more millions. The great commission is a must, the call to prayer must be heeded, it is now or never, we must do the will of Him who saved us while it is yet the day because the night comes when no man can work.

Will you be the one who will shake this generation for God and take down the power of darkness in your community, city, and nation?

God is willing to move if we will, He will work through us if we will avail ourselves. We are the only people who will determine how far or less He will work with us and we must trust Him for all His grace.

Will you be willing to make heaven happy by diverting so many souls en-route to Hell into God's kingdom? You can and you should.

May God stir your heart as you take this noble and holy cause to see God glorify and satan utterly miserable in this generation. Amen.

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