

Accolades

- First giving honor to the God.
- To Bishop Scott, the Angel of this house.
- To First Lady Scott
- To all the Pastors and Ministers which are fellow sufferers of this gospel.
- To all my Brothers and Sisters in Christ.
- To my mother and kids in their absence.
- To any of my church members that may be present.
- And if there be any enemies, besides Satan, I pray that we won't be afterwards.
- To everyone that is Streaming and watching us.
- And finally to my beautiful wife Minister Denise, great job and I love you.
- And if you all are wondering, yes I can be longwinded. Ha ha ha.

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This sermon is about what happens when ordinary Christians decide to reach for an extraordinary life-which. As it turns out, is exactly the kind God promises.

Who wants to be a Gimper for God? A Gimper is someone who always does a little more than what's required or expected.

An example is ... if you are a Pastry Chef, gimping is putting the finishing touches on a 4 tier wedding cake,... patiently applying the ornamental extras ... like the roses & flowers with pearls and other detailed decorations which is a signature mark of quality and value.

It's amazing how the first 9 chapters of 1Chronicles are taken up with the official family tree of the Hebrew tribes...., beginning with Adam and proceeding through thousands of years to Israel's return to captivity.

This is probably one of the least likely read chapters in one of the least read books in the old testaments by the average Christian.

We would rather, at least I would,... just skip over it because of

all the difficult names to try to read or even try to sound out.

I've read it, but now I normally just skip to chapter 10 where it talks about the death of Saul.... But if you always skip over the hard or difficult scriptures..., then you'll never find the little hidden nuggets like "The Prayer of Jabez".

It's like when my wife, Sis. Denise and I were looking for a house. We found some very nice homes tucked away in little pockets in the hood or what we felt were bad or scetchy areas or neighborhoods.... This prayer, which is found in chapter 4 verses 9 & 10, and is a little pocket.... surrounded by a neighborhood of boring and hard to read names in history.

It says in verse 9, ***"And Jabez was more honorable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, because I bare him with sorrow or pain"***.

Now the name "Jabez", it meant sorrow or pain.... Names meant things back then.

- Peter – meant rock
- Jacob – meant trickster or grabber
- Emanuel – God is with us

Today's names are just words.

- We make up names, or use cars... liquer... and planets

- like;
 - Mercedes,.. Kia... Henesy.... Courvoisier Pluto or Venus ... or Mars
 - Give boys- girl names like:
 - Kim or Renee or Pat
 - And girls- boys like:
 - Bobby or Toni or Ronnie

Now if you are named one of these, or you know someone with one,.... please don't get mad at me...., I'm just making a point and I don't mean any disrespect!

Anyway, or as they use to say- "Mean While Back at the Ranch".

In verse 10 says, *And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, boarders or territory, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou would keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.*

I. First part- *Oh that you would bless me indeed*

- He is saying, oh God, how excellent is your name above all the

- earth. My name means sorrow and pain,... please bless me, sanctify,... consecrate,... exalt, ...really- really bless me a whole lot.

a. We use “Bless Me” or “Bless You” normally from a more shallow meaning.

We use “Bless” like help me just a little.... “Don’t go out your way” or “I just need a little assistance”.This is why the value of the word “Bless” is so watered down, as to say “Have a Nice Day”.

b. The Hebrew word for “Bless” in this verse is “Barak” means: Blessing from God.In other words. ... the biblical meaning for the word “Bless”is to ask God for his super natural power or favor..... Not for some small thing we can do on our own.

c. This is what is meant in

- **Geneses 12:3-** *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*
- **Psalms 67:6-** *Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.*

- **Proverbs 10:22-** *The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.*

Even though some people would say that this prayer was selfish, brother Jabez left –

- **What, When, Where and How** - the blessing would go totally up to God.... Not asking for something in particular or specific said for God to bless as he saw fit,... I want no more or no less than what you have for me.
- This is a totally different kind of prayer for even me to normally ask for.
- We would normally Tell God ... What kind of Blessings to give us.... I want a Lots of money.... When to Bless us,... I want this money no later than next week... How to Bless us... a want to find a scratch on the ground.... And even make deals with God... Lord ... when you Bless me with all this money...

