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Apostolic Intercession

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In many of the old testament books, there are keys to apostleship which is the ministry of Jesus. Joshua is one of these. On Nov.12, 1998 the Lord drew me to re-read Joshua 3:8 onward to bring understanding to something He'd shown me years ago.

Joshua 3:5-8 NKJ And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Then Joshua spoke to the priests saying, "Take the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people." And the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you." This is what God has been doing in His people now. He has been working everything that we would be sanctified, that He may do wonders among us; that we may be walking signs and wonders; that we might bear His glory. In verse 8 Joshua is commanded to order the priests to take up the ark and stand in the Jordan River. They are encouraged that the Lord will help destroy their enemies from the land of their inheritance. I wonder what the priests thought at the time. I wondered if they grumbled or complained or if they fought over who would get to go? In verse 12 it says, "Now therefore, take for yourselves 12 men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe."

Twelve is the number of apostleship/ apostolic government. Also note it says "One man from every tribe".

Isaiah 60:1-2 NKJ says, "Arise, shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold the darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the people, but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be SEEN upon you." (emphasis mine) At Azusa Street revival, people literally saw tongues of fire on the people as they came out of the church service, and on one occasion people called the fire station saying they saw fire on the roof of the building, but when the firemen came, they found that the fire did not consume the building. It was the fire of GOD - like Moses and the burning bush.

I know people who have the gift of seeing things in the spirit realm, and who have seen the glory on people. One saw it on John Wimber when he was ministering in healing as a golden glow all over his body. So I think this is literal not that all will have this gift, because not all have the gift of discernment, but I do think that the gifts will be more commonly manifested in the days ahead, according to many visions shared by others who are prophetic. Rick Joyner has seen youth laying their hands on hospitals and ALL are healed. The Lord has said to me many times, "THE GREATER THINGS ARE COMING !!!!!" The Lord has said to many that He is making us His "arks". We are to be bearers of His glory. Jesus promised we would do greater things than He did, which some have explained way as "more" but more is NOT the same as greater ! I've had

dreams of people rebuking the nuclear waste off of areas of Russia. I believe we must have greater FAITH.

In Mark 14:58 NIV it says, "We heard him say, ' I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.' " which the Jewish Pharisees did not understand, but we understand that He meant US; we are the temples of the Holy Spirit. And in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17,19 NIV it says, " **Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you ? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple...Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God ? YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN."** God cannot pour out apostolic power without creating apostolic holiness. He is preparing us to be vessels of gold and silver for the outpouring of His glory. **His presence transforms us.**

In Malachi 3:1 NKJ it says, "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord Whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant , in whom you delight. Behold He is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. " (emphasis mine) Just as He suddenly came the first time, the Lord will again come suddenly (a word He's used often in speaking to me over the years) - **saying "suddenly I will come into My temple", whose temple you are, people of God** A few years ago I had a dream that John Wimber was correcting me in prayer, and told me he wanted me to go to an aunt of his with a gift, and I saw myself climbing up this snowy, icy hill (looked like a scene from Illinois or Iowa) to this old white two-story house out where there were not many other houses. And as I get to the top of the hill - I see this Jesus (very tall - like 30 ft.) suddenly sweeping into the house, and He's dressed in a coat of many colors. (representing the apostolic) The house represents the church - more specifically the church I'm in - but it's in winter. That's a time in my life. But Jesus is coming and **I believe He will come amidst persecution and the great judgement and trials to come.** I remember a long time ago reading about the Armenian revival in the book by Colin Whittaker, and weeping, and weeping as the Lord showed me those days would be repeated - but in that revival, as 1 person was murdered - 20 more were saved.

Therefore we must prepare ourselves and ask God to prepare us for the times ahead so we are not to overcome with fear and panic. He must get all the fear and unbelief out of the us. Look to the Armenians for an example of true Christian faith of that time. Ephesians 2:21 NIV says, "In HIM the whole building is joined together and rises to become a HOLY temple in the Lord." God wants a HOLY remnant, who are able to bear His glory even as the priests "bore" the ark of the covenant as they stepped into the Jordan.

Joshua 3:13 NKJ "And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of the whole earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream and they shall stand as a heap.(ref. to Psalm 78:13,

Ps. 114:3) " [The Jordan overflowed its banks - flooded the land every year and so these waters represent troubled waters (trials, tribulations) that establish character in us. When floods occur they deposit minerals that actually restore the earth]

John 16:33 NKJ "In this world you will have tribulation. Do not fear for I have overcome the world." We needn't fear in the midst of trials. God is killing the unbelief that is in our hearts and in the church these days. **WE MUST LEARN TO TRUST in HIM, and not in ourselves (self reliance) or men (idolatry to man).** Isaiah 57:13b NKJ says, "But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain."

Mountains are symbolic of authority. If we want authority to increase in our lives, we must put the WHOLE of our trust in Him - NOT in our ability to work things out or to provide for ourselves because **that is not trust**; it is UNBELIEF and SELF-SUFFICIENT PRIDE. Surely our God is to be trusted. We must give Him more than lip-service in this area. Many say they trust but then they do NOT go to God for help but trust in their own means and own worldly wisdom.

FAITH is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things UNSEEN.

This week, the women in our church went with the pastor's wife to pray for a young child and her mother who live by the beach cities where the church of Satan was originally founded before moving to San Francisco, because her daughter and she have been tormented by the Satanists in that area. Her daughter has been tormented while sleeping. They come in the spirit and attack her in her sleep. (when I heard this I was enraged and stirred up in my spirit). So we went in unity to pray and while we prayed in the girl's room the young adult witches came by and were looking to see what was going on. The presence of God came SOOO powerfully to defend this young widow and her daughter - we were empowered to prophesy to the powers of darkness and the fire of God came so HOT in the room I was sweating profusely. We prayed for God to reveal Himself to these young people who are deluded to think they have so much power.

The 9 year old related that the first time she opened the cupboards in the hall- she had a vision of a child locked up in there. There was a joyous victory when we had church Saturday night because no one could touch her there after we prayed. God had so blessed us with revelation and His presence. Now the mother can read her bible again. She had been so bound up with mind-binding spirits. Previous to this, she had asked other churches to come and help her pray but no one would come sad to say.

As the priests who minister to the Lord step into the troubled waters of the lives of others; the waters abate. There is salvation, healing and deliverance, bringing an ability to "cross their Jordan" and to come into the inheritance God has for them. THIS is the ministry of intercession which includes prayer and worship done under the direction and in the power of the Holy Spirit of God, with HIS LOVE and COMPASSION. Intercession, as intercessors know is more than prayer and worship,

however; it involves the whole of your life. Has He not told us to "bear one another's burdens" ? And to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep ? (See Romans 12:15) [Christ was and is the ultimate Intercessor.](#)

Paul also said this in Colossians 1:24 AMP, [Even] now I rejoice in the midst of my sufferings on YOUR behalf. And in my own person I am making up whatever is still lacking and remains to be completed [on our part] of Christ's afflictions, for the sake of HIS BODY, which is the CHURCH. (Selah! I might add)

This suffering, affliction, persecution, reproach of men and of brothers and sisters in the Lord, & sickness (like Epaphroditis) in His intercessors is not only to burn up our flesh, although that is a good cause, but to bring us into humility, and [to bear the cross for the rebellious church.](#) **The ministry of true disciples is intercession like Jesus. He is the ultimate role model for 5-fold ministry and He got alone with the Father daily to get His instructions and plans for ministry !!! He did not have an apostolic think-tank.** And out of that intercession came ministry! A great harm has been done teaching otherwise. And a great harm has been done to many who are sick saying you don't have enough FAITH, when their faith has been actually greater. For those who are suffering with Christ for the sake of the body, **for they've had to persevere despite the rejection of brothers and sisters in the Lord condemning them,** the very ones they are suffering for (like Jesus...I might add). It has not been taught enough that [those who are godly in Christ must suffer](#) as scriptures say.

So many prophets I know have been suffering prophetically for the church. A few years ago I was greatly afflicted while attending a conference in Pasadena. I'd suffered candidiasis and a depressed immune system for years and was taking an anti-fungal medication and I had an unusual reaction (for me) to the dosage. My underarms became greatly enflamed and terribly itchy. It was sooo uncomfortable and I was so focused on the uncomfortableness, that I got my eyes off the Master until another sister in the Lord admonished me and helped me to pray for an answer for what I was going through. (I had chronic fatigue syndrome as well with asthma, so my immune system had been greatly assaulted). The next morning, I woke up with grossly swollen eyelids. I looked like a frog. And as I looked in the mirror, the Lord said, ever so quietly and clearly..." [The eyes of My church are swollen with pride!](#) "

That evening I heard Wes Campbell from Canada talk about someone who once saw the Lord pull a spirit of pride out of the heart of a man by reaching through his armpit! **I suddenly realized the connection between my suffering and the sin of pride in the church, as the Lord had spoken.** That night I walked over to the wife of a well-known prophet to give her a note, and her eyes were also slightly swollen and the Lord had told her the same thing about it. So then I didn't feel too stupid or self-piteous about being alone in my suffering. (Sometimes we can think like Elijah....I alone am suffering, or I alone am left).

The next day, it got WORSE! My whole face was swollen and red and in the shape of a heart, and oozing this yellow, stinky fluid from my pores. And I complained, and the

Lord said, "The face of My church is the heart attitudes of My people." Later I complained about the foul-smell of the fluid oozing out of my pores and God said, "And the sin of my people is a foul-smelling stench in My nostrils!" I've never shared this with but a couple very close friends, and I didn't complain anymore either, because My sin was among the foulest, and after the answers I got, I was too filled with the fear of the Lord. Believe me - The fear of the Lord is a strong tower ! The righteous run into it and they are saved! And I am among the worst of sinners, yet God privileged me to share in His sufferings for the sake of the church. And there are many who are suffering in their bodies, not knowing that they suffer on behalf of the dying (spiritually speaking).

Many don't realize they are in TRAVAIL, laboring for the kingdom of God and it's establishment in the earth. Romans 8:18-23, 29-30 NKJ "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**. 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 redemption of our body.....for whom He foreknew , **He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom he called, these he also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."

2 Timothy 1:7-12 NKJ says,

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, **but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God**, Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to HIS OWN PURPOSE and GRACE which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, **Who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel**, to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. **For this reason I also suffer these things**; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. For what reason does he suffer ? He just said for the sake of being a preacher, apostle and teacher to the Gentiles.

Remember how God told Ananias, "For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." Acts 9:16 NKJV These sufferings are part of the birth pangs for the things to come, and some are suffering for the ministry their children will have, not only their own ministry. For God is raising up a righteous generation in the midst of a perverse one, who will do mighty signs and wonders and He has not left out "generation X". **The enemy has thought that they are his, but many are righteous seed**

who will be greatly used for the kingdom. God has shown me they will be His "Showbread".

Joshua 3:14-17 NKJ

"So it was when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water, (for the Jordan overflows it's banks during the whole time of harvest), (Harvest time is not an easy time), that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.

How long do we have to suffer? - Until the work is accomplished that all may cross over - that is up to God. Did not the apostles suffer much in the midst of great miracles and great harvest? Paul recounts a lot of his great suffering in 2 Corinthians 11, when he defends his apostleship.

In the great Armenian Revival as soon as they murdered one Armenian it was said, another 20 were saved. In the midst of revival there is often great persecution and suffering. (This is the water overflowing during harvest in Joshua 3) In any battle there are those who pay the price for those who do make it through. Why do we think somehow we should be protected from pain when the world's Christians are suffering so greatly for the cost. Look at China for example, 35,000 getting saved in a week, and how many are tortured or killed each week? America needs a great awakening and America needs to WAKE UP to the signs of the times and to the true cost of discipleship! We want the power without paying the cost, but there is no such thing!

