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Study Guide

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Endorsements

Nothing stretches the imagination more than the fact that God gives Himself to us as an inheritance. As believers, we have access to the heart of God, and as intercessors, we have the power to release His heart onto the earth. In this study guide, James Goll explores how to partner with the Lord in bringing heaven to earth. Raise your level of expectation. God is looking for those who will stand in the gap, repair the walls and partner with Him to make history.

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I can attest to the intercessory grace on James Goll's life and his passion for Jesus. I have known James for over thirty years. This study guide will add needed ammunition to the prayer arsenal to inspire effective, fervent prayer from the heart.

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Dr. James Goll is one of the most seasoned teachers, mentors and instructors on the subject of prayer and intercession today. This study guide will motivate you to draw close to the heart of God and partner with Him for Kingdom advancement. This book will empower and motivate you to pray effectively from a place of intimacy with God.

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What an excellent resource! Here is a call to prayer that understands the prophetic, a call to intercession that understands the importance of Israel, a call to supplication that understands the Spirit. James Goll is one of the few leaders in the Body today who could write such a study guide, let alone do it with passion, biblical grounding and balance. This is highly recommended reading.

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I hear from people all the time that their prayer lives are shallow or that they need an upgrade. Here is a tool to take you into an empowered prayer journey, something every Christian should regularly invest time, energy and even money into. You can go from the normal to the adventurous spiritual encounters that James Goll has in his own life. Read this study guide and inherit the prayer life you have been praying for.

- *Shawn Bolz*
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If there is anyone who knows how to pray with God's heart, it's James. Having had the opportunity to sit, pray and prophesy with him, I'm excited for readers who will learn from him through this study guide. His revelation and practical advice will revolutionize your prayer life.

- *Jennifer LeClaire*
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Go ahead. Thank the Lord in advance for what He is going to do to your prayer life once you read this study guide. You will find yourself breathing in the atmosphere of the Spirit and breathing out the spirit of prayer. I certainly did!

- *Laura Harris Smith*
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James Goll is a true prophetic father who has labored for many years to see a thriving and mature prophetic people arise. In this study guide James perfectly connects the dots between prayer and prophetic. Prophets and prophetic people are by nature intercessors and those who are intimate with God. This study guide will kick-start your prophetic prayer life and launch you into new dimensions.

- *Ryan LeStrange*
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James Goll speaks of the kind of biblically informed intercession that transformed the age of Wesley, set ablaze the meadows of Cane Ridge and, as in Wales and at Azusa Street, shaped the course of nations. If it is true, as Jonathan Edwards said, that 'when God determines to give His people revival, He sets them a-praying,' then this study guide is as much a hopeful sign as it is a fresh unveiling of God's ways.

- *Stephen Mansfield*
New York Times bestselling author

If the Lord called His own house an eternal house of prayer, there must be incredible depths and dimensions of prayer we have yet to discover. One who could show us such profound and prophetic revelation would need to be a humble seeker, a desperate traveler and a warring prevailer. I know of no man more qualified to take us on that journey than James Goll.

- *Dr. Ché Ahn*
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Devour this book! James Goll gives not just an understanding of the theology of intercession but of how the principles apply in your daily life. Through many years of prayerful living, James is able to impart these truths to others. I encourage every believer in every church to read this study guide.

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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.

James W. Goll has many other resources available. They may be purchased at www.GodEncounters.com. For more information, visit our website, email info@godencounters.com or call 1-877-200-1604.

Dedication

I dedicate this Study Guide to the memory of my dear late wife, Michal Ann Goll, to whom I had the honor of being married for more than 32 years. Though she passed through the thin veil into heaven in the fall of 2008, she yet remains a source of inspiration to many around the world. With the fresh release of the book, *Praying with God's Heart*, and this corresponding *Powerful Prophetic Intercession Study Guide*, coming exactly one decade from the time of her departure, I felt it was fitting to dedicate this work in her memory.

