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Expecting More: Prophetic Intercession

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We hear the term 'prophetic' used by many in our day and time as it relates to praise and worship; spiritual warfare; confession; and last but not least, in the area of intercession. But what exactly is prophetic intercession, and how does it scripturally work?

Prophetic intercession is a prompting by the Holy Spirit to pray for circumstances and situations of which you have very little knowledge or comprehension in the natural realm. It is also a releasing of supernatural discernment and insight in the unseen realm that empowers the believer to destroy the operations of the enemy.

"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 groaning 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." **{Romans 8:26-27 — New King James Version}**

Prophetic Intercession is the divine work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is extremely necessary that we yield to what He is leading us to pray and proclaim.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you." **{John 16:12-15 — New King James Version}**

One of the greatest prophetic intercessors outlined in the Word of God was Daniel. He was a prophet that changed governments, and prayed prayers that changed the course of history. In the 9th chapter of Daniel, we are given a powerful lesson of prophetic intercession:

A. Prophetic intercession is more than just a few convenient minutes spending time in prayer: Daniel set his face to seek God with fasting and prayer. **{vs. 3}**

B. Prophetic intercession is being transparent in the presence of God confessing our sins openly and completely. **{see verses 4 - 15}**

C. Prophetic intercession is a cry for the mercy of God to be released, and a travailing in the Spirit of God to bring forth healing and deliverance. **{verse 16 - 19}**

D. Prophetic intercession is an openness on the behalf of the believer to receive supernatural help, angelic assistance, and divine revelation and insight from the host of heaven. **{verse 20 - 27}**

Prophetic intercession is extremely vital for our communities, neighborhoods, and cities, states, nation, and the global world. The Holy Spirit is looking for vessels that are willing to yield themselves to His prompting and leading, and to be available whenever He has need of them. **See: Acts 8:26-39; Acts 9:10-19; Acts 10:9-48.**