T. D. JAKES once said, "pain is the crucible from which power is born". And there is no apostolic power without HOLINESS! Judas was an apostle, but Judas did not last after betraying the Master. Those who today are called apostles will not last either if they don't come clean, if they don't maintain intimacy with the Lord for healing so they can be freed from demonic infestation and able to bear the glory that comes with apostleship. He just wants us to come to HIM - to do whatever HE asks - to get to that place. But He does NOT want us to strive. It can not be done through striving.

All PRETENSE must go. We must DIE TO SELF. God has been warning us for a while to get intimate with Him - to "come away my beloved" - so that we can be transformed by His glory. But so many of us are too prideful or too busy and stubborn to admit that maybe they are not fully healed. We have to put on a good front, to look good to men unable to humble ourselves at times, but God is Jehovah Rohi; "God Who sees." He saw Hagar staggering in the desert, and He sees our staggering. He sees the insecurity and worthlessness and false humility in us. He sees the greed, the

pride and selfish ambition and lust for power and fame, and the world, and He will not let us go till we are clean or dead. He wants to give us new garments of white linen, and we are saying **no, we don't want to look at any more pain - it hurts too much to look at our own hearts.** Or I don't want anyone else to know what I've done, or been through as if everyone else hasn't been through it, or done it.

How frustrating it must be for God as a good parent to look at us, such a rebellious group of children - so prideful - full of material wealth and still crying out for more. How His heart is aching to heal us and to let us know Him so intimately - to share all His secrets with us. All He's asking for is **willingness and a little of our time.** Time with Him is never wasted! There are born-again Christians who've been saved for years who can't even stand worshipping for more than 15 minutes without fidgeting. When I look at Nehemiah 9:1-4 where the people stood for a quarter of the day confessing their sins and another quarter of the day reading scripture and worshipping - it amazes me that many can't handle more than an hour-1 1/2 hour of church on Sundays. Some revival churches have even limited their hours when the Spirit is moving greatly in our midst. **The Portion of Jacob, the Desire of all Nations, the Consuming Fire is in our midst and we cut Him off and tell Him how to do things and how long He can do them!**

We are a pitiful lot in America ! No one had better mess with our schedules ! Not even God Himself ! In the great Awakening years ago, some people stayed all night being ministered to by the Holy Spirit and here we argue over what He can and can't do. Some say, "He can't MAKE you do anything" when scripture clearly illustrates otherwise. The God of the whole universe can't make us bark, or groan, or roar - when He made Isaiah go NAKED for 3 years to illustrate His disdain for the sin of Israel, and He made Saul lie down naked prophesying for 24 hours on his face when he had a murderous spirit! (1 Samuel 19:24) But we say NO, we're not prideful, - MUCH. And we are in great denial of our condition. We are like the Laodicean Church, and we need to buy from Him gold refined in the fire. Ask for white linen garments, and eyesalve, that our condition would change!
Open our eyes LORD!!

As the Lord is birthed in His people through His presence, coming in the worship; the troubled waters in the lives of others are cut off. The enemy is cut off from their lives, and the kingdom of God increases, with salvation, healing and deliverance. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21)

As people are cleansed, healed and delivered, they are enabled to inherit the promises of God for their lives, and to take the land. Exodus 29:43 NKJ says, "And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory."

Our tabernacle is also sanctified when He comes down to tabernacle with us, in our place of meeting with Him. At home or at church, or wherever He wants - If we want His glory, we must be sanctified. We must seek His face, not His hand, and ask for

the glory to sanctify us; our temple. Seek the Lord while He may be found, for the days that are to come will test us severely and we will need more of His glory in us.

Jeremiah 51:11 NIV "Sharpen the arrows, take up the shields! The Lord has stirred up the kings of the Medes, because His purpose is to destroy Babylon . The Lord will take His vengeance, vengeance for His temple." And so God has stirred up the enemy in our midst to test and purge us in order **to destroy all that is Babylon in us...all our rebellion, all our idolatry.**

2 Corinthians 6:16 NIV "What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols ? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ' **I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people.**' "We must lay down our idols, our "pets" if you will - our control, our lust, our greed, our rebellion, insecurities, envy, fears, love of money, selfish ambition, our fear of man's opinions, our fear of loss and death. Our "old man" must DIE ! Praise God !!!

Just as God had Joshua circumcise the Israelites before Jericho, so God is circumcising our hearts before we can conquer our Jerichoes. Malachi 1:10 NIV "Oh , that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on My altar ! I am not pleased with you," says the Lord almighty, "and I will accept no offering from your hands." **God wants no "strange fire" in His temples. He said obedience is better than sacrifice.** He's not interested in what we can plan, He wants us to set with Him and get His plan - to be obedient to **what He wants**, not what we want or can think up. It's only about what He wants - not to make a name for ourselves - but **to glorify HIS NAME. We are not to touch his glory. He alone is worthy.**

When they crossed over the warriors went first (Joshua 4:13) ! The people who know how to war God's way pave the way for others who cross over. and who went ahead of the army around Jericho ??? **The worshippers! Worship destroys the power of witchcraft.** Rebellion is as witchcraft. It is the formidable force (the great Harlot) we are up against in this country, and all over the world. The world is drunk with our intoxications pornography, snuff films, drugs & greed. And God is using His warriors now before any cross over now. There is a new force in the earth - **a powerful Gideon's army that knows the secrets of resting in the love of the Father, how not to strive,how to depend FULLY on the Lord, trusting alone in the LORD to deliver us.**

Great FAITH, not the unbelief that now permeates the church is needed. I believe that is why God raised up great faith preaching; to instill Faith in the church for the greater things - to stand on the WORD of God. But preaching alone is not the key. **Character needs building. Sometimes greater faith only comes when you've been through the storms and seen God's keeping power. Character is built when you've been pummeled by storms and trials and God is the only One you have to rely on. Otherwise we might run to men. God has to corner some of us more stubborn ones to accomplish His purposes. Once you've crossed the desert, and persevered, you can see it wasn't**

by your own strength you got through. This builds faith. **Faith is also built through study of the word, and through impartation. It also is a gift.**

There is no substitute for knowing the word of God. **The word brings conviction, as well as faith, so that our minds are renewed and healed.** The word also brings more revelation. There is a direct correlation between the word and prophecy, and prayer. As we read, the Holy Spirit shows us what only He can reveal as our Teacher and Comforter. Those who depend on being spoon-fed, instead of chewing on the meat of the word, will be greatly disappointed, for, there is so much apostate teaching, if teaching of the word at all in our churches in some places, that it boggles the mind. There is syncretism in many churches where Christianity is mixed with other belief systems, new-age, witchcraft, Hinduism, etc.

Several years ago, a friend of mine had a vision of pastors in our city preaching and turning into skeletons as they preached. and as they preached the congregations were turning into skeletons. The meaning is obvious, dead, dead, dead churches. At the time the Lord was also showing how **there were clouds over certain areas of the town that represented prayer covering.** And she saw a withered woman' hand sending demonic assignments while looking through a crystal ball to certain areas, but **where the cloud coverings were, they couldn't get through.** And the Lord was saying, there needs to be more prayer. Most of our churches rarely pray for needs outside their own, much less other churches, or the lost.

John Dawson of YWAM has indicated that we will never have authority over our cities that we want if we never pray for anyone outside of the church. So many Christians that I know are so self-absorbed that they rarely ever think of the lost, much less witness to them. Often this is because of fears and insecurities that are still unhealed, but a great principle of His kingdom is **"If you reach out to others, I will reach out to you "** This He spoke through a prophet when I got baptized in the Spirit and greatly delivered once. Again, if you have been touched by the love of Jesus. Then you will want to bring that touch to others. **Touching others with His love requires that you sit at His feet and receive the love to give from HIM. It requires being in His presence. If we don't receive His love, we won't have enough to give to others.**

The same principle exists in the natural. I did research in graduate school on touch stimulation in babies. A mother who doesn't receive enough love from a significant other, often has difficulty giving love to her child. It is a significant parameter that we look at to measure probability of abuse. We will be deficient as well if we don't spend time getting the love of the Father.

2 Corinthians 5:10-6:10 NIV "...for we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. Since , then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an

opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. (Now there is a lesson for us today !) If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. and He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.** So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ this way, we do so no longer. **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;** the old has gone, the new has come! all this is from God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

That God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them . And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made (Note: he's speaking to an arm of the church of the time) Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For He says, " In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: In great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God ; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as imposters; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; **having nothing and yet possessing everything.**

Paul is of course speaking of the spiritual when he says, yet making many rich, and yet possessing everything). **We will have everything we need to do the work ahead - not everything we want - but all we need since Christ is our Resource.** May we all say as John the Baptist, " I must decrease, that HE may increase."**What right do we have to resent those things which are working the character of Christ in us ??? We ought to rejoice! and again I say rejoice!** Even though I'm well aware how painful it has been, we need to worship Him for all He's doing in us. The priests who ministered to the Lord were those chosen to STAND in the water. Are you a worshipper ? **Know that your worship in private or public (even though you may be ridiculed) is NOT in vain. It is POWERFUL, and God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.(Heb. 11:6)** You will be used even more mightily in the days ahead. Don't give in to discouragement! In Joshua chapter 4, Joshua is told by the Lord to have the priests carry a stone from the midst of the Jordan out in order to make a memorial. (Joshua 4:3) the Hebrew word for memorial: sik-rown means memorial or record and comes from a root zakar meaning to mark (so as to be recognized) i.e.: to remember.

So the priests each took a stone on his shoulder and carried them (4:8) over with them to the place where they lodged across the Jordan and laid them down there. There were 12 priests (again, 12 the number of apostolic government) each carrying a rock back to where they lodged. **Who is the Rock of all ages but Christ ? and what does the shoulder represent ? "The government was on His shoulders" (Is 53) So like Christ, I believe the rocks represent the authority of Christ on the shoulders of the priests, who minister unto the Lord.** If we will walk in true humility, letting Christ be the author of judgement, and the authority upon which we trust, and not our own; and to judge, not using our own opinions, and if we walk having His heart of compassion for others, and towards ourselves I might add, then we will be able to walk in His authority, having our hearts cleansed from all iniquity. They also walked in obedience to Joshua's instructions, as God's prophet, and **there was unity. No one tribe resisted the power of the Holy Spirit's commands.** The remnant within the church will walk in UNITY of the Spirit. **We too must be obedient, humble, loving and compassionate. all of which comes from intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

If we want apostolic power, we must come to KNOW HIM; His person, not just the logos, alight it's importance, but to know Him as the Living Word, our Bridegroom, and our Beloved , the Lover of our souls. He chastised the Pharisees saying, **"You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me, that you may have life."** John 5:39-40 NKJ

There were those born in the wilderness (symbolic of the outcasts) on the way out of Egypt who had not been circumcised. Then there were men of war who died in the wilderness, due to complaining and disobedience. There are also those now who might die spiritually and physically if they don't obey. (Remember Ananias and Sapphira who lied to the Holy spirit about the money they kept back.) It may take such shocking judgement to get the **fear of the Lord** to fall in our churches again. **Those who were circumcised at Gilgal, stayed in the camp it says, until they were healed.** This is true for us as well. We will have to stay at Gilgal and circle around some more unless we learn our lessons and overcome our unforgiveness, pride and disobedience.

We must bend to the healing efforts of the Lord. We cannot bypass Gilgal either. **We can't avoid the circumcision of our hearts that God is doing. We must bend to the knife of the Lord in our lives and allow Him to cut out all that displeases Him. He alone knows our hearts. He alone can heal them.** (Not that He doesn't use any humans to help, still all is the Lord's doing). Gilgal means rolling, or circle. **It's where God rolled away the reproach of Egypt (the influence of the world)** Many have stubbornly resisted change and defended their laxity in submission to inner healing of the Lord and His deliverance, trying to say, "I'm OK....you're OK." Everything was taken care of at the cross. How many of us even knew all our sins when we came to the cross ??? And how many of us see our sins clearly now ??? So many of us have had prideful hearts. If you don't think so, see how the lost look at us! They have reason to mock when "Christians" or people who call themselves that are blowing up abortion

clinics, and killing homosexuals instead of praying and loving them into the kingdom like Jesus did. A loving Father tells the truth to his children.

