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Binding and Loosing / Prayer and Intercession

1. A Primer on Intercession and Spiritual Warfare

- a. Ephesians 6:12-13, ¹²“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”
- b. The First Step in understanding Intercession is that you are not fighting against people, movements, institutions or organizations. You are fighting against the Spirit behind stated entities.

- c. As Paul said we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against entities in the spirit realm.
- d. First and foremost allow me to make this statement; Demons and Fallen Angels are not the same thing. Fallen Angels are angelic beings that were expelled or rather fell from their first estate. Demons are the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim. Now how can I make that statement from a Biblical standpoint?
- i. Number 1) Fallen Angels do not possess the bodies of humans because they themselves have celestial or rather inter-dimensional bodies. Demons do not have celestial bodies or otherwise; they are disembodied spirits without a soul. Hence the reason why Demons possess people but Fallen Angels do not.
 - ii. Number 2) Angelic beings have different abilities such as positions of authority and so forth; Demons do not have authority but rather an unquenchable desire to possess and seek to gratify their sinful desires through their host; i.e. demonic possession. Demons are parasites.
 - iii. Number 3) We are commanded to cast out devils and/or exercise Demons but are cautioned in our manner in which we are to confront Fallen Angels.

- iv. Jude 1:8-9, “⁸Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.⁹ But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”
- e. Furthermore, there is obvious evil angelic activity in the earth. The Apostle Paul spoke on this very point in the Book of Colossians. Colossians 1:16 records, “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.”
- f. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4, “³For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.”
- g. Again our warfare is spiritual and requires spiritual weapons; not carnal ones.

2. The Bedrock of Intercession is Spiritual Warfare

- a. Many of us have heard this verse in Ephesians 6:10 quoted but often times it is quoted in manner that is not necessarily in the context of Scripture. Let's dissect this passage of Scripture for a moment. There are a few words I want to bring our attention to. The Greek word here for Rulers is "Archas", Authorities is "exousias", Cosmic Powers is "Kosmokratoras", Spiritual Forces is "pneumatika", and Heavenly Places is "epouraniois". Archas defined means ruler or magistrates. Exousias defined means force, capacity, delegated influence. Kosmokratoras defined means a world ruler, an epithet of Satan, derived from Kosmos and Krateo. Pneumatika defined means spiritual, non-carnal, ethereal, spirit or supernatural.
- b. I defined these because I am wanting you to understand that each of these annotations are different but all in reference to spiritual positions of authority or power or influence in the demonic realm or spirit realm.
- c. What are these noted points listed by Paul? I would like to suggest that this outlines a hierarchical structure of Fallen Angels and evil spirits in the earth. Now how can I validate this suggestion? Simply put, Fallen Angels are organized, territorial, and evil.

d. Take for example the Prophet Daniel and the angel who finally arrives from heaven after warring in the heavens

e. Daniel 10:10-14, ¹⁰“And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

¹²Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

f. The bottom line is this; our warfare is against the kingdom of darkness that works through people so keep that in mind when you are interceding and warring in the Spirit; it's the Spirit behind the person and not the person who is the enemy. And the spiritual realm is far more real than the one we see in our temporal states of being as humanity.

3. The Bible records Different Manifestations of Intercession

- a. Abraham intercedes on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah
- b. Genesis 18:22-25, “²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”
- c. This is a perfect biblical example of the importance of righteous believers interceding for their land, their people and even those who are unrighteous.
- d. Moses intercedes on behalf of his people in Numbers 14...
- e. Numbers 14:17-23, “¹⁷ And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying, ¹⁸ “The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ ¹⁹ Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according

to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.”²⁰ Then the Lord said, “I have pardoned, according to your word.²¹ But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord,²² none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice,²³ shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it.”

- f. Notice that intercession mitigated God’s judgment but forfeited an entire generation from receiving the promise due to their rebellion. Intercession may mitigate destruction but not the penalty of sin.

4. There is a Tremendous Need for Intercession and Prophetic Ministry in the Earth and it begins with us!

- a. An intercessor is nothing more than a prophet who prays and even when we don’t know what to say or pray, that’s why we have been given the Promise of the Father! The Holy Ghost!

- b. Romans 8:26-27, “²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because^{la} the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”
- c. The Apostle Paul even instructed Timothy to make intercession and prayer a perpetual practice in 1 Timothy 2:1 and we too have a responsibility to intercede.
- d. 1 Timothy 2:1, “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people”
- e. Thus, prayer is more than talking to God or asking for His help; supplications: requests of supply. Prayers: communication. Intercessions: interceding on behalf of others or situations. Thanksgivings: thanking the Lord for His Blessings and having a grateful heart.

5. Prophetic Ministries Connection to Intercession and Prayer

- a. Daniel's Prayer for His People due to the Prophetic Word
- b. Daniel 9:1-6: 18-23, “In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm

of the Chaldeans — ² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. ³ Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. ⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

- c. ¹⁸ O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”²⁰ While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and

the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God, ²¹ while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, “O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. ²³ At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision.”

- d. Intercession is likened unto a lawyer making a case for or against a matter; bind or loose a matter and that's exactly what Daniel did.