

Prayer 3 - Requests and Results

I. Introduction

- a. Anyone have a good testimony of the power of prayer?
- b. Read a current U.S. President's Proclamation for [the Day of Prayer](#) (5/5/2022).

II. Scripture

- a. The Prayer of **Enoch** (*Gen. 4:26—“And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD. Gen. 5:24—“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”*).
- b. The Prayer of **Abraham** (*Gen. 15:2-6—“2-And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? 3-And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. 4-And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. 5-And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 6-And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.”*).
- c. The Prayer of **Hannah** (*1Sa. 1:10, 27; 2:1—“1:10-And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. 27-For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: 2:1-And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.”*).
- d. The Prayers of **Elijah** (*1Ki. 18:36-45—“36-And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. 37-Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. 38-Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39-And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. 40-And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. 41-And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. 42-So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, 43-And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven*

times. 44-And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 45-And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.” James 5:17-18—“17-Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18-And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.”).

- e. The Prayer of **Elisha** (*2Ki. 4:32-37—“32-And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. 33-He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. 34-And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 35-Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36-And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. 37-Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.”).*

- f. The Prayer of **Hezekiah** (*2Ki. 19:15-20; 32-35—“15-And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. 16-LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. 17-Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, 18-And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore, they have destroyed them. 19-Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only. 20-Then Isaiah the son of Amos sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. 32-Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. 33-By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. 34-For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 35-And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.”).*

- g. The Prayer of **Jabez** (*1Ch. 4:10*). *“And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, ‘Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it be not to my sorrow!’” “And God granted him that which he requested.”*
- h. The Prayer of **Solomon** (*2Ch. 6:19-21, 24-25, 29-34, 38-40; 7:1-3, 12-16*—*“6:19-Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: 20-That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place. 21-Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive. 24-And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; 25-Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers. 29-Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house: 30-Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:) 31-That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. 32-Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house; 33-Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name. 34-If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; 38-If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: 39-Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee. 40-Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. 7:1- Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. 2-And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. 3-And when all the children of Israel*

saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. 12-And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. 13-If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14-If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15-Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. 16-For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.”).

- i. The Prayer of **Daniel** (*Dan. 6:10-11, 16, 22, 24—“10-Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. 11-Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. 16-Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee. 22-My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before Him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. 24-And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.”).*

- j. The Prayer of **Jonah** (*Jonah 2:1, 7, 10; 4:11—“2:1-Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, 7-When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto Thee, into Thine holy temple. 10-And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land. 4:11-And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?”).*

III. Application

- a. What is something God taught you from these big requests and big results?

- b. Which godly man or woman's prayer do you identify with or appreciate, and why?

- c. What is a big request you might ask God for in your life today?

- d. Pray together.