I WANT GOD’S BLESSING

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**1Chro. 4:9** - And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

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

Here is a man by the name of Jabez that is only mentioned one time in the whole Bible in two small verses. God deemed it very important to mention him in the Holy script. Jabez’s mother no doubt had trouble bringing him into the world – her travail brought her much suffering and pain, she almost died giving that little boy life at his birth. So, she held him in her arms and called his name Jabez which means “Sorrow!” No doubt she told him later on in life when he got older – “Son, I had a hard time, I labored to have you, that is the reason I named you Jabez – it reminds me of the price I paid to give you life.”

 I want to say right here – you might have had a hard time coming into this world, you might have been born into poverty and pain, you might have had your share of trouble and hard knocks in life growing up, but you can HAVE THE BLESSING OF GOD and have His hand upon you! You do not have to go through life defeated and run over by the devil and his circumstances. Dear reader, you can rise above faults and failures, every weakness and let down in life !! You can rise above it all and be Blessed by the Lord!!

 What kind of man did he turn out to be? The Holy Ghost had it recorded, saying – Jabez was more honourable than his brethren. Why did God say that of him? Because he had a spiritual hunger deep in his heart to seek and serve the Lord! We do not know how many brothers Jabez had but in essence he was saying to them – “I want God!! I want His Blessings in my life. You all don’t see your need to pray and your need for God like I do, but I need Him, I can’t make it on my own. I know you’ve got your own interest but with all my heart I want to have the Lord’s hand upon me and prosper!” Listen to this blessed man, listen to the hungering cry of his heart: **OH** that thou wouldest Bless me **INDEED**!! KEEP ME O LORD!! You can hear and feel the deep longing desire of his heart in the word **OH!**

 Can we be like Jabez – Lord, would you keep me from the evil of this world so that it will not grieve me? I do not want to live an unproductive wasted life and carry the unnecessary scars of failure and defeat. When I come down to the end of my life I don’t want to have regrets that I didn’t give God my all! I WANT THE LORD’S BLESSING!! I want His guiding Hand. I want His hand on all that I possess and do, I’m going to keep right on Praying and I know that He will Bless me!!

I WANT IT TO GO WELL WITH ME

 Ten different times in God’s precious Word of your Bible, the Lord has spoken to us – “Keep my Commandments and walk in my Ways, observe to do that which is right and good, obey my voice that it may Go Well with thee and thy children after thee and prolong your days upon the earth that ye may increase in the land!!” In order for it to go Well for you, you’re going to have to make up your mind to find God’s Will for your life and faithfully walk in it. Be where God wants you to be and do what He calls you to do!

 Remember, your Blessings and every good thing that you receive from the Lord is based upon the Spiritual condition of your heart! John the beloved disciple of Christ who wrote Revelation and the 3 epistles bearing his name wrote by inspiration of the Holy Ghost to us:

**III John vs 2** – Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth!!

 If you want to Prosper in life and walk in sweet victory and be Blessed by the Lord, your heart must be right with God!! When we love Him, put Him first in everything and serve Him with a willing heart, He’s able to make all Grace abound toward us. Do you want God’s Blessing and favor?

God has spoken to us through the wise man Solomon:

**Pro. 4:20** ¶ My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

 **21** Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

 **22** For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

 **23** Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

In your heart is where you really live, it’s who you really are. How you turn out in life is a result of what’s in your heart. The desires of your heart will manifest themselves outwardly by your choices, what you go after and want!

THE LORD WILL TEACH YOU

**Isa 48:17** - Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which **teacheth** thee to Profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

 If you are sincere, the Lord will teach you what to do to please Him. He will show you how to put Him first in Everything that you may Prosper!!

The meaning of the word Profit means: - How to receive a valuable return from investing your time, money, prayers, and work in the Lord’s service. God wants you to Gain His Blessings in your whole life – Spirit, Soul, Mind and Body! He wants you to have Peace, Joy and Happiness. (**Blessing** in Hebrew and Greek definition means: - Having God’s Divine Favor. It is His Kindness and Goodness that causes us to Prosper and Succeed in life!) It is not the Lord’s will for the devil to run all over top of you and keep you bound and defeated. He will rob you Spiritually, mentally, physically and financially if you let him!!

KEEP ON GOING AND HOLDING ON

What I have, God has given to me and by God’s Grace I’m not allowing the enemy to steal and take away my Blessings that God has given!! I will hold on to them until the Lord calls me home to my reward! I have already fought too many battles and seen too many victories to let up now! I’ve run this course for Jesus now for 49 ½ years. I’ve had my ups and downs, I’ve had my sorrows and frowns but I’m still holding on to my ground. My tears are all bottled up in Heaven, soon the Trumpet will sound and I’ll lay down the Cross and take up the Crown. I cry to everyone reading this Newsletter – Remain Faithful, keep praying and pressing, hold on to what God has given you and showed you – your prayers and work is not in vain!!

Back to Jabez: The Bible says that God granted him that which he requested. We do not know where his brothers ended up in life or what ever happened to them. We’ll never know their regrets, losses or hardships they brought on themselves before they left this world by not seeking after God but I believe Jabez lived to a ripe old age, full of years and Blessed! Why? Because he loved the Lord and put Him first. I believe if we could go back in time and visit him, we would see a happy and prosperous man with the Hand of God upon him. No doubt his vineyards and fields prospered; his household and children after him were blessed! The legacy and heritage lives on through Godly parents that give their all to serve the Lord! We may have our afflictions and trials down here but we can still be Blessed and prosper in the Spirit of the Lord!