Sanctification for most of us is process not instantaneous. Often it takes a great while, if not the rest of our lives. There is only ONE who is perfect. We have fleshly resistance often to what the Spirit is trying to do in us. We rationalize our sins instead of taking responsibility for them. Or we are blind to them totally, due to our stubborn PRIDE. We must ask for eyesalve, for we are the Laodicean church, and we desperately need eyesalve. We must come to the cross daily, and we must humble ourselves and ask for God to crush our pride and to destroy all that displeases Him. Luke 11:34-36 NKJ "The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore , when your eye is good, your whole body is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body is also full of darkness. Therefore, take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light."

Now if part can be dark, that means a Christian can have a demonic oppression or infestation. We can have demons, on us, in us, or around us that control us, and torment us. I for one, don't want any more critters, and I know it's taken me a long time to get rid of the ones which are gone, to overcome. There was much I was unaware of in my life, a lot I'd forgotten. If you are physically sick, you go to the doctor, he diagnoses and prescribes treatments or medicine, or surgery for you. **You pursue healing, because you don't want any limits on your life,** on your activity or abilities. You'll do whatever necessary to get well if you are healthy minded. Yet we've been taught in much of the church that you don't seek healing, spiritually. It will just come. Well, it **did not "just come "** for me without prayer, without pursuing Christ.

I remember well, the time God lifted the veil of pretense off of my eyes - I all of a sudden found myself acting differently because someone was looking. I had been pleading with the Lord to remove the scales from my eyes, and He, as ever, is Faithful and True. Even now, having been saved these 18 years, I am still seeking sanctification. I want all of the Holy spirit that I can get (glory to glory) and there is much more to be had. The word says the Spirit gives by measure - therefore, we go from grace to grace, gradually climbing the mountain, till we get to the top for whatever God has created us for; whatever design He has for us. Happy climbing! For God is determined that we get to the top ! We're not to strive, and there is the difference. Pursue, don't strive. We sometimes become obsessive about it. We can get compulsive about anything we do, constantly striving and getting nowhere. If you intercede, God will show you where to focus your energies - how to rest in HIM, and the process.

Let Him touch you in the secret place, under the shadow of His wings. It's a safe place, a wonderful place of communion with Him. He's so awesome, so kind, so gentle, so strong to bear all our burdens. Come to Him, to the King of Glory, El Shaddai, (many breasted One; mother Father God), to the Defender of the Lamel! He is the

Resource for everything we need. Oh come to Him. He loves you as no other does. He forgives all. He is SO generous, no matter how often we have failed, He forgives. He's waiting with open arms, Come! You are His beloved.

Random Notes

December 14th, 2004

Weariness followed me wherever I went.
My life feels broken and utterly spent.
My time in a box, uncovered and thrashed,
I wade through the waters of unending mash.

Surely the King is in control,
He sees as these tests take their toll
His handiwork is evident all around me
But what of this dying and crying within I see ?

Tidiness to all around them, some will bring
Hearts so callous, they drone and they sting
Earmarks of battle, as subjected to trials
On they go, absent of smiles.

Till suddenly the Prince on His stead descends
To torture and oppression He makes amends
He'll slice em and dice em, and kick intruders out
With His unyielding sword, till His praises we tout !

Bellies of living waters pouring out like a flood
Relying on only the King and His blood
Testimony in the midst of the fray
The King now comes without delay !

It's been a long time coming, He's been waiting for this,
To give His Bride her new gown, and to give her His kiss.
Suffering and rejection, she's taken standing firm
Till now when her King brings forward an urn

He polishes it till the shine of gold she can see
And in it her reflection shines back to a tee
She watches as He fills it with new sweet wine
And gives her a huge drink, for she waited a long time.

The snow has fallen on gentle places
Bright smiles are seen upon all faces

Glory and wonders abound in His love
As torrents of His rain fall from above.

She jumps and she dances and sings with glee
At last she knows she is completely set free !
Happiness rises till tears again she cries,
At last an end to all the lies.

His Spirit constantly moves shaking all that it can
What is this - an utter light display , my eyes they do pan,
Brightness all around as angels are deployed
Till all the works of the enemy are destroyed !

Hallelujah choruses play in the distance
Can you hear the cadence of drums in an instance ?
Can it be, is it really true? Do you see the cloud
In the distance it's growing, no signs of slowing.

Latter rain is falling, shouts of joy I do hear !
Love that overpowers, is driving out all fear !
A train approaches and it's gathering speed.
The whistle blows, as He performs His mighty DEED !

Main Entry: 1 mash Function: transitive verb

1 a : to reduce to a soft pulpy state by beating or pressure

b : CRUSH, SMASH <mash a finger>

2 : to subject (as crushed malt) to the action of water with heating and stirring in
preparing wort

Compassion & Travail: The Ministry of the Lord's Heart

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You know I've had a bible outline type study on my site on compassion .
But I have not expounded on it and taken the time to writing on it much. But after listening to Jill Austin talk about the experience of someone else who could SEE with her eyes a place God was taking her in the spirit realm, then realizing HE had brought me there without seeing, but only experiencing it, I thought perhaps I need to expound on this.

She talked of a woman who was asked to come, and taken through a very dark area, into a dark room, and there in the chair sitting, looking out a window was the Lord. She looked to see what He was looking at, and He was watching children being beaten, abused, starving and neglected, and numerous situations around the world involving children hurting that broke His heart, and as she did look, she began to feel His heart and weep and cry. This is what He called the crying room. There was a door that led out, but you had to be small to go there she said. You couldn't have too much pride, or be too great in your own estimation. And if you got smaller you could go there and you would receive strategies.

I know that one of the great lacks in the church has been compassion.

Compassion is NOT sympathy. Sympathy is what the world gives, or what I would call the worldly counterfeit of compassion, and is short lived for the most part. There is no empathy to it. Empathos is one of the Greek words for compassion, and it has to do with experiencing what others feel. There is another word in the Greek for this called 'splanchnizomai' which has to do with a gripping in your innerds. Another biblical word would be TRAVAIL.

During the renewal, I was soaking in the presence of the Lord many nights a week at church and in my home, and going through a lot of physical pain and suffering myself so when I would sometimes take the hand of another in greeting, I would suddenly be catapulted into a place of travail in my spirit for the woundedness of that individual. This was a new experience for me, and I would hide it till I got away and then begin to pray for them in the fullness of what I knew God wanted me to do. It was hard to get quickly to a place where I would not be embarrassed by my tears.

This is not the kind of ministry that people crave or want to receive, or ask for , at least for the most part that is true. But I have asked over and over and over again for HIS HEART so He has given me a portion of that.

While at a women's conference a couple years ago, Michelle Rizzo had a prophetic word and she said, " I have called you to pray for the Muslims, and the Hindu's. They are killing each other" That 's the part I remember, because suddenly I was gripped in my stomach/gut, and screaming at the top of my lungs, like an Italian mother who had just found out her son had been killed ! I couldn't stop it - it just sprang forth from my spirit. For months a couple months after that, nothing, then suddenly every time I would worship, I would start out and the Holy Spirit would hit me, and I would

be screaming. I honestly did not understand. I had experienced the crying room, but not to this depth.

I remember that when I went to India it manifested in a couple situations. One was a pastor's wife who I am very fond of, as they are a worshipping church and when you enter it, you know it. And it was a pastor's conference, and I was ministering prophetically to them and praying for them in couples. As I went to pray for her I suddenly was gripped the same and began to scream. She suddenly fell back under the power, when this happened. Two months later, the mother I think of the pastor died and I was told. It's as if the Lord knew what was coming, and I was travailing for that time, that they would be comforted by the Lord and go through. At least that is the sense I got.

Before this Iraqi war, that was all I was doing in my prayer time. I would worship as I normally do to enter in, and suddenly the screaming would start.

Tears, and tears, and tears. Death was coming. God knew, and I felt it. I was weeping for it. This is not to brag, this is because during this time, some good intentioned people found fault and told me I needed healing and I began navel gazing thinking it was NOT the Lord, and was a demon. So by doing that I gave place to something demonic. It was so confusing then, and I shy'd away from going to the place of weeping. I didn't want to worship, because then I would weep and scream. And everyone in churches thought I was just so demonized, that I needed deliverance, so I began to entertain those thoughts too !

The thing is you are NOT supposed to focus on demons. You are NOT supposed to entertain them at all. And they were getting a lot of pleasure from this torment. No one had an explanation for me it seemed, and my intimacy with God was stolen out of it obviously not good fruit. I would put on the music, but I could not dance. I would put on the worship and just lay there. I would try to pray, but couldn't form words, so I would just pray in tongues. I would try to read my bible, but it was not alive to me. I didn't realize, though I'd experienced it before, I was under condemnation and a religious spirit from those who had judged me.

So THIS is why I am writing. This is just too amazing, that I barely had time to go to the conference, but the one thing I got to hear in the car was Jill Austin talking about this I had repented before for avoiding the worship, but now everything made sense of my experience and I was weeping because I had left HIS side. So I repented for that, and refuse to give place to the gutless, mindless misunderstanding anymore. I just don't care anymore about being thought a fool. I refuse to apologize about such a precious gift He has given me anymore.

I long to see others gain HIS heart. Compassion is the essence of POWER in the heart of God. Unless a prophet is stirred by HIS compassion and sense of JUSTICE, then they are not yet a true prophet. For more on this, read Lars Widerberg's article: <http://upstream.homestead.com/prophetswob.html>

So what is compassion ? The Hebrew word is besed

Compassion: Mercy

Hebrew : *besed*, kindness

Greek : *eleos*, compassion

"Mercy is a form of love determined by the state or condition of its objects. Their state is one of suffering and need, while they may be unworthy or undeserving. Mercy is at once the disposition of love respecting such, and the kindly ministry of love for their relief."

The expression " I will have mercy and not sacrifice," indicates that God is pleased with the exercise of mercy rather than with the offering of sacrifices, though sin has made the latter necessary (1 Sam 15:22, Micah 6:6-8). Mercy is a Christian grace, and is very strongly urged toward all men (Matt. 5:7, 23:23; James 3:17, etc.).

(Taken from Vines Expository Dictionary)

Greek definitions of words for compassion

A) To Bear (in the sense of carrying, supporting)

1) *bastazo* - *bastazw* - signifies to bear as a burden.

2) It is used with the meaning

a) to take up, as in picking up anything, stones (John 10:31)

b) to carry something, (Matthew 3:11, Mark 14:13, Luke 7:14, 22:10)

*to carry on one's person (Luke 10:4 Carry neither money bag, sack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road , Galatians 6:17- From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus)

*to carry in one's body Luke 11:27 Amp Now it occurred that as He was saying these things, a certain woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, Blessed (happy and to be envied) is the womb that bore You

and the breasts that You sucked!

* to bear a name in testimony (Acts 9:15- But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must SUFFER for My name's sake."

*Metaphorically of a root bearing branches (Romans 11:18)

Now in the same way a woman bears a baby is important, because TRAVAIL has to do with that. So the Spirit puts the burden inside your spirit to bring to birth, the desired justice or outcome for the situation. So *bastazo* - to bear a burden is to spiritually pick up that burden and then give it back to Him, through prayer, tears, travail, worship. That is what intercessors do.

Jesus is the model intercessor. He bore our burdens on the cross. We have been told to pick up our cross, and to bear one another's burdens.

c) to bear a burden, whether physically, as of the cross (John 19:17)

metaphorically in respect of sufferings endured in the cause of Christ Rev. 2:3- " and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.)

*it is of sufferings borne on behalf of others. (Matt 8:17-that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses. Ref. 1 Peter 2:24)

Also see Colossians 1:24 NKJ, Romans 15:1

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Galatians 6:2 NKJV

Bear one another's burdens and SO FULFILL THE LAW of Christ.