Michal Ann was a rare example of character and gifting brought together in one person, she helped pave the way for an entire generation of prophetic intercessors to arise. She was my best friend, closest confidant and my greatest support in life and ministry. I still miss her every day and just wish we could have one more prayer time together.

With a tear in my eye and a lump in my throat, I thank the Lord for the honor of knowing and walking with this modern-day prophetic intercessor.

With a Heart of Gratefulness,

James W. Goll

Acknowledgments

I consider this particular study guide and the corresponding book *Praying with God's Heart*, 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 as a pioneer and doorkeeper of "revelatory prayer".

It always takes a team to be effective. This on *Powerful Prophetic Intercession Study Guide* has gone through multiple renditions to get to the content and style it is in today. With deep gratitude I desire to express thanks to the Lord for my staff who have stood with me over the years. I want to mention three people in particular: Jeffrey Thompson, Kay Fee and Don Clark. You have walked with me through peaks and valleys and I am grateful to the Lord for each one of you.

A new generation is arising today. It is to these worshipping warriors and interceding worshippers that I have completed this labor of love. Therefore, I consecrate 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:

The Power of 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 God’s 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 God’s 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 a preached truth, a prayer burden, or a 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. S. D. Gordon once 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: A Heart for Intercession is foundational! Here we have messages on Entering the Life of Intercession, Travail: The Prayer that Brings Birth and other classic messages to pave the way for intercession.

This is followed by Section Two: A Heart for the Prophetic which unveils the reality that God is looking for an entire prophetic generation to arise! Classic messages include Accessing God's Revelatory Ways, Divine Insight by Praying in the Spirit, and so much more.

After this comes Section Three: A Heart for Prophetic Intercession. If the message on Wisdom Issues for Intercessors were widely applied, numerous casualties of war would be avoided! This section culminates with a powerful lesson on A Heart for His Presence.

For further study, I encourage you to refer to the complementary book, *Praying with God's Heart: The Power and the Purpose of Prophetic Intercession*. The book and Class Message Set, in a variety of formats, are available through God Encounters Ministries online store.

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!

James W. Goll

Section One:

A Heart for Intercession

Lesson One: Entering into the Life of Intercession

I. THE PLACE OF HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

A. Marked by the Prayers of My Mother

I would not be doing today what I do if it was not for the mark put upon my life by my dear praying mother, Amanda Elizabeth Burns Goll. She prayed me into this world and she consecrated me to God before I was ever born.

B. Prayer Walks and Prayer Talks

Growing up in rural Missouri, I spent hours on prayer walks and prayer talks conversing with the “Man Upstairs” as though He knew me, and I knew Him. I was given 3 simple prayers in my youth that I lifted to God—and to this day, I continue to pray these three strategic prayers.

1. Give me wisdom like Solomon that goes beyond my years!
2. Raise up your modern day Joseph’s with a Spirit of Counsel upon their lives.
3. Give me a heart of purity to keep me from the evil way.

C. Singing and Praying from My Heart

You can be a worshipful watcher and an interceding worshipper. Whatever you do, do it from your heart! Pure worship and prayer are ultimately issues of the heart!

D. We Each Start Somewhere!

Lift a prayer of consecration to be used by the Holy Spirit today. You can begin a new chapter of your life and you can learn to touch the heart of God! Ask God for His heart to beat in yours.

II. WE START WITH THE ACT OF WORSHIP

A. What Is Authentic Worship?

Worship is an act of giving ourselves to God wholeheartedly, with our entire being—spirit, soul and body. It is to bow down before another, to adore, or to prostrate oneself.

B. The First Mention of the Word “Worship” in Scripture

“Worship” is first used in Genesis 22:5 after the Lord asks Abraham to offer his son Isaac before Him on Mount Moriah. After three days of journey with his son of promise, Abraham said to the young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.”

