

“Birthing God’s Design”

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To “**design**” something means ‘to plan and fashion the plan artistically and skillfully for an intended and definite purpose.’

I. Do you know that is what God did when you were in your mother’s womb?

Psalm 139:13-16 NKJV:

¹³ For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And *that* my soul knows very well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When *as yet there were* none of them.

(God’s perception of you was established in His heart before your conception)

* He had you birthed into this earth at a certain time. He chose the generation that you would be born into so that you would be an influence, make a difference, and make a mark on society for Him.

As a son or daughter of God, being born again by the Spirit of God, we have been given the privilege to give birth to God’s purposes and plans into our world. One of these ways, or birthing methods, is Intercessory Prayer.

This takes us to a story in the Bible about a woman, a mother to be, who was experiencing some extremely tough and difficult times, but so was her nation, Israel. Israel was backslidden, immorality was abounding, they were worshipping everything but God, living in dark deception, and the revelation of God’s Word and His Presence was almost nonexistent in the Place of Worship. (**1 Samuel 3:1-3 NKJV**)

II. Prophetic voice of Revival

* God had a plan to bring Revival and Reformation to Israel. He needed an intercessor to co-labor with Him to bring His intervention and purpose into the earth.

Ezekiel 22:30 NKJV: ³⁰ 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.

1. But, He found one, for this time in history: Hannah, a would-be mother that was a woman of affluence and her husband had blessed her with many gifts, but material things did not satisfy her deepest desire. She desperately wanted to have children, but she was barren and only God could do it. Only a supernatural intervention of God's divine power could turn things around for her and God would cause her barrenness to bring reform and revival to the nation.

1 Samuel 1:10-11 NKJV: ¹⁰ And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. ¹¹ Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

2. Intercession doesn't begin in the mouth; it starts with the eyes, seeing things that are out of God's will. It is motivated when our ears hear statements of deception and lies contrary to God's Word. Also, when we find ourselves in adversarial conditions, and those things which are against us begin to look totally out of control. Then, there is stirring in our spirit, an agitation, that motivates a strong passion and groaning that then comes out of our mouth as intercession.

a. Her intercession was born out of affliction, cultural rejection, verbal abuse, society's disapproval, and disdain. Being a Hebrew woman, she didn't have many rights, except the one that was the most powerful, she had the right to pray and intercede with God. Society looked on her as less, worthless, a failure, but this woman would not stop interceding, year after year, because she knew that God was faithful.

b. There was a higher purpose to this intercession than just a child. There was a plan in Heaven because something spiritually was going wrong in the earth. You can't pray with passion about something until you feel a helplessness, a weakness, an emptiness, and you see a great need, an injustice, gross deception that is beyond your natural abilities and means to change it, but it's not beyond God's abilities, power, and means.

c. The Holy Spirit then begins to move upon your heart, stirring up a passion, desiring for you to be a vessel of intercession that will bring forth a divine and eternal purpose that He has prepared for this time in history.

We were intended to write history with God, as His intercessors praying for His will and purposes to be done in this earth. Or, we will allow society, that is organized separately from God, to write history based upon their choices in rebellion to God. **(Psalm 45:1 NKJV)**

3. A third Great Awakening and Massive Harvest of Souls

Hannah's intercession was answered when she changed her mind from being just focused on her need and became Kingdom minded as she said, "Give me a son and I'll give him back to you for Your purposes." The rest is history. Revival and Reformation came through Samuel, and God blessed her with an abundance of children!! **(Luke 6:38 NKJV)**