

## ***RESTORING THE FIRE ON THE ALTAR (Part 3)***

Job 36:32-33 NKJV

[32] He covers His hands with lightning, And commands it to strike. [33] His thunder declares it, The cattle also, concerning the rising storm.

God covers His hands with lightning and He sends it forth and it strikes the mark. Although these are the words of Elihu, they sure seem to agree with the picture of God's fire in Revelation 8:3-5. The Hebrew word translated as "strikes the mark" is paga. This same word is translated as "intercession" in Isaiah 59:16, where God laments in Messianic passage, "And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede [paga]; then His own arm brought salvation to Him; and His righteousness upheld Him."

Intercession releases God's brilliant light or lightning to "strike the mark" in the earth, directing God's power and glory into desired situations with supernatural results! When God's Word goes forth, channels of living water appear in the midst of barren deserts. God's Word lights up everything, and nothing can hide from its illuminating power. Demonic powers tremble and melt at its presence. When God's Word is sent forth in faith and obedience, it will cause people around us to see God's glory.

Another picture of this dynamic function of paga is that intercession "paints the target" so God can zero in on areas of need with His glory! He sets His "gun sights" on these targets and "strikes the mark" with His lightning or "displays of His brilliant presence." We have the privilege of painting targets on cities, nations, churches, and individuals granting access points to the One whose hands are covered with light. By this, we call light to overcome darkness.

Not only it is amazing and astounding that our prayers affect the destiny of individuals and nations, but God would also say to us: "Rejoice that you are given the magnificent privilege of ministering to Me at this most precious heavenly altar! Rejoice that the altar of incense is that which is nearest to My heart." Oh what a blessed gift and privilege is this holy thing called prayer!

### **Life Application**

Pray with prophetic precision, not going around the bushes—like paga (intercession) that "strikes the mark," your prayers can target cities, people, and situations with God's lightning power, unleashing His glory and breakthrough on the earth. Embrace the joy and honor of ministering at heaven's altar, offering daily prayers like incense, painting targets for God's glory to land, and partnering with Him in transforming darkness into light.