C. Worship and Prayer Go Together

Worship and prayer are the seamless garment of the Priest. These are not mere functions or duties, they are lifestyle expressions that are an overflow of a heart of consecration. (See 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 22:30; John 4:23; 1 Timothy 2:1, 8)

D. Integral Part of the Early Church

The example of the priesthood from the Old Covenant spills over by revelation and application into the lifestyle of the believers in Christ in the New Covenant! (See Acts 13:1-3, 16:25; Philippians 4:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 8; 2 Timothy 1:3-4; Philemon 1:4-6)

E. Worship Precedes Petition

These clear examples demonstrate how people approached the Messiah with worship.

1. The Leper whom Jesus cleansed: Matthew 8:2-3
2. A Daughter raised from the dead: Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25
3. The Syrophenician woman’s plea: Matthew 15:22, 25, 28

Does Jesus deserve anything less from our lives?

III. CLEARLY DEFINING INTERCESSION

A. Defining the Word 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. (Consider the actions of the Good Samaritan as found in Luke 10:33.)
4. “To pay the price of intervention,” as with Christ and the Cross, “To go between.” Mediation “entreaty for another— intercession”.

B. From 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.
3. Mediation – entreaty for another, intercession.

IV. FOUR BIBLICAL EXPRESSIONS OF OUR INTERCESSORY TASK

A. Being the Secretary of God

An intercessor is one who reminds the Lord of promises and appointments yet to be met and fulfilled.

From Isaiah 62:6-7

*“On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who **remind the Lord**, take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”*

B. Taking Up the Cause of Justice

An intercessor is one who takes up a case of justice before God on behalf of another.

From Isaiah 59:15-16

“Yes truth is lacking; and he turns aside from evil and makes himself a prey. Now the Lord saw, and it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished (appalled) that there was no one to intercede.”

C. Building Up the Wall

An intercessor is one who makes up the hedge; builds up the wall in a time of battle.

From Ezekiel 13:4-5

*“O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins. You have **not** gone up into the breaches (breaks), nor did you build the wall (hedge) around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the Lord.”*

D. Standing in the Gap

An intercessor is one who stands in the gap between God's righteous judgments that are due and the need for mercy on the people's behalf.

From Ezekiel 22:30-31

*"And I searched for a man among them who should **build up the wall and stand in the gap** before **Me** for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. Thus I have poured out my indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; their way I have brought upon their heads,' declares the Lord God."*

V. THE INVITATION TO JOIN WITH CHRIST IN INTERCESSION

A. Our Scriptural Position in Christ

1. Ephesians 2:6 – *"Raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus."*
2. Colossians 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. Isaiah 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 God's 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 says, *"He covers His hands with the lightning, and commands it to strike the mark (verse 32)."*

C. From the Life of Andrew Murray

The Dutch Reformed preacher, author and prayer warrior, Andrew Murray, stated, "Through Christ's intercession, Christ is not sitting passively in blissful royal dignity, unmoved, while you intercede. No! Never! You intercede because He intercedes."

Yes, let's follow in the footsteps of our Messiah Jesus and enter into a life of making history before the throne of God. We each start somewhere. This can be the start of your greatest adventure in life as you learn to pray with God's heart!

D. Answering the Call

Father, in Jesus' great Name, I present myself to You to be a minister and priest of prayer and worship. The goal of my life is to know God and enjoy Him forever. Right now, I choose to lean into Your heart and listen. I desire to make history before the throne of the Almighty by entering into the intercession of Christ and fulfilling Your purpose in my generation. Amen and Amen.

Reflection Questions

Lesson One: Entering into the Life of Intercession

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

Fill in the Blank

1. The Latin words for intercede are _____ and _____.
2. Worship is an act of giving ourselves to God _____.
3. An intercessor is one who makes up the hedge; builds up the wall in a time of _____.

Multiple Choice — Choose the best answer from the list below:

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|------------------|------------|
| A. righteousness | C. places |
| B. seated | D. justice |
4. Ephesians 2:6 says, “*Raised us up with Him, and _____ us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus.*”
 5. An intercessor is one who takes up a case of _____ before God on behalf of another.

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