

## *The Fountain of Blessing*

All are searching for a blessing. Some may travel to different areas, visiting shrines and temples and taking journeys on mountains and caves in order to find blessings. Some also take something like stone from the place where they heard miracle exists. Until superstitions lead them to idol worshipping. They take stone from the place where they visit because they thought that such thing carries power and blessing that will give them good fortune. But let us be reminded that all the blessings we receive, comes from One and only God. **“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him, before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with his pleasure and will.”** (Ephesians 1:3-5)

God is so generous in giving blessings to us – that He sent us His son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins and to give us eternal life. By His blood that was shed on the cross, we are cleansed from sin and unrighteousness. **“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** (John 3:16) We receive a lot of blessing from God if we just believe in the One He sent to save us, His Son, Jesus Christ. To have faith in Christ, we believe and remember that in His faithfulness He will fulfill all His promises to us and He will let us live to the fullest measure. Jesus has promised: **“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”** The only key to receive God’s blessing is to have our firm faith in Him and to fully trust Him, as the word of God declares, **“The righteous will live by faith.”**

There was a man named *Jabez*. His name means “pain”. And he lived in pain and sorrow. Life was difficult for him. But, **“Jabez cried out to God, ‘Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.’ And God granted his request.”** (1 Chronicles 4:10)

**Crying out to God:** This is our source and power of victory. In our distress and in our troubles we don’t cry out to a man, we don’t beg man to help us but our help and our strength comes from God. We cry to Him, and we pray to Him alone; for He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Crying to a man brings sympathy and attention that oftentimes creates envy and strife. But praying and appealing to God is the best action we do for He is willing to listen and to give attention to all who cry and seek His help.

**Oh Lord, that you would bless me:** The Lord’s blessing is the greatest wealth; it is above all wealth. In *Matthew 7:7* the Lord himself teaches us: **“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”** We should not miss the opportunity to ask God to bless us. **“You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.”** (James 4:2) Therefore we stand firm and ask God to bless us. Remembering that, **“Every good and perfect gift is from**

**above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”** (James 1:17)

God’s abundant blessing is more than what we expect. Larger than what we imagine. It goes with us throughout our lives according to His perfect plan that He has made for each and everyone of us. **“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”** (Jeremiah 29:11) Our God is the Lord of blessing and He delights to bless His people: **“The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and He adds no trouble to it.”** (Proverbs 10:22) As we come to Him we ask Him to bless us with more love, joy, peace; with more patience, kindness and faithfulness – these are the spiritual blessings that we need, more than the material blessings.

- 2- **Oh Lord, enlarge my territory:** Being children of God through Christ Jesus, we are king’s children and not beggars. The Lord Jesus has given us the power and the authority to overcome every situation including poverty. Everything belongs to God and we share with Him. As we pray to Him according to His will, our territory and area of influence start to enlarge; better relationships, more friends, good opportunities and more fruitful responsibilities, clearer visions and great goals to achieve.
- 3- **Oh Lord, Let your hand be with me:** We are nothing without knowing God. **“Apart from me you can do nothing,” Jesus said.** Without the grace of the Lord we are useless. We are insufficient without Him because our confidence only comes from Him. **“Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence come from God.”** (2 Corinthians 3:5) God’s hand represents a mighty power that when His Spirit goes before us our enemies flee. Close doors will be opened and mountains shall be level down to the ground.
- 4- **Oh Lord, keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain:** Our first enemy is not the people around us. **“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of his dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly kingdom.”** (Ephesians 6:12) As we pray we ask God to protect us from lying lips and from deceitful tongues. As we pray we ask Him to protect us and deliver us from temptations, from Satan and demons power and from the three enemies that cause man to fall – the love of money, the love for power, and the lust of the flesh.

**My dear and beloved:** Our faith to God and our trust in Him is the driver of our prayers. We are meant to receive God’s blessings and His grace. When we pray we are blessed and we impart blessings to others. Therefore, **“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”**

**My Prayer:** *“Father God in heaven, I thank You because You listen to my cry. Thank You for your Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross to give me eternal life. Oh Lord, that You would bless me and enlarge my territory. Let your hand be with me and keep me away from harm so that I will be free from pain. I receive all your blessings and grace in the name of Jesus, Amen!*