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23. Chapter Twenty — Praying for Those in Sin

Hagin teaches that intercession includes grieving over fellow believers who have sinned and not repented, just as Paul grieved over the Corinthian church. The chapter frames sin as a serious violation of God's will that intercessors should respond to in prayer, not ignore.

Key takeaways

- To 'bewail' means to grieve — both the feeling and the act. That grieving is a form of intercessory prayer for the unrepentant.
- Corinth's immorality seeped into the church; believers there practiced sexual sin without repenting, and Paul mourned it.
- God is love, but also a God of judgment and justice — sin carries a penalty, and we should feel toward sin as God does.
- Sin's list in Revelation 21:8 begins with fear and unbelief, even before murder. Seeing fellow believers trapped in fear, doubt, worry, and unforgiveness should move us to intercede for them.

Passages worth keeping

> *"We only know God's estimate of sin by the magnitude of the sacrifice He has provided to atone for it, His Son!"*

Reidt's line anchoring how seriously sin should be taken.

How it connects

Intercession here is not only for the lost but for straying believers — grief over their sin becomes prayer on their behalf.

Scripture referenced

- **2 Corinthians 12:21** -- Paul mourns believers who sinned and did not repent
- **2 Corinthians 5:10-11** -- all appear before Christ's judgment seat; the terror of the Lord
- **Revelation 21:8** -- lists fear and unbelief at the top, before murder