

Chapter 1

Esteemed By Angels

- *The Pursuit and Practise of Prophetic Prayer, with a Passion For the Nations* -

"He (the angel) said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you.....Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia." "

Daniel 10 : 11

God loves His intercessors. Angels, like Gabriel above, esteem them. They are the ones close to God's heart, the humble nation changers who would probably not even get a second glance in the streets or be on a list of speakers at a Christian conference.

This book is written to encourage prayer, and motivate mission.

It contains devotional teaching and examples of the practical outworking of prophetic prayer in action. There is also some more systematic teaching on world mission, gleaned from a thesis written long ago, to encourage the emergence of indigenous mission movements in Central Africa and beyond. The aim of all of this is to create a fresh missionary dynamic in our lives.

Above all it is a book which is passionate about the infinite possibilities that prayer opens up to us, enabling even the most humble mortal to fulfil his personal destiny in bringing the awesome love of Christ to the nations.

Many years ago as a young Christian the Lord challenged me with the following truths :

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.. "

Ephesians 3 :20.

What are you daring to ask or imagine ? What would the young fisherman Simon Peter have dared dream of on the shores of Galilee ? He could probably have coped with a few getting caught in his "kingdom " net – " a fisher of men ". And yet one day he would walk on water, he would see over 3000 come to Jesus in response to his words and he would own the honour of martyrdom. Indeed, God was able to do so much more than his human mind could grasp. As you read through these written words may the Holy Spirit so grip your hearts that you may have the faith, the obedience and the passion for the "immeasurably more".

