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The Art of Prayer

27. Praying for Your Nation

Hagin teaches that Christians, not political leaders, are responsible before God for the state of their nation. He recounts a 1979 vision (echoing a 1970 one) warning of social, political, and economic upheaval that intercessory prayer could prevent. He grounds the duty in 1 Timothy 2 and the examples of Abraham and Ezekiel.

Key takeaways

- Praying for leaders comes FIRST, before any other prayer request (1 Tim. 2:1).
- We pray for all in authority — national, state, and local — even those who aren't saved, so we can live quiet, peaceable lives and spread the Gospel freely.
- God holds Christians, not the President, responsible for what happens to a nation; if believers had prayed, the troubles would not have come.
- Satan holds Adam's lease on the earth until it expires, so God acts against evil only as Christians intercede and ask Him to move.

- Praying for your nation is not a one-time prayer of faith — you must keep praying continually.
- Don't dwell on how bad things are getting; realize who you are in Christ and that prayer can change the situation.

Passages worth keeping

> *"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."*

The whole chapter's burden — God looks for an intercessor to spare a nation.

> *"If Christians had done what I told them to do in the Bible — if they had prayed for the leaders of their nation — they would have kept the evil spirits from operating."*

States the core claim: prayer restrains the devil's work in a nation.

How it connects

The chapter ties personal intercession to national destiny: Abraham's bargaining over Sodom and Ezekiel's 'man in the gap' show that God limits His own action to work through praying believers under the new, better covenant.

Scripture referenced

- **1 Timothy 2:1-4** -- Command to pray first of all for kings and all in authority

- **Genesis 18:23-32** -- Abraham interceding for Sodom; God spares a city for the righteous' sake
- **Ezekiel 22:30-31** -- God seeks one man to stand in the gap for the land
- **Matthew 5:13** -- Christians as the salt that preserves the earth