Classes and Other Resources

The following *Compassionate Prophetic Intercession Study Guide* is great for individual study in your own home, with a small group, or in a classroom setting. It also serves as part of a class by the same title at God Encounters Ministries, with its corresponding book, *The Prophetic Intercessor* and 14 Sessions taught by James W. Goll. Visit [www.GodEncounters.com](http://www.GodEncounters.com) for more information about this and many other life-changing classes.

At the end of each detailed lesson are simple questions for your reflection and review. In the back of this study guide, you will find the answers to these questions to aid in your learning.

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Dedication and Acknowledgements

I consider this particular study guide and the corresponding book *The Prophetic Intercessor*, a major portion of my “life message”. As I have stated for years, this is where the waters run the deepest in my life: the joining of the two great streams of prayer and the prophetic. It has been one of my greatest honors and joys in this life to be a “watchman on the walls” standing there as a pioneer and a doorkeeper of “revelatory prayer”.

There are many who have marked my life in these areas. Consider the relentless reminding God of His Word of Dick Simmons, the tears of agonizing intercession of my dear mother, Amanda Elizabeth Goll, the consecration of Mahesh Chavda, the compassionate identification in repentance of Cindy Jacobs, the rallying of massive prayer gatherings of Lou Engle, the bridal paradigm of Mike Bickle, the relentless warring of my late wife, Michal Ann and so many more.

A new generation is arising today. It is to these worshipping warriors and interceding worshippers that I dedicate this, my favorite of all my study guides. I acknowledge and give thanks to the Lord for those who have marked my life, but I dedicate these pages to “the next generation of prophetic intercessors and worshippers in Jesus’ Name.”

May the lineage and legacy continue as you study to show yourself approved a workman for the Lord!

With Gratitude,

Dr. James W. Goll
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Preface: Prophetic Intercession

In the Old Testament, the priest pleaded the needs of the people to the Lord while the prophet pleaded the interest of God before the people. In prophetic intercession we find the union of these two ministries – a heart inspired with what is in God’s heart being prayed back to the Father with the Spirit’s help.

Jeremiah 28:18 gives us a glimpse into this merging of the priestly and prophetic function where it states, “If they are prophets and have the word of the Lord, let them plead with the Lord Almighty.” Here we find a clear example of the prophetic vessel who prays his word. Through this grace you are paving the way for the fulfillment of the prophetic promise.

Every unfulfilled promise ever made is to be pleaded by the Spirit before the throne through one of God’s chosen servants. The Spirit of God urgently pleads the covenant promises of God made to His people throughout history. But whether a thing is preached truth, prayer burden, or spontaneous utterance, a thing is only prophetic if it brings us into an intimate knowledge of the heart and mind of God for our present time.

Prophetic intercession can also be an urging to pray given by the Holy Spirit for situations or circumstances about which you have very little or no knowledge in the natural. You pray for the prayer requests that are on the heart of God. His hand comes upon you and His burden is imparted. He nudges you to pray so that He can intervene. God directs you to pray so that His will in Heaven will be manifested on earth below. This revelatory praying is the ability to receive an immediate prayer request from God and pray about it in a divinely anointed manner.

Perhaps the fullness of prophetic intercession can be described as waiting before God in order to hear or receive His burden (word, concern, warning, condition, vision, or promise), responding back to the Lord by prayerful petition and then releasing a demonstration of God’s heart with corresponding, appropriate actions. Remember, S. D. Gordon said, “The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray. You can do more than pray after you’ve prayed. But you cannot do more than pray until you’ve prayed.”

What Are You Waiting For?

For such a time as this were you created. For such a task as this were you apprehended. For such a purpose did He bring you forth. Will you arise and be
one of His radical revolutionaries? He is looking for someone to stand in the gap. Will you be the answer to His persistent plea?

This study guide has been divided into three distinct sections for your aid. Section One is entitled Compassionate Intercession. Here we have messages on “Tears in the Bottle”, “Travail – The prayer That Brings Birth” and other classic messages to pave the way for intercession.

This is followed by Section Two: Prophetic Intercession. If I ever had a “place of special grace” it must be here. I live in the waters where the spirit of revelation and prayer unite.

After this special section comes our third and final installment called Warfare Intercession. If the closing message of this section were applied then numerous casualties of war would be avoided! For further study, refer to the book that compliments this called The Prophetic Intercessor: Releasing God’s Purposes to Change Lives and Influence Nations. This is available through Encounters Network’s Resource Center.

It is for this purpose that this study guide has been prepared. Let a generation of revelatory praying priests arise and take their place before the Lord and in history.

Where are the Lord’s Daniels, Esthers, Josephs, and Deborahs for today? Read and study these detailed lessons. Perhaps you too will be captured by the Lord for this divine purpose.

May the Prophetic Priest Arise!