I'm gonna pay an extra large tithe and Even catch up my tithes from the last two years... you understand God..... I had to get cuzzen pookei out of jail those two times..... I couldn't pay..... and I'll donate to the F~ P ~ A ~ U ~ Group...Fat People Are Us...

It's that new group for those of us that are pleasantly plump... or the men that can't fit Big & Tall But need Short & Fat.... Lord I'll spend my money to help people....

Whatever ...

- The bible says that “we have not because we ask not”.
- The world uses the phrase “a closed mouth never gets fed”.
- God has an enormous amount of blessings for each of us, but we rarely ask for them.
- God is teaching me to not only pray for others,... but it's ok to pray for me.... I'm holding myself back by not asking for things for myself.
- I'm not talking to God like a kid before Christmas... I have a whole 3 pages of stuff for me ... me ... me
- Now I've been adding the Jabez prayer to my prayers for the past week and I've noticed that the enemy hasn't been winning as much.
- I'm asking God to protect me from the evil 1... and people out to hurt me and my household and to guide me...,

- To explain what I'm saying is, one time my wife decided to go on a 2 week TV fast. We didn't watch any TV, except religious movies that we got from the bible book store that we hadn't seen yet or on Netflix.
- Going to a Bible Book Store tells you how long ago that story was...
- Anyway ... as soon as we agreed, Satan got in and we just couldn't get along. ...Not even to decide on what to eat, much less cooking together.... So when I added this Jabez prayer, especially the part about;
 - *Oh, that you keep me from evil so that it may not grieve me!*
 - And also adding *Matthew 6:13 "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:"*
 - We started winning the battles and getting along better again.
 - Not saying that the enemy didn't attack, because the weapons will form but,

Praise Be to God, they will not prosper...

- And I believe that if the enemy doesn't bother you... then you are not a threat ...so therefore you are not against him but with him.
- Not saying that that's always the case... Sometimes God is given you a season of peace to rest 4 the next big challenge...

II.Part 2 – ***Oh, enlarge my coast, boarders or territory.***

- Here is where you ask God to enlarge your life so that you can make a greater impact for Him.
- This is more than just asking for more real estate, or a bigger car or house.
- But more influence, more responsibility, more opportunity to make a mark for the God of Israel or better yet the God of the Universe.
- To take all that I have and enlarge it, give me **INCREASE**.
- If you have a business, increase my business. Whatever you have or wherever you are for **INCREASE**.
- If its ministry, **INCREASE IT**.

- If it's gifts of the Spirit, **INCREASE IT**.
- We must learn that it's ok to ask for more and more responsibility.
- Your version of this prayer may go:
 - O God and King please expand my opportunities and my impact in such a way that I can touch more lives for “**Your**” glory. Let me do more for “**You**”!

III. Part 3- *oh that thine hand might be with me.*

- We need to understand that **WE** need God.
- Once we realize that what God truly has for us is much more than we can handle on our own.
- Then we must learn not to depend on our own intelligence... training... feelings... or our intellect... security... our common sense... or even our experience but to become totally dependent on God.
- The bible says to “lean not on our own understanding but in all our ways to acknowledge him and He will direct our paths”.

- When we depend on Jesus, it makes Heroes out of people like Jabez, you and even me.
- When we are forced to cry out Jabez's third desperate plea "***and that thine hand might be with me***" with that, we release God's anointing and power to accomplish

His will and bring Him glory through all those seeming impossibilities.

- For his word will perform all that he sets it to do. If God said it, it will happen.
- If we look at God as our father or heavenly father, then we can compare Him to our ideal earthly father. I say ideal because there are a lot of bad and unfit fathers in the world, and I don't want to compare them to God.
- What am I saying; the kind of father that mistreats his kids is a bad dad. A father that helps... protect.. teaches.. Loves... and encourages his kids is more like our heavenly father.... And our heavenly father is waiting for us to ask for help... health... protection...wisdom... knowledge... advice... love... and prosperity.
- He loves us and desires for our adoration... faithfulness... and our obedience.