*of spiritual truths not able to be borne (John 16:12)

*of the refusal to endure evil men (Rev 2:2)

*of religious regulations imposed on others (Acts 15:10)

of the burden of the sentence of God to be executed in due time (Galatians 5:10) of the effect at the Judgment seat of Christ, to be borne by the believer for failure in the matter of discharging the obligations of discipleship. (Galatians 6:5)

2) Hupophero - literally to bear up under, is best rendered by "endure" (1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.)

*of enduring temptations, or persecutions (2 Tim 3:11),

*enduring grief (1 Peter 2:19)

*Christ bearing away the sins of the world (John 1:29)

3) Airo - to take away what is attached to anything, to remove. Also, not the nature of atonement is in view, but its effect in the believer's life. (1 John 3:5)

Now we come to the next part of the compassion complex of definitions, and the first is B) Compassion

1) Oikteiro - to have pity, a feeling of distress through the ills of others, is used of God's compassion

Romans 9:15 For He says to Moses, " I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

This scripture is a good one, as it is most important for intercessors. Sometimes intercessors with this mercy gift, get feeling guilty when they do NOT feel compassion. Now sometimes, that is because our own emotions are have not been repented of, **if we've been slighted or hurt in some way and are holding any grudges, it will keep us from feeling the heart of God.** We need to get straight and repent if we want to keep this precious gift.

And sometimes it is because God is not aiming His compassion at that situation. It can be because we are tired and neglecting ourselves or a myriad of other reasons. But if God is not in it then neither should we have unsanctified mercy.

I'll give you an example that is quite vivid in my mind. Some years back I was on AFDC, because I was so sick with CFIDS and fibromyalgia and I had just gotten my food stamps and was on my way to the grocery store. It is a big market here in California, and out in front of it was a woman, obviously homeless, unkempt, dirty, very tall, dark haired, and no shoes, but a long wool poncho covering her. She was

standing by the garbage bin outside the store and when I saw her, since I often tried to minister to the homeless, or those in lines, or at doctors offices. I was going to slip her \$20 bill so she could eat for a couple days, but she had turned her head away so I tapped her on the shoulder, and there was an instant power encounter !

IMMEDIATELY she threw her pop she was drinking out of in my face and uttered " Who told you you could touch me _____?!!" and proceeded to pull cans and bottles out of the garbage can to throw at me , as I ran off into the store ! Oh MY ! Well once inside, the managers had called the cops, and what I wanted to do in secret, turned out to be a big attraction to all around. As I quieted myself, I heard the LORD so clearly say to me, " DID I ASK YOU TO GIVE HER SOME MONEY ? " and I meekly answered, "no". And the point was made. HE will have compassion on whom He will have compassion ! It is not our call. We must only be OBEDIENT.

I considered myself as a nurse to have a lot of compassion - there were times when I argued with doctors for patient care, or for family's rights to be with dying relatives, even before I was out of nursing school . And I continued to pour myself into my work and push (drive) myself to do more. But all of that is filthy rags, compared to the compassion that comes from a heart that is obedient to the Father and sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and dependent on what He tells you to do, as Francis Frangipane says, " What we become is more consequential than all we will ever DO for him" (my emphasis)

A good father gives good gifts to his children and our heavenly Father is loaded with good gifts. David was said to be a man after God's own heart, so early after being saved, I told the Lord, I wanted to have a heart like David; a heart like HIS heart for others and He has been faithful to take me through the process of continually emptying my heart of all the filth and garbage accumulated through years of abuse and self-abuse. (Something that is a continual process of sanctification)

2) Splanchnizomai - to be moved in one's inwards (splanchna), to be moved with compassion, to yearn with compassion, is frequently recorded of Christ toward the multitude and towards individual sufferers, (Matthew 9:36, 14:14, 15:32, 18:27, 20:34, Mark 1:41, 6:34, 8:2, 9:22)

of the appeal of a father for a demon possessed son; (Luke 7:13, 10:33)
of the father in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:20)

It was a common thing for a while that so many in the church would come up to the intercessors in the church and tell them to stop crying, that they were too emotional.

Often even the pastors would do this. Praise the Lord, his strength is seen in weakness. I remember the first time I experienced what is known as birthing pangs. I was in a prayer meeting and

I had an urge to hold my legs like a woman in labor. [I was an OB-Peds nurse for many years]. I thought this bizarre, but was moving in the Spirit and a couple other women, praise the Lord, WERE familiar with it again it felt like something gripping my stomach. Another time was when Stacey Campbell came to the Vineyard with the entourage of Canadians that brought renewal there. She came up before the sermon and began to give a prophecy, and as she did, and the power of God hit her, it also

gripped the intercessors, many of whom I knew who were in the room. I felt this pull to the floor and was grabbing my stomach while wailing again, as if someone died. It happened to all the intercessors.

I have this problem with the assignment of the name intercessor in a way yet. Perhaps God, will show me otherwise, but it seems to me that intercession should NOT be for the few, but is the heart of His ministry. He is the ultimate intercessor. His heart was gripped, [splanchnizomai] so many times. The experience in the garden of Gethsemane is one I wish to use as there are so many misunderstandings spoken about this scripture. And I believe the Lord has given me some insight on this.

Luke 22:42-44 AMP

42 Saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but [always] Yours be done. 43 And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him in spirit. 44 And being in an agony [of mind], He prayed [all the] more earnestly and intently, and His sweat became like great clots of blood dropping down upon the ground.

Luke 22:42-44 NKJV

42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

I have read this over and over and it does NOT say his sweat became blood. It says his sweat became LIKE drops of blood. There is a difference. Blood flows readily, speedily out of the body, as the heart pumping makes it do so. But it was His sweat that was profusely dripping as if like blood. THIS is a common experience since renewal for me, that when the FIRE of God comes with great power, I sweat "like a pig" we used to say when the summer sun was hot. I'm talking my clothes get all wet, as if the same conditions existed when the don't. Times of burning prayer, I call them. It happened distinctly I remember when I visited a Korean pastor and his family/elders in their home with a friend. We started to worship and the FIRE of God came, and I was filled with the Spirit of prophecy, and began to prophesy over his sister, and the sweat was running in my eyes, and down my legs so bad, I felt somewhat embarrassed. But it wasn't because of the weather or heat in the home. It was after worship and prayer began and the room literally got hot.

As I continued to prophesy over everyone, it just kept pouring out, and if it were blood, man, they would have had to take me to the hospital! But that is how it poured out from me just oozing. I needed a wipe towel to throw over my shoulder. Wearing makeup would have been ridiculous. This will be more common as awakening happens. I'm sure it has happened to many as the Lord apprehends them with His heart. The Lord was gripped with the weight of the world on His shoulders. As He deposits His heart for the nations in you, you will receive the Spirit of travail and you

will experience great gripping in intercession. May He take you to this place in the Spirit that nations will come forth from the womb of intercession.

3) **Sumpatheo** - to suffer with another (sun; with, pascho; To suffer) to be affected similarly (English-sympathy) to have compassion upon (Heb. 10:34) of compassionating those in prison is translated "be touched with" in (Heb 4:15), of Christ as the High Priest.

4) **Eleeo** - to have mercy (eleos; mercy) to show kindness, by beneficence, or assistance, is translated "Have compassion" in (Matt. 18:33, Mark 5:19, and Jude 22)

Matt 18:33 Amp And should you not have had pity and mercy on your fellow attendant, as I had pity and mercy on you?

Mark 5:19 (re Gaderene demoniac) But Jesus refused to permit him, but said to him, Go home to your own [family and relatives and friends] and bring back word to them of how much the Lord has done for you, and [how he has] had sympathy for you and mercy on you. (Amplified version)

Jude 21-23 Amp Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [which will bring you] unto life eternal. And refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and on some have mercy who waver and doubt. [Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality.

5) **Metriopatheo** - is rendered "have compassion" in Heb 5:2
Heb.5:1-2 NKJV For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have COMPASSION on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also beset by weakness.

It means to treat with mildness, or moderation, to bear gently with [metrios; moderate & pascho; to suffer] the idea is that of not being unduly disturbed by the faults and ignorance of others; or rather perhaps of feeling in some measure in contrast to the full feeling with, expressed in the verb sumpatheo in Heb 4:15.

6) **Makrothumeo** - to be long tempered (macros; long, thumos; temper) "is long suffering over" see ; patient, suffer.

In our flesh, we have a tendency to be short tempered, and impatient. But, in HIM, we can learn to be undisturbed by the faults and ignorance of others. We can learn to be patient, as HE is SO PATIENT with us. Part of the key is in the verse of Jude to keep our hearts in the love of God. If I am tired and spent, I will not have as much love and patience for others. Every parent knows this, or at least, learns it quickly. Parenting can be very tiring and at the end of the day, you do not have as much patience as at the beginning. Flesh begins to wear out. If I don't spend the

time with the Lord that I need, getting His love for me, then I cannot give it out to others.

This is a principle in the natural, and in the spiritual. A mother who does not receive the love from her companions, husband, family and gives birth to her baby worn out from neglect and lack of love, does not have the love to give to her child. I have seen it many times in OB. And it is a proven scientific fact, from many studies. A woman who has been abused and neglected and is unhealed, will also tend to abuse her infant and misread his behavior as rejection.

So it is vital that if we want to have LOVE to give to our families, our neighbors, coworkers and those in the world, that we must first be a lover of God. A husband or wife who are not connected to the Lord in this manner, cannot give the proper unconditional love to their partner. Instead of apologizing, they will defend themselves and be filled with pride. That is the nature of our flesh. And if your job is to love an unbeliever, or a wounded soul, then you so need to be in the presence of God daily to get your strength to tackle all the schemes of the enemy, and to be able to pour out love HIS way. Our union and communion with the lover of our souls is paramount to obtaining His heart. Only getting His heart on matters of importance to us daily, can we see with His eyes and hear with His ears.

We are all imperfect compared to Him, so we are all being sanctified to become more like Him.

Charity 1 Cor 13 is rendered love; agape (strong's 26) comes from the verb agapao which means to love in a social or moral sense; including the judgment and deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety; a matter of the heart versus the head, compared to phileo. Agape is described as love, ie affection or benevolence; spec. a love-feast: (feast of) charity ([ably]), dear, love.

Now you can see that compassion covers a lot of ground. I want to say again that there is a large difference between the inward compassion of the soul compared to the compassion that God gives via the Holy Spirit through our spirits. I was deeply abused/wounded as a child, especially the first 7 years of my life, and as an adult wanted to do something for the Lord to give back and took up a nursing career. And right from the beginning even as a nurse's aide, before I had started nurse's training in college, patients would open up to me they would share deep secrets they would tell no one else. I was raised Catholic, so was not walking in the spirit. But even then, God had His hand on me training me.

When we lack compassion there may be a number of reasons.

- 1) It is not our gift ie...there are varying gifts. mercy, gifts of healings, giving, etc.
- 2) We have had a relatively easy life and are insensitive to the needs of others (we have nothing to compare to; no life experience to make us emote empathy with others so instead we have sympathy.)
- 3) We have had a really painful life and we try to be compassionate in our

own strength, but fall way short because of lack of healing and unforgiveness, and selfishness which (Loving self more than God) sometimes people who've been hurt will cry from their own pain still needing healing...but not God's compassion

- 4) We have some sin in our life which is keeping us from intimacy with God. ie bitterness, hardness of heart, judgments, opinions
- 5) No one ever trained us how to be kind and loving (modeled it).
- 6) We don't want it as a gift or don't want to look foolish.

When we lack compassion we CAN call upon GOD, Who is the resource of everything we need. Another example - I had a friend who had a daughter who was raised in a "Christian" home although dad had been an alcoholic; thereby accruing some pain and not being healed, she married an Persian man who was unsaved, a Moslem, and she ended up being discontented, and following some inherited, sinful patterns got into a relationship with someone at work, while husband was out on oil rig. She had two children. This person at work was a hard-core drug addict, and her mom started calling me and asking me to pray with her daily.

