



Sunday May 20, 2007 Prayer Series (Part-11) Interceding for the Lost

Let us not go through this series on prayer without having our prayer lives affected.

Review

Interceding for the Lost

Why Intercede for the lost

1. The condition of those who are lost

2 Corinthians 4:3,4 Matthew 4:16 Acts 26:14-18 Ephesians 2:2 1 John 5:19

The devil has blinded people. Using our spiritual authority we are to loose the unsaved from the blindness so that they may see the Light. We call this spiritual warfare. Our goal in spiritual warfare is mainly to break the bondage that the devil has over men.

2. The Church's responsibility

Isaiah 42:1,7 Isaiah 49:8,9 Isaiah 61:1,2

The Church is to be the 'light to the Gentiles', opening prison doors and bringing those in darkness out of the prison house.

How To Intercede for the Lost

1. Birthing Through Prayer

Galatians 4:19 (Spiritual child bearing 1 Corinthians 4:15 Philemon 1:10)

So Paul travailed in birth the first time to bring them in to the Kingdom of God. Paul travailed. It was spiritual activity. It is an intense suffering in the inner-man. It is comparable to the pangs of natural childbirth.

John 7:38

belly, inner most being, womb

We are the womb of God on the earth.

Elijah 'travailed' in prayer on Mount Carmel 1 Kings 18:41-45

Jesus 'travailed' in the spirit before the tomb of Lazarus John 11:33-43

Jesus 'travailed' in prayer in the Garden of Gethsamane Matthew 26:36-39 Hebrews 5:7

The Holy Spirit helps us to pray with 'groanings' Romans 8:26,27

Isaiah 66:7,8

The Church is called Mount Zion Hebrews 12:18-23

When the Church travails she brings forth her children.



Romans 10:1

An intercessor is one who takes the place of another. When that spirit of intercession for the lost is upon you, you'll feel within your own being that you are lost. You know you are not. You know you are a child of God. But you take upon yourself the condition the other person is in. That person is lost. So you feel lost.

Spiritual travail does not have to always be accompanied by loud groaning and crying. *Don't judge what is happening in the Spirit just by what you hear or see in the natural.*

Genesis 1:1,2

Hovered over Heb. *rachaph* = brood over, a reproductive term
The Holy Spirit is involved. He is God's birthing agent.

We are the womb of God on the earth. Through our prayer, the Holy Spirit is released ('rivers of living water') to brood over people, cities and regions and bring about the birthing of sons and daughters into the Kingdom of God.

2. Opening Prison Doors

Matthew 12:28,29 Matthew 16:17-19

3. Praying for the Ground Troops

Matthew 9:37,38

Conclusion

Air raids followed by ground attacks

Key Points when praying for the lost:

- Pray that the veil of blindness that satan has put over that person would be removed
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to hover (move upon) over that person to bring an understanding of Jesus Christ and birth Him into the Kingdom
- Identify and tear down satan's strongholds (deceptions, thought patterns, etc.) in that person's life. Cast down anything that would exalt itself against the knowledge of God.
- Bind all demonic efforts that are keeping that person from coming to Jesus Christ. Command the prison doors to be open because of the finished work of Christ on Calvary, and declare over that person's life "Come forth" out of darkness into light.
- Pray for people to come across their path who can speak, share and show Christ to that person.



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