- We need the hand of the Lord. That phrase “The Hand of the Lord” is throughout the bible. In fact, it’s found 36 times in the KJV of the bible. I like facts and numbers.
- In other places it says “Filled with the Spirit” in other words **POWER!** Dunamis power. Dunamis is the Greek word for power.... That’s where we get the word dynamite. It means explosive power. It will give us boldness.
- When we admit our weakness, then we can find God’s strength in us.... We need to ask God to fill us with His fullness.Increase him in us.

IV. Part four- *Oh, that you keep me from evil so that it may not grieve me.*

- We must pray for protection from evil and temptations. Jesus even said in the model prayer **Matthew 6:13** “*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:*” we must ask God to help us avoid as much temptation as possible so that when we do become tempted, God will give us the power to overcome or a way to escape it.
- We as Christians often get prideful and even

arrogant enough to tell God... “don’t worry father... I’ve got this” or “I’ll handle this problem or temptation”, just to find ourselves in deep trouble and finally asking God to help us.

- Satan is already defeated. And yes we have power over him.
- He’s like a little mouse in front of a big light casting a huge scary shadow to intimidate and scare us into retreating and not even trying to fight against him, the enemy.
- Satan’s main battle field is in our minds. That’s why we are to pull down strongholds.
- Know that weapons will form, but will not prosper.
- We are to always put on the whole armor of God.

You know ... Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but

against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

V. Part five and final- So ***God granted him what he requested.***

- When God granted Jabez's request this was ***INCREASE.***
- When we pray like this, a simple but profound prayer of just 5 lines. ...Well actually 4 requests and

- the 5th was the granted or approved increase.
- So again Jabez said:

❖ *Oh that you would bless me indeed,*

❖ *And enlarge my coast, borders or territory,*

❖ *And that thine hand might be with me,*

❖ *And that thou would keep me from evil,
that it may not grieve me!*

And the increase is what God did.

❖ *And God gave him what he asked.*

So when we follow this example, ...we will prosper and increase.
We have the right to increase because God wants the best for us.

I know this because God gave his best to us... by loving us so much that he gave his only begotten sonto die for our sins and Jesus loved us so much that he gave his life up for us... and because of that ... He was was beaten and bruised for us.

That's right over 2000 yrs ago one Friday afternoon Christ died on the cross for you and me. But my story doesn't end there. 3 days later, Your Lord, and my God, raised Jesus up from the dead to claim all power and all victory in the earth, above the earth and

under the earth in his hands. Christ took the sting out of death and victory from the grave.

So if you want increase:

- Jeremiah 29:11- *For I know the thoughts or purposes that I think or am planning for or toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts or purposes of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end or posterity and a hope.*
- Romans 8:31- *What then shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*
- 2 Tim 1:7- *For God did not give a spirit of fear or cowardice to us, but of power and of love and of a sound mind or self-control.*
- *If you trust in God and follow his words, the bible says that:*
 - *he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: Deu 7:22*
 - *he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land Deu 7:22*
 - *He will increase of thy seed. Deu 14:22*
 - *he will bless all the works of thine hands Deu 16:15*

- *You shall be blessed in the city, Deu 28:3*
- *You shall be blessed in the field. Deu 28:3*
- *Your basket and your kneading trough shall be blessed. Deu 28:5*
- *You shall be blessed when you come in, and you shall be blessed when you go out. Deu 28:6*
- *God shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be stricken before your face. They shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. Deu 28:7*
- *God shall command the blessing on you in your storehouses and all that you set your hand to. And He shall bless you in the land which Jehovah your God is giving to you. Deu 28:8*
- *God shall establish you a holy people to Himself, Deu 28:9*
- *Jehovah shall open to you His good treasure, Deu 28:12*
- *God want you to prosper as your soul prospers.
So be like “A Gimper Named Jabez”*

Thank you and praise God!!!