Well to make this short. I ran out of compassion after some weeks and when she called me one morning and asked me to pray for her daughter, I said "NO !" I was probably tired at the time, as I had chronic fatigue with a depressed immune system. { I should say, that because of my prophetic gifting, somehow she thought the prayers would be answered more if I prayed.} So I said, I will let YOU pray, and I will agree with you as I don't have any compassion right now. Well just admitting that to her, and in front of God, within a few sentences of prayer, I was overcome with compassion for the young woman and tears were flowing, from the heart of God - NOT MY HEART- but His heart through mine. God wants us to be honest and humble.

Apart from HIM we can do nothing and I mean nothing ! Apart from His grace I am just a sinner like everyone else. Then I had to repent of any judgments I made towards her daughter. This story ended sady for the daughter and I haven't heard, or even know where this friend is right now but the husband, after finding out, was brought to my apartment via my friend, and the Lord had so worked on his heart, that when I spoke to him about giving his life to Christ, he did and we had a very holy time of intercession, and he never stopped. He was a muslim before, yet, He went on to take responsibility for the children and continued to attend church and get disciplined.

And I have no doubt God will, if He hasn't already, restore the daughter, because God's promises are true, but HE is also SOVREIGN ! He will have compassion on whom He will have compassion.

I realize more than ever that when we think we are something we are nothing! Scripture says that. If you think you are a great intercessor and are SO spiritual, and yet have not the Father's heart, you are nothing. HE IS EVERYTHING ! HE IS the One Who gives you the grace in the first place to DO intercession, to seek His face. Without His grace we can't do anything and I mean ANYTHING. If you think you can do anything in your own strength without HIS enabling , you need to think

again. It is a great deception ! And He will bring that exalted sense of self to it's death.

I remember Joyce Meyers telling this story how her husband when they were younger would sit on the floor and play with the kids, and she would be busy, busy, busy and be complaining cause he wasn't DOING something. Yet He would hear from God and she complained she could not that often, until God showed her she needed to chill. She did not know how to have fun, nor did she know God wanted us to have some fun sometimes. I'm sure that when Jesus spent time with the apostles it was not all striving. All striving is related to RELIGIOUS spirits. God is not a harsh taskmaster and neither should we be. We tend as a society to be driven and performance oriented. Yet God says."Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for my yoke is easy and My burden is LIGHT !"

Face it, we cannot BE anything, including compassionate, without God having given us the gift, or making us able. So let HIM get all the glory and return to the bastion of Hope; to Jesus, our Defender and Redeemer. And give others some slack ! Be forbearing; not being unduly disturbed by their faults and sins, or by the annoying habits of others, and just LOVE them to Christ ! JESUS was the model for intercession; something we are ALL called to do. There is no gift in Corinthians or elsewhere called the gift of intercession. Intercession is talking to God, being intimate with Him and His compassion , His love is what makes miracles...Love those who don't love you, as well as those who do love you, and then you will be fulfilling His laws. He is calling us to love the unlovely, the different "fish" in the seas of life, and we must lay down all judgment and criticism, impatience, intolerance, and frustration to do that. He is working on us and He will accomplish His goal.

The major key, & true prophets, have been warning of this is to get your own healing at the feet of Jesus so you can be emptied of self and all that comes with it, and be a vessel of gold for His glory. This is very hard when He withdraws the grace.

Imagine how hard it is for others who live in countries that are oppressed and not free like ours has been. We must cry out in desperation for MORE of Him. He will answer. He always does. All of us have some religion in our hearts to deal with; some deception, as we are all sinners. So we need to be more honest with ourselves. If the prodigals are to return home what will they come to ? Will they come to a church full of love and grace like God gives to us ; full of FAITH ? Or will they come to a church who is still sick and unhealed, undelivered and unloving, uncompassionate, self-serving ? Self promotion and self-glorifying are abundant these days due to the pride in our hearts.

God has an admonishment for us all for the youth and others are about to come into much grace and the idols will fall. Every idol in our hearts will fall, and we will be confronted like never before by this younger generation and by those who have been through the fire. Most of us have failed again and again, and God has been so gracious to us, so patient with us. I pray we will not be like the ungrateful servant who was forgiven and his burden lifted, then he became a harsh taskmaster to another. His love is unfathomable ! He has endured so much of our own

weaknesses. We need to endure those of others, yet being caring enough to confront in love, not with anger and impatience. This is all PROCESS...This is what he is taking us to: to love as HE LOVED; To love others as He has loved us ! May the Holy Spirit direct all our hearts into the love of God and the patience of Christ !

I Long For Silence

12-5-91

I long for silence in a world filled with noise and violence

I long to see pain silenced

I long to hear no more shouting with raging and anger.

I long to see love fill the hearts of men and boys,
women and girls, and babies of all nationalities and races.

I long to see a world no longer punctuated by prejudice,
hatred, rage and anger.

I long to see the Church Triumphant; full of LOVE and gentleness,
patience and appreciation of one another.

I long to see instant deliverance for everyone who needs it.

I long to see judgementalism and criticism silenced.

I long to hear the sounds of beautiful music,
played by perfect harps and instruments

and sung by angels and men who are changed to reflect the glory of God.

Maranatha, Lord ! Maranatha !

Hold Your hand back no longer Lord.

Hold back Your fierce anger from our lands.

Heal our hearts, our bodies, our minds, and our spirits.

Impregnate Your Bride with Your LOVE and power to save,
to heal and to love and honor the One above all

Who is deserving of so much praise that the earth can't contain it.

Glory to the Lord, the King of Hosts,
who reigns forever and ever. Amen

TRAVAIL

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Travail is a ministry of intercession and compassion. It is expressing the heart of the Father, and it is sharing in the pain He feels every day looking at the violence in the world. Every day in the world children are killed through disease, murder, abuse, neglect and torture. If we take this one aspect alone, just looking at little children, it is enough to make you weep and cry. Add to that youth killing each other, adults killing each other, wars, and

destruction, then you can imagine how grieved Father God is at what He must look at every day. Travail is not something you can fake, though I've seen people try. It just erupts from your SPIRIT man. It is the DEEP calling unto DEEP spoken of in the Word.

It is spoken of in many books of the Bible, and with so many scriptures that describe the rending of the soul, it is amazing that the church so disdains emotions. Apparently much of the church doesn't read the Bible if they think that tears are a sign of weakness. Because as you read through these scriptures you will even see that it is commanded to TEACH your daughters to wail and cry ! God wants us to be ONE with His heart for His creation.

Ps 6:6-10 NKJV I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. 7 My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies.

The heart that is soft learns to feel what He feels. The heart that is guarded or doesn't want to accept emotions expressed in the heart of God is one that is either ignorant or lacking in compassion themselves, or bitter. Hardness of heart is easy to come by in today's world, because of all the coldness in people's hearts. But if we don't take the daily stuff we go through to Him, to cleanse our hearts, it is easy to become insensitive to the Holy Spirit. It is easier to be busy and to ignore the plight of others, than to look at it.

This is written and dedicated to the many intercessors who have been misunderstood and maligned in their quest to have HIS HEART.

First, let's look at some definitions and scriptures on "travail".

Isa 54:1 AMP SING, O barren one, you who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who did not travail with child ! For the [spiritual] children of the desolate one will be more than the children of the married wife, says the Lord. [Gal 4:27.]

OT:2342 chuwl (khood); or chiyl (kheel); a primitive root; properly, to twist or whirl (in a circular or spiral manner), i.e. (specifically) to dance, to writhe in pain (especially of parturition) or fear; figuratively, to wait, to pervert:

KJV - bear, (make to) bring forth, (make to) calve, dance, drive away, fall grievously (with pain), fear, form, great, grieve, (be) grievous, hope, look, make, be in pain, be much (sore) pained, rest, shake, shapen, (be) sorrow (-ful), stay, tarry, travail (with pain), tremble, trust, wait carefully (patiently), be wounded.

Jer 4:31 AMP For I have heard a cry as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of one who brings forth her first child--the cry of the Daughter of Zion, who gasps for breath, who spreads her hands, saying, Woe is me now! I am fainting before the murderers.

I remember one night not long ago watching the news and there was a film of a car chase. These have been too much followed on TV news of late...and it bothers me to

no end that time is taken for it, but there suddenly was a situation where a 20 year old had robbed a store and police were chasing him in LA somewhere, when he suddenly turned somewhere where he couldn't continue to go ahead...so started to very slowly back up, and when he did, the police opened fire on him and shot him to death right there on TV in front of everyone. I was in shock and horror...and began to scream and weep...thinking, Why did they do that ? He wasn't ramming into them or anything...and I felt the Lord was showing me how scared that youth was at that moment he found himself caught up with, and how I would feel if I was his mother ! I was so distraught and began to pray also that justice would come of this situation. That God would contend with what happened which everyone watching the news saw that night. Sure enough a few days later they announced the police changed their policy about cars backing up and would no longer assume it as an attack on themselves. So some laws got changed at the cost of a young human life. Still it was just so terrible a situation. I was sobbing and crying and couldn't stop for a while. And in that moment, I saw how vulnerable my own son was if the world continues also in this vanity of violence and rationalizing murder. In that moment I saw NONE of our sons was safe, not just that young man. But if someone just has a bad day, and misunderstands something said, he could rationalize murder and get away with it.

OT:2470 *chalah* (khaw-law'); a primitive root [compare OT:2342, OT:2470, OT:2490]; properly, to be rubbed or worn; hence (figuratively) to be weak, sick, afflicted; or (causatively) to grieve, make sick; also to stroke (in flattering), entreat: KJV - beseech, (be) diseased, (put to) grief, be grieved, (be) grievous, infirmity, intreat, lay to, put to pain, pray, make prayer, be (fall, make) sick, sore, be sorry, make suit (X supplication), woman in travail, be (become) weak, be wounded.

OT:2490 *chalal* (khaw-lal'); a primitive root [compare OT:2470]; properly, to bore, i.e. (by implication) to wound, to dissolve; figuratively, to profane (a person, place or thing), to break (one's word), to begin (as if by an "opening wedge"); denom. (from OT:2485) to play (the flute): KJV - begin (X men began), defile, break, defile, eat (as common things), first, gather the grape thereof, take inheritance, pipe, player on instruments, pollute, (cast as) profane (self), prostitute, slay (slain), sorrow, stain, wound.

Tears themselves alone are a form of entreaty to the Lord. Words do not always have to accompany them to be a prayer.

Jer 6:24 KJV We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

OT:3205 *yalad* (yaw-lad'); a primitive root; to bear young; causatively, to beget; medically, to act as midwife; specifically, to show lineage: KJV - bear, beget, birth ([-day]), born, (make to) bring forth (children, young), bring up, calve, child, come, be delivered (of a child), time of delivery, gender, hatch, labour, (do the office of a) midwife, declare pedigrees, be the son of, (woman in, woman that) travail (-eth, -ing woman).

The prophets are the midwives spiritually ! They birth things in the spirit realm.
There does not exist the concept of any prophet who does not pray.
A prophet is the friend of God. He is a prayer warrior. He entreats God on behalf of others. He is concerned with the things that break God's heart, and the hearts of those made in His image.

Jer 30:6 KJV Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

Jer 49:24 NKJV Damascus has grown feeble; She turns to flee, and fear has seized her. Anguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor.

Jer 50:43 NKJV "The king of Babylon has heard the report about them, And his hands grow feeble; Anguish has taken hold of him, Pangs as of a woman in childbirth.

This theme in travail of sorrows such as a woman in labor, is common in the Word and laboring to bring forth a child is very much like the labor of travail in prayer. I remember the first time I felt like getting in a position for labor as a part of travailing in prayer, and how weird I felt. Yet it seemed to be what God wanted and it brought forth more unction in prayer through the power of the Spirit of God. Many intercessors have experienced this. It is just a SIGN or WONDER. John Wimber used to say a wonder is something that makes you wonder. Prayer is full of such things, things He has you do by the Spirit that make you and everyone else wonder ! Prophetic actions are part of much intercession by the Spirit. And sometimes we just have to lay down our right to understand and just obey!

