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11. Knowing God's Love

Chapter Eight argues that effective intercession for the lost starts with knowing how much God loves everyone. Hagin explains that God has already done His part through Jesus — so prayer's real job is to break the devil's blinding power over unbelievers, not to beg God to save them.

Key takeaways

- God's love and kindness extend to the just and the unjust, the thankful and the evil — and that same love is now shed abroad in us to show others.
- Salvation is already purchased and offered to whosoever will; God won't do more than He already has. Begging Him to save a person accomplishes nothing.
- The real barrier is that Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers. Intercession breaks that power so the sinner can see the light.
- Prayer does not change God — God never changes. Prayer changes you and others.

- Hagin prayed 15 fruitless years for his brother Dub by the old method; when he instead broke the devil's power and claimed Dub's deliverance, Dub was born again within three weeks.
- The world's trespasses have been canceled; we carry the ministry of reconciliation. The Spirit convicts — our job is to show people God as He really is so they will want to love Him.
- Teaching children 'God won't love you if you do that' is a lie that blinds them to His love.

Passages worth keeping

> *"Prayer does not change God. Prayer changes you, and it changes others."*

Reframes the whole purpose of intercession.

> *"What you've got to do is break the power of the devil over them."*

The chapter's central instruction for praying for the lost.

How it connects

The chapter ties intercession to the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:19): since sin is already canceled in Christ, the intercessor's work is to lift Satan's blindness so people can see the God who already loves them.

Scripture referenced

- **2 Corinthians 4:3,4** -- Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers — the core problem intercession addresses.
- **2 Corinthians 5:19** -- God reconciled the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses.
- **Matthew 5:45** -- God sends rain and sun on evil and good alike — His kindness to all.
- **Acts 17:30** -- God commands all men everywhere to repent — mercy offered to all.