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Section One:
Compassionate Intercession
Lesson One: Entering into the Intercession of Christ

I. JESUS: OUR MAGNIFICENT INTERCESSOR

A. Pray and Pronounce Jesus’ Wonder
   Jesus, you are our magnificent intercessor and our high priest before our Father. We declare you, Jesus, as our mediator, our most excellent advocate, our intercessor. We thank you as we draw near your throne of grace where we receive mercy and may find grace to help us in our time of need. We thank you for calling us to share in your priestly ministry, of offering the incense of intercession, which is close to your heart.

B. Scriptures on the Prayer Life of Jesus
   1. Luke 22:32 – But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail.
   2. Heb. 7:25 – He always lives to make intercession for them.
   3. John 17:20 – I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

II. DEFINING INTERCESSION

A. Defining Intercede
   From two Latin words, inter and cedere.
   Inter – meaning between, among, involved and intervention.
   Cedere – meaning to go, to yield, to move and to pay the price of.

   1. “To go between,” as when stepping between someone and his enemy in battle.
   2. “Yield himself,” among those who are weak and need assistance.
   3. “Moving in the direction of involvement,” regarding the needs and hurts of others (Good Samaritan). Luke 10:33
B. Webster’s Dictionary

1. Intercede – (Latin intercedo: inter – between; ado – to go; literally, to pass between); to act between parties with a view to reconcile those who differ or contend; to plead in favor of another; to interpose, to mediate or make intercession.
2. Mediate – being between two extremes; to interpose between parties at variance with a view to reconciliation; to mediate a peace.

C. Greek Lexicon

1. In the New Testament there are four references for the word “Intercede” or “Intercession”.
   a) Rom. 8:26-27 – And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
   b) Heb. 7:25 – Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
   c) I Tim. 2:1-2 – Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings, and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence (NKJV).

2. First definition – “to light upon a person or a thing, to fall in with, to hit upon a person or a thing, to chance upon something, to encounter unexpectedly.”

3. Second definition – “to go to or meet a person, especially for conversation or consultation.”

D. Hebrew Definition

1. The Hebrew word for intercession is paga, which is only translated a few times as intercession in the Old Testament. When you compare the many different pictures, words, and interpretations of the paga, you glean many wonderful understandings of what it means to intercede. Paga – “to meet; to light upon (by chance); to fall upon, attack, strike down, cut down; to strike the mark; laid upon.”
a) To meet – Isa. 64:5. A meeting with God for the purpose of reconciliation

b) To light upon – Gen. 28:10-17. By God’s working of grace, our divine “Helper” is standing by, ready to aid us in our intercession, moving us from the natural to the supernatural, from finite ability to infinite ability, taking hold of situations with us so as to accomplish the will of God.

c) To fall upon, attack, strike down, cut down. I Sam. 22:11-19; II Sam. 1:11-16. Intercession is the readiness of a soldier to fall upon or attack the enemy at the command of his lord, striking and cutting him down!

d) To strike the mark – Job 36:32. Intercession releases the flashing forth of His glory/lightning, directing it to the desired situation and allowing it to strike the mark.

e) Laid upon – Isa. 53:6 (laid upon), Isa. 53:12 (intercession). Intercession reached its fullest and most profound expression when our sins were “laid upon” Jesus. Jesus was able to fully identify with us, having the totality of our condition placed upon Himself; then as the scapegoat, He carried it far away. There is an aspect of this form of intercession into which we as His Body can enter. Col. 1:24 calls us to share on behalf of His Body (which is The Church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ’s afflictions.

III. CHRIST: THREE EXPRESSIONS OF INTERCESSION

A. Examples from His Earthly Prayer Life

1. He prayed all night before the choosing of the Twelve.
   Luke 6:12-13 – And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. And when day came, He called His disciples to Him, and chose twelve of them, whom He also named apostles.

2. His fervency with loud emotional prayer.
   Heb. 5:7 – In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

3. His prayer of compassion for His friend.
   John 11:33-38 -When Jesus saw her sobbing, and the Jews who came with her [also] sobbing, He was deeply moved* (groaned – KJV) in spirit and troubled. [He chafed in spirit and sighed and was disturbed.] And He said, “Where have you laid him?”
They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. The Jews said, “See how [tenderly] He loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not He who opened a blind man’s eyes have prevented this man from dying?” Now Jesus, again sighing repeatedly and deeply disquieted, approached the tomb. It was a cave (a hole in the rock), and a boulder lay against [the entrance to close] it. (AMP)

Deeply Moved Defined:

a) Strong’s Concordance – enbrimaonai – “to snort with anger, to have indignation on, to sigh with chagrin (which implies being distressed), to groan, and to murmur against.”

b) American Heritage Dictionary – “a snort: as a ‘rough, noisy sound made by breathing forcefully through the nostrils’, to make an abrupt noise.”