Lam 3:5 KJV He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail.

Lam 3:5 NKJV He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and woe.

OT:8513 tela'ah (tel-aw-aw'); from OT:3811; distress: KJV - travail, travel, trouble.

In the days we are living in I can identify with Jeremiah's lamentations ! There is much violence escalating in the world, and everywhere in the world, there are so many things to pray about; war, violence, starvation, injustice, etc.

Mic 4:9-10 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

I found it interesting that he says, IS THERE NO KING IN THEE ?

This comes after saying:

Mic 4:6-8 NIV "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will gather the lame;

I will assemble the exiles and those I have brought to grief. 7 I will make the lame a remnant, those driven away a strong nation. The LORD will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever. 8 As for you, O watchtower of the flock, O stronghold of the Daughter of Zion, the former dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come to the Daughter of Jerusalem."

So Micah is saying why are you in travail ? Why are you crying outloud?
Don't you realize you have a KING among you ? The promise is deliverance from the hand of our enemies in these times . We have a KING in us ! We have the Spirit of the Living GOD residing inside of us. So the Lord can lead us in intercession, in battle, in whatever we are doing if we will only look to HIM. He will take us to the weeping room however as a means to feel what He is feeling and to intercede with Him for this generation.

Mic 4:11-12 NKJV Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor. 13 "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; For I will make your horn iron, And I will make your hooves bronze; You shall beat in pieces many peoples; I will consecrate their gain to the LORD, and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth."

One of the things that does happen in travail is the above- the Lord makes our feet bronze, and makes us strong in intercession, even if crying makes us FEEL weak, it is accomplishing MUCH in the Holy Spirit.

John 16:21 AMP A woman, when she gives birth to a child, has grief (anguish, agony) because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers her pain (trouble, anguish) because she is so glad that a man (a child, a human being) has been born into the world.

NT:5088 tikto (tik'-to); a strengthened form of a primary teko (tek'-o) (which is used only as alternate in certain tenses); to produce (from seed, as a mother, a plant, the earth, etc.), literally or figuratively: KJV - bear, be born, bring forth, be delivered, be in travail.

Amazingly, if you go with what the Lord is doing in you in this ministry gift of travail...afterwards you have this total feeling of PEACE when you have finished. It's like, you have birthed a baby, and now, you are happy and grateful to be over the process !

Gal 4:19 KJV My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

NT:5605 odino (o-dee'-no); from NT:5604; to experience the pains of parturition (literally or figuratively): KJV - travail in (birth).

NT:5604 odin (o-deen'); akin to NT:3601; a pang or throe, especially of childbirth: KJV - pain, sorrow, travail.

NT:3601 odune (od-oo'-nay); from NT:1416; grief (as dejecting): KJV - sorrow.

NT:1416 duno (doo'-no); or dumi (doo'-mee); prolonged forms of an obsolete primary duo (doo'-o) (to sink); to go "down": KJV - set.

Seems that Paul was very familiar with this form of intercession even as Jesus Himself was. Paul says in essence he travailed until he could see Christ formed in the life of believers. He was not satisfied with his intercessions until he could see the evidence of that being accomplished.

1 Thess 2:9 KJV For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

NT:3449 mochthos (mokh'-thos); from the base of NT:3425; toil, i.e. (by implication) sadness: KJV - painfulness, travail.

NT:3425 mogis (mog'-is); adverb from a primary mogos (toil); with difficulty: KJV - hardly.

PART 2

1 Thess 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

NT:5604 odin (o-deen'); akin to NT:3601; a pang or throe, especially of childbirth: KJV - pain, sorrow, travail.

This is a famous scripture for our times. Just when the world thinks it has some accomplished peace, suddenly comes destruction, even in the same way travail comes upon a woman. It comes SUDDENLY. You don't know when it is going to come. It just comes.

2 Thess 3:8 KJV Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

OT:2342 chuwl (khool); or chiyl (kheel); a primitive root; properly, to twist or whirl (in a circular or spiral manner), i.e. (specifically) to dance, to writhe in pain (especially of parturition) or fear; figuratively, to wait, to pervert: KJV - bear, (make to) bring forth, (make to) calve, dance, drive away, fall grievously (with pain), fear, form, great, grieve, (be) grievous, hope, look, make, be in pain, be much (sore) pained, rest, shake, shapen, (be) sorrow (-ful), stay, tarry, travail (with pain), tremble, trust, wait carefully (patiently), be wounded.

Travail has a physical meaning in the Bible also, of laboring hard to accomplish something. It also has to do with being in torment or great pain.

TEARS

2 Kings 20:5 NKJV "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.

The Lord responded to the tears and supplication of Hezekiah and healed him. Tears of desperation often get the most attention from the Lord, just like Jacob when he wrestled. He was pretty distraught at the news of his brother coming to meet him with a troop of his men. So he sought the Lord in prayer and wrestled with Jesus literally, till he got his blessing !

Est 8:3-6 NKJV Now Esther spoke again to the king, fell down at his feet, and implored him with tears to counteract the evil of Haman the Agagite, and the scheme which he had devised against the Jews. 4 And the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king, 5 and said, "If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight and the thing seems right to the king and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to annihilate the Jews who are in all the king's provinces. 6 For how can I endure to see the evil that will come to my people? Or how can I endure to see the destruction of my countrymen?"

Here in Esther we see the tears that come, with the realization that she has responsibility for the death and destruction of her whole settlement of people in Babylon, and perhaps with the compassion of the Lord for His people. So with tears she implores her king who in the story is a type of Christ the Redeemer, for the sake of her people ! And the whole nation ends up being given an option to fight for themselves !

Job 16:20 NKJV My friends scorn me; My eyes pour out tears to God.

Ps 6:6-10 NKJV I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. 7 My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. 9 The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer. 10 Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

OT:8467 techinnah (tekh-in-naw'); from OT:2603; graciousness; causatively, entreaty: KJV - favour, grace, supplication.

OT:2603 chanan (khaw-nan'); a primitive root [compare OT:2583]; properly, to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favor, bestow; causatively to implore (i.e. move to favor by petition):KJV - beseech, fair, (be, find, shew) favour (-able), be (deal, give, grant (gracious (-ly), intreat, (be) merciful, have (shew) mercy (on upon), have pity upon, pray, make supplication, very. OT:2583 chanah (khaw-naw'); a primitive root [compare OT:2603]; properly, to incline; by implication, to decline (of the slanting rays of evening); specifically, to pitch a tent; gen. to encamp (for abode or siege): KJV - abide (in tents), camp, dwell, encamp, grow to an end, lie, pitch (tent), rest in tent.

So here we see the meaning going deeper into the root of the word for supplication means to PITCH A TENT. So in the spirit we "pitch a tent" unto the Lord of Hosts, imploring His favor for situations that we bring to HIM.

And in this case, it may be tears coming from our own heart and compassions, and maybe not even His...to move the heart of God. David is writing that even his bed is swimming in tears from his weeping. Certainly God is not irritated with this "emotional outburst ". Unlike men, or women, God does not grow impatient with us when we get emotional. He made us and knows all things about us. He is an emotional God filled with passions of His own. He understands our frame.

Ps 39:12-13 NKJV "Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, a sojourner, as all my fathers were. 13 Remove Your gaze from me, that I may regain strength, before I go away and am no more."

Here the very thing causing the tears is the heavy hand of the Lord. Been here lately in God purifying my heart and showing me the ugly things in it.

God is awesome and MIGHTY to behold, and He is dedicated to making us more and more like HIM. And HE ALWAYS hears our prayers. Others with less heart may not understand but God understands us.

Ps 42:3-10 NKJV My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?" 4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, and from the heights of Hermon, from the Hill Mizar. 7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me. 8 The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me — A prayer to the God of my life. 9 I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" 10 As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, while they say to me all day long "Where is your God?"

In the deepest despair that may come against us, or the ungodly prayers of even fellow "Christians" God sees all our tears, and feels our pain. It is a comfort that nothing escapes His eyes. He is El Rohi, the God Who Sees. He knows there are times of oppression and He sees the times of travail and tears. He will answer the broken hearted.

Ps 56:8-9 NKJV You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book? When I cry out to You, then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me.

Ps 116:8-9 NKJV For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Ps 126:5-6 NKJV Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

There is reward for our hearts breaking for what breaks His, and for feeling the pulse of what is bothering Him. We will reap in JOY, as we sow in tears. For we will see He ANSWERS the cry of the desperate heart !

Isa 16:9-11 NKJV Therefore I will bewail the vine of Sibmah, with the weeping of Jazer; I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; For battle cries have fallen Over your summer fruits and your harvest.

10 Gladness is taken away, and joy from the plentiful field; In the vineyards there will be no singing, Nor will there be shouting; No treaders will tread out wine in the presses; I have made their shouting cease. 11 Therefore my heart shall resound like a harp for Moab, and my inner being for Kir Heres.

Isa 25:8 NKJV He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

The good news is that there will come a day when we will no longer weep for the awful things we see wrought in the earth today. There will be a day when swords will be turned into plowshares ! There will be only JOY in His Kingdom !

Paul urged us in the Word to weep with those that weep, and to rejoice with those who rejoice. It takes true LOVE to do either. I've met very few Christians who would rejoice WITH ME, when God was doing great things in me. Sadly they usually have been jealous. Sibling rivalry reigns in the church, but it should not be so, if the hearts of people were more healed !

The weeping is for that you know. All the great revivalists were weeping men or women !

There are few Christians I know who see the weeping as a strength. Most pastors I know, have taken it to mean the woman is an emotional basket case, instead of realizing that it may be the tears of the Lord ! Others may be jealous, I don't know. But it takes discernment to know the true from the false weeping, that I do know.

Jer 9:1 NKJV Disobedience Brings God's Judgment

Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Sometimes the prophets are weeping because they usually have a feel for what is coming down the road. They are given insights into future days so usually they are not in the same place the church may be. They may be crying while the church overall is rejoicing, because they see what lies ahead. They cry for the sins of the people when

they see the desperate need for healing and deliverance in the church and the in the world. The evangelist who wants to make an impact needs to have a heart at one with the LORD for the LOST he is reaching out to. REVIVALISTS WEEP.

Jer 9:18-21 NKJV Let them make haste and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run with tears, and our eyelids gush with water. 19 For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion: 'How we are plundered! We are greatly ashamed, because we have forsaken the land, because we have been cast out of our dwellings.'" Yet hear the word of the LORD, O women, and let your ear receive the word of His mouth; Teach your daughters wailing, and everyone her neighbor a lamentation. 21 For death has come through our windows, Has entered our palaces, to kill off the children — no longer to be outside! And the young men — no longer on the streets!

Ok, here we have the verse that tells us what the intense wailing and screaming that becomes a part of travail is about. " FOR DEATH has come through our windows, has entered our palaces, to kill off the children "

This is the point of the wailing and screaming. It is a terrible thing to see the violence in the world today. Last year in a few days time, people had sent to me three heart wrenching videos. One was on the Palestinians teaching their children to use guns, showed them gloating over a Jew they had murdered, and holding his liver in their hand and cheering. I began to wail and scream in the spirit. I am not that way naturally. I was an RN with a master's degree and for years worked in hospitals. This is not normal behavior for me. Compassion may be, but not wailing like an Italian funeral, ok ?

So then I got another video, showing how fetuses are sold as a FOOD on shelves in Taiwan. And another photo showed a man cooking one ! I wanted to throw up, again wailing, weeping, screaming ensued...intercession for this atrocity. Then another came about the Sudan and what they were doing to Christian women there, raping and maiming them, leaving them to die. And again the same response. The LORD was wanting me in the wailing room in the Spirit because of all the violence in the world. It is stirring HIS heart, so should it not convict our own hearts ? He is weeping. He is so broken hearted for what His creation is doing to each other. Note that in the above scripture He is telling women...TEACH your daughters to travail !

