

RESTORING THE PRIESTLY ROLE OF INTERCESSION (Part 10)

Where Will the Judgments be Released?

The interesting thing is that the Bible doesn't say where on the earth these judgments will be released. Why is that? Before releasing judgment, God always attend first to the golden bowl, the prayers of the saints. He first listens to the priests who are ministering in the tabernacle at the altar of incense, which is the priestly act of intercession. Believers are vessels that help make a difference where judgment ends and mercy begins.

God has chosen to raise up an entire Kingdom of intercessory priests like Abraham (who interceded for Lot and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah), Moses (who stood between God's wrath and the Israelites repeatedly), Job (who interceded for his friends and was himself healed and restored), Esther (the peasant who became queen and risked death to intercede for the salvation for her entire nation), and Daniel (whose intercession for his nation extended beyond his own time into the last days before the final return of the Messiah). Even more remarkable is the fact that God wants us to model our priesthood after the continual ministry of our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ, who "is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

Prayer works. Prayer is powerful. Prayer is one of our most deadly and effective weapons for destroying the works of the enemy. Prayer is God's lifeline to the hurting, the wounded, the weak, the dying.

Intercession isn't the preoccupation of the zealous few; it is the calling and destiny of the chosen people, of every blood-washed child of God. If you call Jesus Christ your Savior and Lord, then He calls you intercessor and priest, and today He is calling you to your knees! Will you arise and be one of His radical revolutionaries? Will you say "Yes, Lord!" and be the answer to the Great Intercessor's plea?

Father, by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, we ask that You release the priestly anointing of intercession upon each of our lives right now. I align myself with Your calling to be a minister unto You first and then an ambassador to the world second. May the sweet fragrance of my prayers be used to impact other people's lives for such a time as this, In Jesus name, Amen!