**Pro. 10:6** ¶ Blessings are upon the head of the just:

**Pro. 28:20** ¶ A faithful man shall abound with blessings:

**Ps 5:11** - But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

 **12** - For thou, LORD, wilt Bless the Righteous; with **favour** wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Do you realize that everything we have and possess is because of the Lord’s Goodness? If it wasn’t for Him we would have nothing! Like the song says – “He’s brought us a mighty long way!” God spoke to His people, His O.T. Church which numbered around 2 million in **Deut. 2:7** – For the Lord thy God hath Blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: He knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: These forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

 In 40 years of journeying in a waste howling wilderness on their way to the Promise land, their shoes and clothes never wore out. He fed them with angels food. The Heavenly manna came down with the dew and fell on the ground all around their tents every morning. He opened to them His good treasure right out in the middle of nowhere. In the most unlikely places and in the hardest and driest of times, our God comes through for His chosen!! When things look impossible, our Lord shows up and works miracles! Oh the Goodness of God – His Faithfulness is running after, it’s running after me. O Lord, thou preventest me with the Blessings of life. O my Heavenly Father and God of providence - you go before me and lay your Blessings of Goodness and provision in my path. This is the reason that I must keep going – I don’t want to miss one Blessing!!

**Ps 78:15** - He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

 **16** He brought streams also out of the **Rock**, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

That Rock was Christ that followed them - He quenched His peoples’ thirst.

**Ps 116:12** - What shall I render unto the LORD for all his Benefits toward me?

 **13** - I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. **17** - I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. (O Lord, you’ve been so good to me)!

**Pro 10:22** ¶ The Blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

**Ps 68:19** - Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

God’s Blessings are not cheap – they are not without a price. To have God’s Divine favor in your life and His presence will cost you!! We must draw near to Him with a true heart and be Faithful.

**Ps 24:3** ¶ Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

 **4** - He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

 **5** - He shall receive the **Blessing** from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

GOD’S WARNING TO HIS PEOPLE

 You must remember, God brought His people out of the evil idolatrous world of Egypt. They were slaves to Pharoah. For 400 years they suffered affliction under his cruel hand and they cried to be free. We want out of here! We want out of this bondage and mess! God heard their cry and sent Moses to bring them out and the Lord delivered them with a mighty outstretched hand. The whole congregation of Israel of dad’s, mom’s and children are now standing before the Jordan river looking over into the Promise land. The Lord tells them – I’m going to bring you into this Blessed land flowing with milk and honey that I have promised you. I’m going to go before you and drive the ungodly wicked nations of people out. I’m going to give you houses filled with good things that you filledst not, wells digged that you dug not, vineyards and olive trees that you planted not – **But beware** lest you forget the Lord that brought you out of the house of bondage!

Children, don’t forget where God has brought you from. It’s time in this pressing hour to look back on our life and count our many Blessings!!

Before God ever dried up the Jordan river and brought His people across to enter the Promise Land, He gave them instructions and a promise if they will obey Him!!

**Deut. 28:1** ¶ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

 **2** - And all these Blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

 **3** - Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

 **4** - Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

 **5** - Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

 **6** - Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

 **7** - The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

 **8** - The LORD shall command the Blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and He shall Bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

 **9** - The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

 **10** - And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

 **11** - And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

 **12** - The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to Bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

 **13** - And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

 **14** - And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Leviticus 26 also records God’s Blessings that will come on the obedient:

**Lev. 26:3** If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

**6** - And I will give **peace** in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid:

**11** - And I will set my tabernacle among you:

**12** - And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

**Isa 1:19** - If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: (Lord help me - I want the Good!)

I believe God’s Word and promises still hold true today for those who will Love the Lord, seek and serve Him!

**1Sam. 2:9** - He (God) will keep the feet of his saints. (Keep me O Lord in this hour, don’t let me slip!)

**Pro. 16:9** ¶ A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. (Keep me Lord forever in the center of you Will, don’t let me be led astray!!)

**Ezra 8:22** - The hand of our God is upon all them for Good that seek him; (I will be like Jabez – Dear Lord Jesus, I want your touch, your Blessings – I will earnestly Seek You!!)

O the Blessing in knowing and serving God and obeying God’s Call!! Surely the Lord daily loads us with Benefits. Lord, I Love your House, I love your Spirit that is sweet to my soul! I’ve made up my mind that I shall dwell in the congregation of the Righteous. I’ve cast my lot with the Redeemed and chosen people of God. Surely Goodness and Mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Lord for ever!! He is the Saving Strength of His Anointed. I shall be Anointed with Fresh Oil - my Cup runneth over!! The Lord is my Shield and Buckler, He’s my High Tower that I can run into. He’s the Rock of my Salvation!

**Pro. 16:7** ¶ When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. **25** - Whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

**Isa 26:3** - Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. **4** - Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength: (This lets me know that I can make it – I’ve got Victory because the Greater One lives inside – Christ in me the Hope of Glory!)

**Isa. 54:14** - In Righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

 **17** - No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. (God is saying – “I WILL TAKE CARE OF MY OWN!”)

I will close this Newsletter with this benediction and the instruction that God gave to Joshua when Israel’s great leader Moses died. Joshua was to lead God’s people on into the Promise Land!

**Josh. 1:5** - There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

**7** - Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

 **8** - This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

 **9** - Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

“I WANT GOD’S BLESSING!” May God Bless all my Readers!