He is not wanting us to be complacent. If we shut our eyes to all the horror of the world completely, then it will not change our heart. I know that nurses, after being just in a few rotations of medical surgical floors in nursing school, that we went through some heavy changes in our emotions. We had one day a week for a couple hours where we had psych counseling session for us, because I was in a Christian program. And they recognized we would have to deal with our emotions of seeing people die, seeing difficult things happen to people. Watch children die. Nurses and doctors and other health professionals are exposed to things MOST people NEVER see. So it was important to us to be able to talk about the feelings we had to get through the change going on in us. I was very blessed to be in that program even before I was a real Christian !

What this taught me, is that God doesn't want us to completely turn our heads from seeing the bad things. He wishes we never had to see bad things/ or situations. But if we don't look at them, we will become complacent and apathetic. We will deny it even exists eventually, or become so hard that we blame people all the time for their problems, instead of seeing the overall picture, from a godly point of view. We need to be asking God A LOT of questions if we want to hear HIS view on things.

Jer 13:17 NKJV But if you will not hear it, My soul will weep in secret for your pride; My eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock has been taken captive.

Jer 14:17 NKJV "Therefore you shall say this word to them: 'Let my eyes flow with tears night and day, and let them not cease; For the virgin daughter of my people has been broken with a mighty stroke, with a very severe blow.'

PRIDE comes before a fall the Word says. We have been very proud in the western world about our affluence and blessings. We have judged others who have not had it so well. When you travel and see the reality of the world others live in who don't have it so well. It jars you, but it is still too easy to become complacent when all our needs are met. It is too easy in American society to forget about the poor of the nations, or even of our own nation. Comfort always seemed to cause Israel to go in that same direction also. So I know it is true. Every time they got wealth and comfort, they backslid! So we need to recognize our true spiritual lack and be sure we have a reality check on our hearts from time to time. Asking for HIS heart is key to keeping ours in check.

Jer 31:16-19 NKJV Thus says the LORD: "Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; For your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. 17 There is hope in your future, says the LORD, that your children shall come back to their own border. 18 "I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself: 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained bull; Restore me, and I will return, For You are the LORD my God. 19 Surely, after my turning, I repented; and after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, because I bore the reproach of my youth.'

Like Ecclesiastes indicates, there is a time for weeping and a time for laughter. There are times to weep, and times NOT to weep. We cannot have false compassion either when people have been so rebellious that they walk all over others.

Lam 1:2-3 NKJV She weeps bitterly in the night, Her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers she has none to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies. 3 Judah has gone into captivity, under affliction and hard servitude; She dwells among the nations, she finds no rest; all her persecutors overtake her in dire straits.

Lam 2:11-12 NKJV My eyes fail with tears, My heart is troubled; My bile is poured on the ground because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, because the children and the infants faint in the streets of the city.

12 They say to their mothers, "Where is grain and wine?" As they swoon like the wounded in the streets of the city

Lam 2:18-19 NKJV

Their heart cried out to the Lord, "O wall of the daughter of Zion, Let tears run down like a river day and night; Give yourself no relief; Give your eyes no rest. 19

"Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street."

POUR OUT YOUR HEART like water before the **FACE** of the **LORD** Jeremiah says. It reminds me of David and how he had sinned and when his baby took sick, the first one born to him and Bathsheba, he cried and covered himself in ashes, hoping the Lord would refrain and have mercy. But once the baby died...he ate and stopped praying. And the people were puzzled. And he told them, he was hoping for mercy from the Lord. But once the baby was dead, what more could he do ? The weeping and travailing is the utterances and groanings of the Spirit spoken of in Romans:

Rom 8:26 NKJV 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.

Ezek 24:16-17 NKJV

16 "Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down. 17 Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet; do not cover your lips, and do not eat man's bread of sorrow."

Here the Lord tells Ezekial **NOT** to weep, **NOT** to bemoan the dead. The wickedness of the dead was terrible to the Lord.

Mal 2:13-17 NKJV And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive it with goodwill from your hands. 14 Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant. 15 But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

16 "For the LORD God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously." You have wearied the LORD with your words; Yet you say, "In what way have we wearied Him?" In that

you say, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delights in them," Or, "Where is the God of justice?"

One of the things the Lord showed me about this verse is that when men neglect the wife of their youth, and do not see to it the children are cared for by a father, that is SO grievous to Him. He didn't seem all that upset with Jacob having four wives... technically two wives, and two concubines. What is upsetting to the LORD is NOT TAKING CARE OF THEM. And when men's hearts are clothed with the violence of hating their wives, it will limit the answers they get to prayer. It is a good thing to forgive the actions of others, as if you don't, that violence of hatred in your heart will cause you much harm. Bitterness is a terrible thing in the human soul. And if you want the gift of God's heart, you cannot remain bitter, hateful, or vengeful if you expect to know His heart. God is LOVE. And he who hates his brother [or sister] does not know the LOVE of the Father. Many people are locked up from hearing HIS VOICE, or having their prayers answered because of this.

Mark 9:24 NKJV Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Here is another important aspect for having prayer and travail be effective. You have to BELIEVE that you will RECEIVE an answer. There is a saying that he who expects nothing will not be disappointed !

Luke 7:36-39 NKJV A Sinful Woman Forgiven
Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. 37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, 38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

Luke 7:44-49 NKJV Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Even if the tears of the intercessor were her own in a prayer group, it is a very private thing between her and God. If they ASK for prayer, great, but if not...let

them work it out alone with God. The key is DON'T assume anything. And don't go up to them and say PEACE, PEACE, when there is NO PEACE.

Acts 20:18-24 NKJV And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, 19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

Acts 20:31 NKJV Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Here, Paul is admitting that his own life in prayer consisted of travail and weeping for the souls of others. And like the verse above these says, it is LOVE that gives us that heart that is able to weep for the souls of others- His love.

2 Cor 2:3-4 NKJV For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

2 Cor 2:4-5 AMP For I wrote you out of great sorrow and deep distress [with mental torture and anxiety] of heart, [yes, and] with many tears, not to cause you pain but in order to make you realize the overflowing love that I continue increasingly to have for you. 5 But if someone [the one among you who committed incest] has caused [all this] grief and pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure, not to put it too severely, [he has distressed] all of you.

Like Jesus, Paul wept at the transgressions of the flock of the Lord. It pains the heart of God when we go our own way, instead of His way. It pains His heart when we don't get the help we need, when we don't trust HIM enough with our lives to allow for healing.

Heb 5:6-9 KJV As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. 7 Who in the days of his flesh, when HE had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Heb 5:7 AMP In the days of His flesh [Jesus] offered up definite, special petitions [for that which He not only wanted but needed] and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him Who was [always] able to save Him [out] from death, and He was heard because of His reverence toward God [His godly fear, His piety, in that He shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the father].

WAILING Scriptures

Est 4:3 NKJV And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Jer 9:10 NKJV I will take up **a weeping and wailing** for the mountains,
And for the dwelling places of the wilderness **a lamentation**, because they are burned
up, so that no one can pass through; Nor can men hear the voice of the cattle. Both
the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled;
They are gone.

Jer 9:17-19 NKJV The People Mourn in Judgment
Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider and call for the **mourning women**, that they
may come; and send for skillful wailing women, that they may come. 18 Let them
**make haste and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run with tears, And our
eyelids gush with water.** 19 For **a voice of wailing is heard** from Zion: 'How we are
plundered! We are greatly ashamed, because we have forsaken the land, because we
have been cast out of our dwellings.'"

Jer 9:20 NKJV Yet hear the word of the LORD, O women, and let your ear receive
the word of His mouth; **Teach your daughters wailing**, and everyone her neighbor a
lamentation.

Jer 25:36-38 NKJV A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and **a wailing** of the
leaders to the flock will be heard. For the LORD has plundered their pasture, and
the peaceful dwellings are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD. He has
left His lair like the lion; For their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the
Oppressor, and because of His fierce anger."

Ezek 7:11 NKJV Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness; None of them shall
remain, None of their multitude, None of them; Nor shall there be **wailing** for them.

Amos 5:16-24 NKJV The Day of the LORD
Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the Lord, says this: "There shall be **wailing** in all
streets, and they shall say in all the highways, 'Alas! Alas!' They shall call the farmer
to mourning, and skillful lamenters to wailing. 17 In all vineyards there shall be
wailing, for I will pass through you," Says the LORD.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the
LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light.

19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him! Or as though he
went into the house, leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him! 20 Is not
the day of the LORD darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness
in it? 21 "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred
assemblies. 22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will
not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. 23 **Take away
from Me the noise of your songs, for I will not hear the melody of your stringed
instruments.** 24 **But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty
stream.**

Amos 8:2-8 NKJV And He said, "Amos, what do you see?" So I said, "A basket of
summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me: "The end has come upon My people
Israel; I will not pass by them anymore. 3 And **the songs of the temple shall be**

wailing in that day," Says the Lord GOD — "Many dead bodies everywhere, they shall be thrown out in silence." 4 Hear this, you who swallow up the needy, and make the poor of the land fail, 5 Saying: "When will the New Moon be past, That we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, That we may trade wheat? Making the ephah small and the shekel large, Falsifying the scales by deceit, 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals — Even sell the bad wheat?" 7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their works. 8 **Shall the land not tremble for this, and everyone mourn who dwells in it?** All of it shall swell like the River, Heave and subside Like the River of Egypt.

Amos 8:9-12 NKJV "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD," That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight; 10 **I will turn your feasts into mourning,** and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, and baldness on every head; I will make it **like mourning for an only son,** and its end like a bitter day. 11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

Mic 1:8-9 NKJV Mourning for Israel and Judah
Therefore **I will wail and howl,** I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals and a mourning like the ostriches, for her wounds are incurable. For it has come to Judah; It has come to the gate of My people—
to Jerusalem.

Zeph 1:10-12 NKJV "And there shall be on that day," says the LORD," The sound of **a mournful cry from the Fish Gate, a wailing from the Second Quarter, and a loud crashing from the hills.** 11 **Wail,** you inhabitants of Maktesh! For all the merchant people are cut down; All those who handle money are cut off.
12 "And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, ' The LORD will not do good, Nor will He do evil.'

Zech 11:3 NKJV **There is the sound of wailing shepherds!** For their glory is in ruins. There is the sound of roaring lions! For the pride of the Jordan is in ruins.

Matt 13:41-43 NKJV The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be **wailing and gnashing of teeth.** 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Matt 13:49-50 NKJV So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. **There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."**

"The Lifter of My Head"

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I never had a father who held me like You do.
At times that wreaked of sheer disaster,
YOU have pulled me through.
Waves of the smell of roses poured over me once,
bringing peace to my heart and soul,
the time of my again-deliverance
when YOU came to restore my soul;
from the torments of past and present pain
which had crept into my mind again.
Self-pity.....that ever scouring foe
had reduced me to hopelessness once more.
How could I ever forget Your gentle loving touch
which so many times lifted my heart from the turmoil within?.....
Wearing at my lack of trust,
and crushing my self-sufficiency at last.
Torment and discouragement leave me now.
You'll never have a grip on me the way you did before.
For if you dare to come for me again,
My King on knighted steed will rescue me once more.
Swift as eagles fly or faster,
He will come and send His warriors then,
to make me strong, and to strip you of armaments
too weak to withstand
the glorious blade of righteousness
He holds within His hand!
Holy Spirit inspired ...through Priscilla

WEEP

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Weep, My beloved. Weep for the lost. Weep for the state that the world is now in. Weep, knowing that your tears of supplication bring forth remedies worldwide. I am calling to My intercessors, asking that you plead the case of the world to Me. Speak forth remedies for world situations by coming to Me with weeping hearts.