B. His Position at the Right Hand of God the Father

1. I John 2:1b – And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2. At the right hand of God
   a) Matt. 26:64b – You shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.
   b) Mark 16:19 – So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

3. He is ever-positioned between us and God, the Judge of all.

C. His Ongoing Activity in Heaven

1. Heb. 12:22 – And to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

2. Quote from Charles Spurgeon on the blood. “…Many keys fit many locks, but the master key is the blood and the Name of Him that died and rose again, and ever lives in heaven to save unto the uttermost.”

3. Heb. 7:25 – Hence, also, He is able to save forever (to the uttermost, AMP) those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.
IV. THE INVITATION TO JOIN WITH CHRIST IN INTERCESSION

A. Our Scriptural Position in Christ

1. Eph. 2:6 – Raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus.
2. Col. 3:1 – If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
3. Isa. 61:6a – But you will be called the priests of the Lord; you will be spoken of as ministers of our God.

B. Our Authority to Call Forth Targets in Prayer

Intercession releases the flashing forth of His glory, light, or lightning which covers His hands and directs it to the desired situation allowing it to strike the mark. Job 36:32–33 – He covers His hands with the lightening, and commands it to strike the mark (v.32).

C. Quote from Andrew Murray

Jesus, on heaven’s throne today, is still our High Priest as well as our King. His priesthood is permanent (Heb. 7:24). He is still the Son of Man. He reigns today and intercedes today as the Son of Man. When He comes again, He will come as the Son of Man.

As Son of Man, where does His priority lie? As enthroned Son of Man, what does Jesus live to do? Does He live to welcome the saints to heaven at their death? I am sure He welcomes them, but the Bible does not say so. Does He live to grant interviews to saints and angels? He most probably does this, but the Bible does not say so. Does He live to enjoy heaven’s music? I am sure He thrills to do it. He created us to be able to enjoy music along with Him, but there is something more important than listening to music. Does He live to reign? Most certainly He does-and He will reign for ever and ever.

The Bible emphasizes one role of Jesus today above all others: He is Priest forever (Heb. 5:6; 6:20; 7:17, 21). His priesthood is permanent (7:24) because He always lives to intercede (7:25). His sovereign throne is a throne of grace, both because of His atonement and because He ever lives to intercede for us. His is a priestly throne (8:1).
Romans 8:34 associates two facts: Christ at the right hand of God, and Christ interceding for us. What does this intercession for us imply? Many commentators feel that His very presence seated on the throne of heaven is sufficient in itself as a glorious intercession. They doubt that He is actually praying. They feel that He does not need to make any requests of the Father; His sitting on the throne is all the request that is necessary.

But Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). While on earth, He loved us, yearned for us, and prayed for us (John 17). He prayed for Peter personally (Luke 22:32). As Son of Man, He is as intensely concerned about and interested in each one of us as He ever was. He is still as sympathetic as He ever was (Heb. 4:15). The Greek word used here, *sympatheo*, means “to suffer with.”

The whole argument of Hebrews 4:15-16 is that we are to come to the throne of grace (where Jesus is interceding) with confidence because He does sympathize and suffer with our pain. He is touched and moved by our need and feels its pain. He feels for us as infinitely as He ever did.

His throne of intercession for us is a throne of feeling intercession, a pained intercession. We sing in the hymn, “Does Jesus care when my heart is pained?” And then we sing the chorus, which resounds our profound conviction, “Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares. His heart is touched with my grief.”

D. **Closing Summation**

I agree with Andrew Murray that every blessing we receive from God, every answer to prayer, bears this divine stamp upon it: “Through Christ’s intercession, Christ is not sitting passively in blissful royal dignity, unmoved, while you intercede. No! Never! You intercede because He intercedes.”
Reflection Questions
Lesson One: Entering into the Intercession of Christ

Answers to these questions can be found in the back of the study guide.

Fill in the Blank
1. In Luke 22:32, Jesus says – “I have prayed for you that your ____________ may not fail.”
2. The Latin words for intercede are ____________ and ____________.
3. The Hebrew word for intercession is ____________.

Multiple Choice – Choose the best answer from the list below:
   A. Words       C. Miracles
   B. Seated      D. Crying

4. Eph. 2:6 says –Raised us up with Him, and ________________ us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus.
5. Heb. 5:7 says – Jesus offered up prayer and supplications with loud ____________________...

True or False
6. John 17 tells us that - while on earth, Jesus loved us, yearned for us, and prayed for us. ______
7. Isaiah 61:6 says - We will be called the hands of the Lord. ______
8. I John 2:1 says - And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ______

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Scripture Memorization

9. Write out Colossians 3:1 and memorize it.

10. What was the primary insight you gained from this lesson, and how will you apply it to your life?
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