

“Unto Thee, O Lord, Do I Lift Up My Soul”

“Rejoice the soul of Your servant, for to
You, O Lord, I lift up my soul” (Psalm 86:4).

A Service for Prayer

“Unto You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul”

- We have been bearing with a burden for over a year and a half that seems to be unprecedented in our own lifetime.
- We are burnt out, weary to the bone, sick at heart, and numb from the constant flow of increasingly worse news.
- We need to pray to God; but not casually, not ritually, and not ordinarily.
- Matt. 26:39 - “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’”

“Unto You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul”

- We need loud, honest, intense prayer
- We need convicted, focused, driven prayer
- We need persistent, insistent, consistent prayer
- We need personal, self-oriented prayer

Loud, Honest, Intense Prayer

- Heb. 5:7 - “Who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear”
- Jer. 20:7-8 - “O LORD, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me. 8 For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, ‘Violence and plunder!’ Because the word of the LORD was made to me A reproach and a derision daily.”

Loud, Honest, Intense Prayer

- Hab. 1:2-4 - “O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, ‘Violence!’ And You will not save. 3 Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; There is strife, and contention arises. 4 the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore perverse judgment proceeds.”
- Job 21:15 - “Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?”

Convicted, Focused, Driven Prayer

- James 5:17-18 - “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.”
- Isa. 37:14, 21-22, 29 - “And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD... 21 Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, 22 this is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him ... 29 Because your rage against Me and your tumult Have come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came.’”

Persistent, Insistent, Consistent Prayer

- Luke 18:1, 7 - “He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart... 7 shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?”

Personal, Specific, Self-Oriented Prayer

- Psalm 86:1-7 - “Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me; For I am poor and needy. 2 Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You! 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long. 4 Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. 7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.”
- Psalm 119:18 - “Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.”

The Prayer Of Jabez

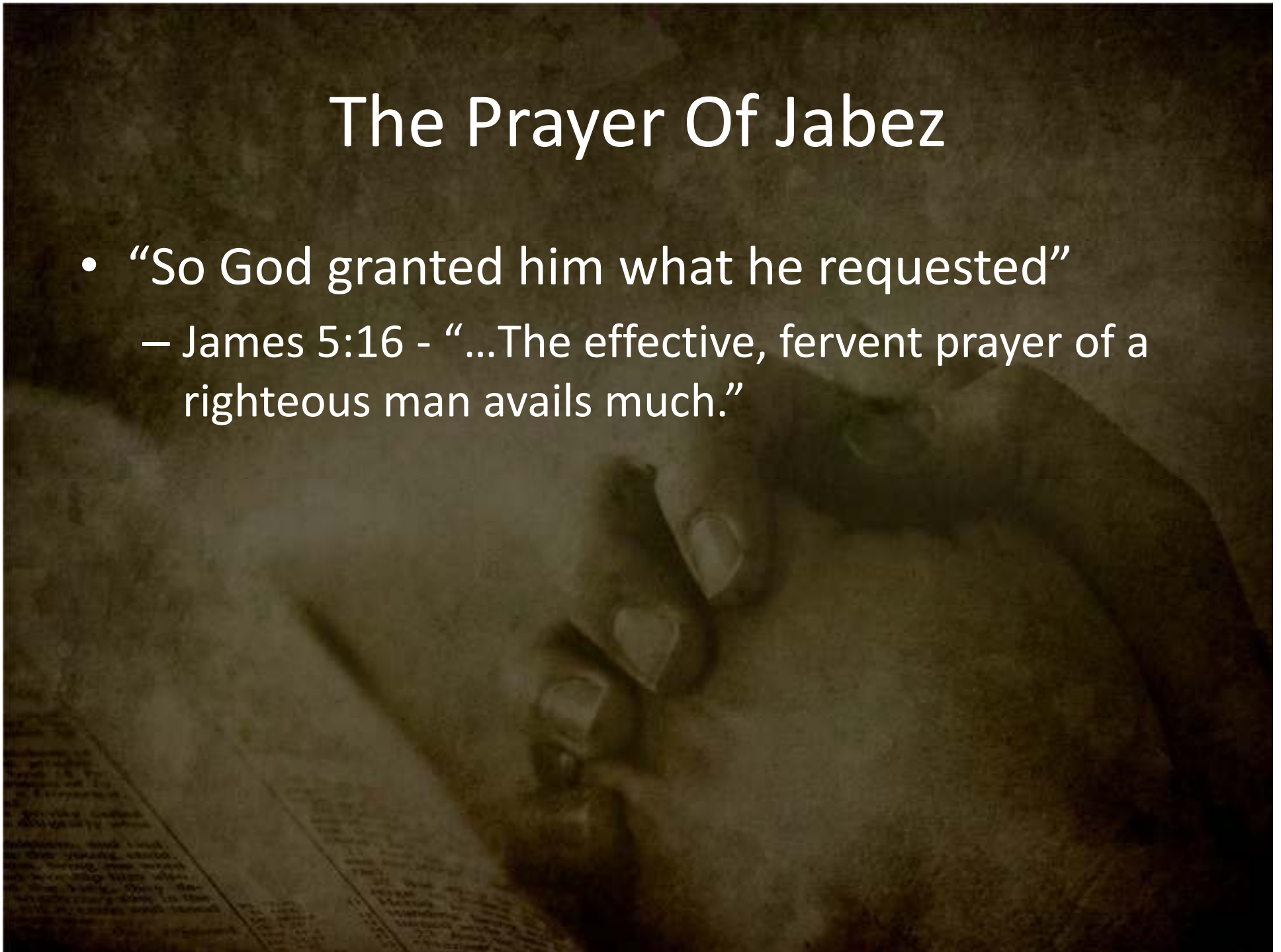
- 1Chron. 4:9-10 - “Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, ‘Because I bore him in pain.’ 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, ‘Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!’ So God granted him what he requested.”

The Prayer Of Jabez

- “Oh, that You would bless me indeed”
 - He knew he needed to pray for himself.
- “Enlarge my territory”
 - He was asking for more responsibility.
- “Your hand would be with me”
 - He was asking for God’s help to use the blessings and responsibilities.
- “Keep me from evil that I might not cause pain”
 - He was asking for God to keep him from temptation.

The Prayer Of Jabez

- “So God granted him what he requested”
 - James 5:16 - “...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”



The Prayer Of Trilacoochee

- Oh, that You would bless us indeed
- And increase our territory
- And that Your hand would be with us
- Keep us from evil that we might not cause pain

The Prayer Of Trilacoochee

- The Adversary wants us.
- He can't have us!
- We are going to pray even more diligently and wait patiently for the Lord to turn the tide of loss for us.