

ACTIVATE School Of Prayer

Session 3— *Intercessory Worship*—Kris Flewelling

I. Intercessory Worship

A. **Intercession** -(my definition) partnering with the Holy Spirit in prayer, where you are ***actively listening*** to what God has to say about the situation and then praying it back to Him.

1. A primary principle of intercession is SIMPLE: ***simply tell God what He tells us to tell Him*** (as a means of releasing His power).
2. **Agreement with what He's already said, agreement with what's on HIS heart for the situation/person/region/nation.**
3. It is not praying out of our souls, out of what we may think about the situation or how we may feel about the situation - which can often be very different than how the Holy Spirit is leading.

B. We can have confidence in the place of intercession:

1 John 5:14 & 15

¹⁴ *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.* ¹⁵ *And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*

C. **Worship** – is the act of giving ultimate value to something.

1. *Webster dictionary definitions: to be devoted to or full admiration for; to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission.*
2. *Side Note:* It is something that should engage our entire being (your mind, will, emotions). We read this in the Psalms. For example, you could go through “the motions” of religious routine and not encounter the beauty and joy of His Presence...it's not really worship.
3. Likewise, if you have an emotional experience and may be weeping and crying and have all the feelings but it doesn't engage your will, change the way you live (life patterns, character, etc.), it's not really worship.

John 4:23

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

4. God isn't looking for adoration because he feels rejected or needy or lonely. Rather he is looking for a people who will live **in agreement with who He is**. When we worship we are declaring agreement with who He is.
5. **When we worship Him we position ourselves, we align ourselves to receive impartation from Him and have His power flow through us.**

D. Intercessory worship – pictured in Heaven

1. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father

Romans 8:34

*31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. **Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.***

2. Worship and prayer flow together around God's throne, day and night, 24/7. (**Rev 4 & 5**). There are declarations of who God is, of His glory, of His worth of who He is and declarations of the promises of what He said He would do. The prayers of the saints (*golden bowls full of incense*) are flowing, being received and stored up.

E. Intercessory Worship = agreeing with WHO HE IS, and agreeing with WHAT HE SAID HE WILL DO

1. ***Example** – EW Worship time
2. God is always after relationship. He desires partnership. He wants His kids to receive from Him and have His Spirit flow through them (**John 4:23**).
3. Dutch Sheets (*Intercessory Prayer*):
“What I say our prayers of intercession are an extension of his work of intercession, the difference is in distributing versus producing. We don’t have to produce anything – reconciliation, deliverance, victory, etc. but rather we distribute. . . Our calling and function is not to replace God, but to release Him”
4. Therefore, God wants to intercede through us, mediate through us, represent through us, victory enforced through us. . .
5. (We are not the ones delivering, reconciling, defeating. . . the work is already done – Christ through the cross. . . Reconciliation is complete. Deliverance is complete. Victory complete. Salvation complete. . .)
6. **DONE!** We must ask for the release and application of these things.

F. Christ needs a human on the earth to re-present Himself through just as the Father did (the Father's human was Jesus; and Jesus' humans are us, the Church).

1. God has chosen to partner with us to release His kingdom on earth – this happens through our intercession.

2. He desires intimate partnership with us. God will not do our part and we cannot do His part. It's a mystery – its “weakness” – simple, humility and accessibility to all.
3. **1 Corinthians 1:26-30:** ²⁶ *Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*
4. **2 Corinthians 12:9:** ⁹ *But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.*
5. **Ephesians 1:3-23**

G. Blessings on Intercession/Intercessory Worship:

1. ***Renews our faith**
 - i. Intercessory worship, rightly aligns us with who God and His character. It causes us to internalize His word and as we release His word back to Him, it renews our spirit, our inner man, renews our faith. God’s words are spirit and life, living and active and as we speak them, they impart life to us.
 - ii. Affirmed by Jesus’ words in **John 6:63:** *“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.”*
 - iii. **John 8:31b-32:** *“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*
2. ***Releases increase of understanding and revelation, spiritual insight**
 - i. **Ephesians 1:17-18:** *“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you. . . .”*
 - ii. Intercession is birthed in your intimacy with the Lord, you’re getting His heartbeat and understanding

- iii. **John 7:38:** *"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."*

3. ***Releases God's justice**

- i. **Luke 18:7-8:** *"And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly..."*
- ii. **Psalms 149: 6-9:** *"May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands. . . vs. 9 to carry out the sentence written against them (enemies). This is the glory (honor) of all his saints."*
- iii. Shows worship & warfare

4. ***Unites our hearts to the people and places that we pray for, releases love & unity.**

- i. We come to love who and what we pray for.
- ii. **Phil 1:9:** *"This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight"*
- iii. (Unity) **John 17:21** *"That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me."*

5. ***Releases God's power, changes the spiritual atmosphere**

- i. . . in our families, regions, cities, nations
- ii. Prepares the way for the presence of God and releases Him to bring blessing, deliverance, healing, etc. to those people/places.
- iii. **Mark 9**, Jesus healing a boy with an evil spirit. **Vs 29:** *He replied, This kind can come out only by prayer and fasting.*
- iv. **Daniel 10** talks about the Daniel's vision – as he was prayed it released angelic activity and decreased demonic activity
- v. **Matt 16:19:** *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*
- vi. **Matt 18:18:** *"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

6. In the place of worship, it should take you to place of encounter with Him as you are declaring who He is, this rightly aligns you with His heart to begin to release what He's said.