In this hour, I am doing a wondrous work - a sanctifying work. I want you to know that the goodness of your God prevails even in the most trying circumstances. I want you to know that your Father has a ready hand to fix things. I want you to weep, call forth with pleas for the lost souls and the status of the world. I want you to know with every tear shed, and every word spoken on behalf of the world - the lost - you are moving My ready hand in the direction of restoration.

So weep, beloved intercessors. Call out to Me on behalf of all of those who are seeking after the world, and know with every word and every tear you have touched My heart. You have touched My heart, and you are enabling Me to move mountains on their behalf.

I am calling to My intercessors. Cry out to Me on behalf of the lost in the world. See results. See that those who unite their hearts in prayer on behalf of the lost get results. See that those results are pleasing to My heart.

I want to bless you, beloved. I want to reveal My heart of hearts to you. That is why I am giving you this wondrous task. Speak forth, and know that you are speaking My heart. You are shedding My tears. You are revealing My heart to save.

I am using all who will let Me. Speak forth My words of truth on behalf of those who do not know Me - those seeking after the world with a vengeance. They will be sorely disappointed on that day of reckoning if My dear ones do not cry out to Me. Don't let them be disappointed. Don't let them be lost forever. Cry out to Me with loud voices and tears of supplication on their behalf. It is NOT My will that any should perish. Speak forth. Cry out and see the lost come into My fold. See My will done on earth as it is in heaven. See the mighty fallen - fallen into the hands of the One Who is just and true - the One Who is Love - the One Who gave all that they may walk in this truth: I am the living God Who died that all might come into the knowledge of His grace - His goodness. It is not My will that any should miss out on their inheritance. It is not My will that any should perish. It is My will that ALL come into My fold. That is why I am asking you, beloved, to weep - to cry out - to make yourself available to Me on their behalf to see them free in Me - to see them free forever in the arms of the Beloved. Cry out to Me, beloved, and see the salvation of the world - the salvation that I gave My life for - the salvation that you know well. Offer up those words to Me on their behalf, and know that I hear and that you are freeing My hand to move mightily on their behalf and snatch them from the fires of hell - the hands of the enemy, who is himself eternally doomed!!!

Mary, Nard, and Jesus Washing Feet: The Ministry of Bearing One Another's Burdens

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I was watching the gospel of John movie again and two incidents stood out to me to share.

John 12:2-8 NIV

3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair.

Spikenard Mike Bickle says is a symbol of the fragrance of the Bride's love and appreciation for the Bridegroom. Below is an excerpt from herbal page that shows the natural properties. The natural often reflects the spiritual, so that is why it is shared.

Spikenard Oil properties

Spikenard oil is extracted from *Nardostachys jatamansi* from the Valerianaceae family and is also known as "false" Indian valerian root. Spikenard oil has a warm, misty, heavy aroma, is pale yellow in color and medium in viscosity.

Origin of Spikenard oil

Spikenard is a tender aromatic herb with a pungent rhizome root and native to the mountainous regions of northern India as well as China and Japan.

It is one of the early aromatics used by the ancient Egyptians and is mentioned in the Bible, in Song of Solomon, and in the Book of John where Mary used it to anoint the feet of Jesus. It was used by wealthy Roman women in perfumes and beauty preparations.

Extraction

Spikenard oil is extracted from the crushed and dried rhizome of the herb by steam distillation and yields 1-3% Therapeutic properties

The therapeutic properties of Spikenard oil are: anti-inflammatory, anti-pyretic, antiseptic, calmative, sedative, laxative and tonic. In other words, the medicinal properties all have to do with healing infection and inflammation, and promoting relaxation.

Chemical composition The main chemical components are: Bornyl acetate, Valeranone, Jonon, tetramenthyloxatricylodecanol, Menthylthymyl-ether and Cineol-1,8.

Precautions Spikenard oil has no known contra-indications, but care should be taken as with all oils.

Uses

Spikenard oil can be effective for tension, stress, migraine, nervous indigestion and insomnia. It seems to have rejuvenating qualities especially for the mature skin, and can help with allergies, skin inflammations and rashes. Vapor therapy or used in the bath In vapor therapy or diluted in the bath Spikenard oil can help with: tension, stress and insomnia. Blended massage oil As blended massage oil, Spikenard oil can assist with: tension, stress, migraine and insomnia. Spikenard oil blends well with: Although most essential oils blend well with one another, Spikenard oil blends particularly well with: Lavender, Lemon, Clary sage, Neroli, Patchouli and Vetiver.

What the Lord showed me as I watched Mary in the movie applying the spikenard to his feet, and then drying His feet with her hair, is similar to something the Lord showed me years ago in the story of Ruth at the feet of Boaz. [Boaz is symbolic of Jesus as Kinsman Redeemer in the story of Ruth.]

Here Mary anoints his feet for burial. It is an act of worship that says You alone are LORD, in many ancient cultures. And in the worship, she takes on the smell of the

nard no doubt onto her hair as her hair wipes the feet of Jesus. Her hair would have smelled of the spikenard after she wiped his feet with it. It is like saying You alone are Lord. You alone are lovely and fragrant to me.

So the Bride symbolically represented by Mary here...by worshipping, takes on the quality of the smell of the perfumed feet of Jesus. She is called to walk like Him, be like Him. Feet are symbolic of our WALK. And the hair is woman's covering so to speak and she is taking Jesus as her covering, taking on his aroma as it were. Atonement means "covering". So as she worships Jesus, she is preparing Him at that point in time for the death He was about to endure for the sins of the whole world. And as she worships HIM, the aroma of His perfumed body of sacrifice soaks into her hair, into her. The hair is also a symbol of man's glory. So His glory is transferred to her in a sense as she worships Him. And this we KNOW is what happens when we worship Him. His presence comes and He pours into us His attributes, His glory.

The other thing is that that spikenard was probably the most valuable thing she owned. She didn't begrudgingly give, but she offers the whole of it to Him. And it represents our earthly possessions in this sense. Everything precious to us, that we have, everything we are, we give to Him. Without Him, we wouldn't have it in the first place. This then again relates to Isaiah 58 and how if we are true worshippers, our home, our life, our possessions are not our own, but are for His Kingdom, for His purposes. And she is pouring it out because of her love.

She is an extravagant worshipper. Nothing is held back. This is the beauty of the Bride of Christ. She loves extravagantly, not selfishly or for her own purposes, or to look good. She is so excited to do this. I wonder if Mary realized until she did it what it was about. She just spontaneously worships Him, out of her love and affection. Lazarus had been just raised from the dead. It no doubt had an effect of instilling more faith and realization of the LOVE of Christ for all of them.

And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

And as we worship Jesus, our house, our body is filled with the fragrance of HIM. We take on His attributes as He pours out into us His glory as we worship. And as we worship Him, the glory fills our actual HOUSE, or place of worship as well. The presence of God comes in the worship of Him. He abides in the praises of His people.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

Judas at this point reveals his heart, by what he says. There are many today who also do not care about the poor or needy, and whose orientation to governing the

finances is more for their own selfish purposes with no regard for the truth of what the tithe is for.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. " [It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. Jesus affirms the importance of what Mary is doing. And He rebukes Judas for his criticism of her. Even knowing the heart of Judas, Jesus is still so loving even in His rebuke to him. He knew all things and knew the end of Judas as well...knew what he would do and how his life would end. He took no pleasure in that nor tried to extract vengeance.

The next thing He showed me was when Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, how He took off his outer garments, only left on his undergarment and put a towel around his waist.

John 13:3-8 NKJV

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

As he washed the feet of the disciples and wiped them with the towel which was girded around his waist. The dirt from their feet would have transferred to the towel around His waist. This was a sign to of taking on the sins of the world, onto his own person, that they would become free.

6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Jesus at this point says, paraphrasing, unless you ALLOW ME to take all this sin onto ME, as I go to the cross, you have no part with ME ! In other words, it is only by GRACE, by ME taking on your sins, me wearing them as I go to the cross that you can be saved [have part with Me] . Unless you accept this sacrifice, allowing ME to be your servant. You cannot call yourself MINE!

Thus in Galatians where Paul says, " Oh foolish Galatians, Who has bewitched you ? " and starts talking how they have gone back to relying on their own strength to be good, versus accepting the GRACE of GOD towards them, that it is like witchcraft. It is like Peter saying...NO - NO LORD, I can't allow YOU to do that ! It is refusing HIS sacrifice. Jesus took on the sins of the world. Then he told His disciples to also wash one another's feet. And we see this pattern then of washing each other's feet symbolic of covering the sins of others, interceding for the sins of others. Identifying

like Jesus did with our sins, and interceding that the penalty for their sins would be removed. It is called bearing one another's burdens !

Gal 6:2 NKJV Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

And Jesus said about the Pharisees, that they failed in this...

Matt 23:4-5 NKJV For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

Instead of the Pharisees bearing burdens, they put burdens on the others.
And would not do anything to help remove their burdens.

This is the admonition of the LORD in this hour as well. That the church instead of taking away burdens, has instead loaded people down with burdens, blaming them for being sick for example, saying it's because they don't have enough faith, and at the same time doing NOTHING to help in some places.

Instead of helping the poor, some are placing burdens to tithe on widows and single moms and the sickly, wanting their money to build edifices, and homes for themselves, and cars, while the widow, the fatherless and sickly go without what they need. All they have is the promise that " if you give" you will be healed.

This kind of behavior is what launched the Protestant reformation. Yet our eyes seem to still be blind to our own condition. FOR THIS is what we must repent for if we want to be effective in stopping judgments.

We must identify with the sins in the church, and in the land...wiping the feet of the lost taking on their sins, their burden, praying for them, helping love them like Jesus would, so that their bondages may be broken.

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thru Priscilla Van Sutphin
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I was awake and I could not sleep. I felt the longing of My Lord
The longing for sweet communion. The longing to move and have His being in me. How
can I sleep ? How can I lay quietly, when there is eagerness to express itself
bubbling up inside ?
Love for the Lover of my soul !

Come and let us go to the mountain of the Lord.
Let us skip and run, let us dance and sing.
Let us run with freedom in our hearts to spend time with Jesus.
Come and let us speak what is true and good of His mercies.

For His mercies endure forever, His favor for a lifetime.
 He alone is good. He alone is lovely ! He alone is wonderful !
 Love and mercy, love and mercy, justice and peace, belong in HIM.
 Come one and all and see. See the fire in His eyes !
 See the honey on His lips. See the strength of His arms !
 He alone is my Lover !
 He alone is the One with Whom I dare to be naked and unashamed.
 He alone will sustain me with His cakes of raisins and dates.
 He has good food for those who are willing to forsake all else
 for Him.
 Will you come on these mountains ? Will you run with Him ?
 Will you be free in your love for Him ?
 Will you put everything in His hands, for they are strong.
 My Lover's hands are like the muscles of strongmen ,
 yet gentle enough to cushion.
 How wonderful He is ! He is my Husbandman.
 He never leaves my side. He never leaves me alone.
 He is always there for me. He always provides for me.
 He always listens when I call.
 He is the One for Whom I yearn to spend myself on.
 How can I be satisfied with what is only a substitute
 for His tender mercies
 and sweet presence, replete with the scent of roses
 and perfumes that conquer my senses. Who can compare ?
 Who is so Awesome in power ? Who is so Awesome in majesty ?
 Who is so Awesome in LOVE but my KING ?
 Who can love me like this but Him ? Who else can make me feel this way ?
 Who else can satisfy the longings in my heart.
 Who else can give me such JOY ? Who else can give me such Wisdom ?
 He alone is Lovely ! He alone is Kind. He alone is Mighty.
 Come, Come, ComeCome, and be refreshed in His presence
 Come and let him speak Words of life and encouragement
 and hope and love. Come !
 He is a fountain of life, bubbling overlonging to spend Himself on you ! Longing to be
 one with you ! Longing for you to know how kind He is. Come !..
 Priscilla under unction of Holy Spirit

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