



# An Eagle's View!

**T**his newsletter is the first on the topic of prophetic intercession. We cannot have a ministry that functions in the prophetic without the ministry of intercession. Let us look together at this subject and pray that God grants us a grace of understanding so that we might excel in the work of His Spirit in this present hour.

God is a prophetic God and His people are a responding prophetic people. We are living in an hour where the knowledge and the power of His prophetic nature is an increasing reality in the saints. We must understand that along with the liberty of prophetic ministry comes the responsibility of adequately functioning within God's prophetic parameters. In this article I would like to take a look at the New Testament account of the ministry of the prophet Elijah. Let's look at James 5:16:

*Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

In this New Testament account of the ministry of Elijah the first requirement that we see for an "Elijah prayer ministry" is to be a righteous man (male or female). We receive our righteousness through faith in Christ and the confession of sin (1Jn. 1:9). Our righteousness is in Christ and not ourselves (Rom. 4:5; 5:17; 10:3,4,10; 2Cor. 5:21). If we have received Christ into our hearts we qualify for an Elijah ministry of effective prayer and power. God wants our prayers to be those of an effective, fervent, righteous man. This can only happen when we have

confessed our sins and received the righteousness that is only found in Christ.

Let's continue on with this New Testament account of Elijah's ministry. James 5:17:

*Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.*

This Scripture says that Elijah prayed a fervent prayer. A fervent prayer is a "forceful prayer". It is a prayer which is "powerful". In verse 17 it says that he was a man like any one of us, and he prayed earnestly to God that it would not rain. In the Greek these words "prayed earnestly" literally means that he "prayed", "prayed". This phrase is a combination of two words. The first word is the Greek word "proseuchomai" and it means "to pray to God". It comes from a word which means "to go forward" or "toward", which comes from a word meaning "to wish" and it is derived from another word which means "in front of". The second word is the Greek word "proseuche" which means "prayer" and it comes from all of the aforementioned words. Thus this action implies that Elijah took a determined stance toward God, got in front of Him, and made his heart known to Him. We are to do the same. We are to actually get in God's face! Our purpose is not for selfish gain. Our purpose is to let our hearts become as His.

There is nothing holding us back from coming into the presence of God (Eph. 2:18; Eph. 3:10-12; Col. 1:20). We are not just casually sending a few letters or a couple of



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post cards to God. When we offer right intercession to God we have actually decided to move toward Him and position ourselves in His presence. We have taken steps toward Him in order to let Him know the God-ordained burden of our heart. We are “before His face” making our heart open to Him. We have approached God, are approaching God, and will continue to do so with all persistence and earnestness. We are not going to leave this position until we have received His heart’s response to our approach. We have not just come to make a request, leave, and return again tomorrow. We have positioned ourselves to stay right there until we see the result of our travail.

Elijah was a man with passions like us. He had all the temptations and weaknesses that we do. He was a normal man as we are, but he positioned himself in a place where as a righteous man he could offer up effective, fervent prayer. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain and then “he prayed again”. James 5:18:

*And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.*

Elijah didn’t offer up vain repetition. When it came time to complete the task that he had originally started he was still as fervent and fresh as when he began. As he had wrestled at first he also wrestled to the end and at the end. The word of faith was as new and as real at the end of his task as it

was when he began.

Elijah’s goal in praying was not to stop rain. His goal was to turn the hearts of God’s people back to their God. The process involved stopping rain as well as returning rain. His faith for the goal was the same throughout the entire process. When it came time to complete the task of his intercession he went before God and “wrestled anew”. He wasn’t wrestling over a word that he had a long time ago. The word of the task was still fresh within his heart and he was able to accomplish the task of the day because there was a brand new wrestling going on inside him. The word of faith was still new within him (Rom. 10:8-9).



When I think of Elijah, I immediately think of the ministry of the “prophet”. I think of Elijah as the father of prophets. Yet in the context of the task described here in James he is not described as the “prophet”. He is described in the task of “intercession”. Although Elijah is famous for being a prophet,



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the New Testament description of him here is that of intercession before God!

He prayed again and the earth yielded its fruit. There were results to what Elijah proclaimed because he was a righteous man who relentlessly offered up earnest prayer on behalf of seeing God's people turn back to their God. The prayers that Elijah prayed were fruitful ones. God wants to give us the keys to fruitful prayer and intercession before Him. We are a generation who must make a difference in the earth in bringing about the purposes of our God!



The Bible says that the spirit of Elijah was upon John the Baptist (Mt. 11:14; Mt.17:12; Lk. 1:17). That prophetic spirit was not only upon John the Baptist in the time that Jesus came in the flesh to die for our sins, but that prophetic spirit is upon the church today so see the living realities of Jesus in the

restoration of all things (Acts 3:21; Eph. 3:10). It is not a prophetic spirit with a purpose or intent of releasing right knowledge to the church. This spirit is one to release the righteous work of God in the earth. God desires to release the earth from the curse. He has poured out His prophetic Spirit upon all flesh that He might turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers. God is desiring His covenant family upon the earth. Mal. 4:5,6:

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."*

The prophetic Spirit of God is none other than the true heart of the Father. God has given to us

His Spirit that we might walk on earth as His sons (male and female - Gal. 3:28). If God is the one true Father then surely His Spirit that has made us sons is also one to raise us up as fathers of a generation yet bound. God is calling us into the realms of prophetic intercession



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to set the nations free in Christ! Rom. 8:14-17:

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

True sons have the heart of their father. True sons of God have the heart of God. Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the Father's heart in the embodiment of His sons. This will be a manifestation of the prophetic nature and power of God in the earth! Rom. 8:18-21:

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

The ministry of prophetic intercession is a prophetic expression of the groaning that is locked up within the bound-up earth. Before God will release the earth from its bondage of corruption, He will loose a Spirit of intercession upon His

prophetic saints. Rom 8:22-25:

*For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. And not only they, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, then we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*

The power of the prophetic Spirit of God within His sons is not a power of what is seen. It is a power of what is not seen. It is the power to release what is in heaven to the earth. The key to this power is not the intercessor. It is the Spirit within the intercessor. Rom. 8:26-27:

*Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*



*"Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low."*

*-Luke 3:5*



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A true intercessor of God is acting in the role of a son of God. God is raising up His sons in this hour. It is His intention that the working of His name bring about the eternal purposes of His good in the earth. We must answer the call of prophetic intercession in order to see His purpose accomplished in the earth! Rom. 8:28:

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

There is a working process involved in bringing about the will of God in the earth. God has given us His Spirit by Whom we can know all things. There is an intercession of the Spirit of Christ within us that is essential to come forth in this hour in order to see the working of the Lord.

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*Let us receive and embrace the reformation of the Lord in this present hour. The Church is the glorious Bride of Christ and it is time that she comes into her provision of resurrection life in Him!*



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