

Thought For The Day

~gathering from the 4 winds~

"come just as you are"

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



Vol. 25 Issue 457

July 11, 2012

www.chapel-flock.com

Worship Music

Prayer

Lord, I thank You for giving me the courage to go wherever You want me to go. I rebuke fear; I reject intimidation; and I decide by faith that I can do anything and go anywhere Jesus wants to send me. Holy Spirit, fill me with Your power and help me think with a sound mind. There's so much that Jesus has for me to do, and I don't want to waste a single minute. Lord give me peace, wisdom, focus, understanding. Cause Your compassion and mercy to well up in me. If fear should try to hinder me, Lord fill me with the thought that You are in me and will never leave me or forsake me. Your will Lord not my will, help me to always hear you clearly. Thank You for helping and strengthening me, and for loving me. Deliver the message through me that You want said, I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

An Evening Prayer-Carroll Roberson

One Pair Of Hands-Carroll Roberson

Who Am I?-Carroll Roberson

Take Away Jesus-Carroll Roberson

Video's / New Information/ Prayer Requests

"Help Me To Start Thinking" Steve Mays

Radio Stations

KWVE ...Calvary Chapel

KLOV

"Woman At The Well"

Bible Study Sites

Chuck Smith Through The Bible

Bob Coy/Teachings

Mike MacIntosh

Jon Courson

Biblos.com

Billy Graham

Charles Stanley

David Wilkerson

Greg Laurie

Virtue for Women-Cathe Laurie

If you have a prayer request...please e-mail it to us so we can pray for you...or a person.....

chapel-flock@sbcglobal.net

1 THE LEVITICAL priests and all the tribe of Levi shall have no part or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings made by fire to the Lord, and His rightful dues. 2 They shall have no inheritance among their brethren; the Lord is their inheritance, as He promised them. 3 And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach. 4 The firstfruits of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the first or best of the fleece of your sheep you shall give the priest. 5 For the Lord your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the name [and presence] of the Lord, him and his sons forever. 6 And if a Levite comes from any of your towns out of all Israel where he is a temporary resident, he may come whenever he desires to [the sanctuary] the place the Lord will choose; 7 Then he may minister in the name [and presence of] the Lord his God like all his brethren the Levites who stand to minister there before the Lord. 8 They shall have equal portions to eat, besides what may come of the sale of his patrimony. 9 When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of these nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire, or who uses divination, or is a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, 11 Or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and it is because of these abominable practices that the Lord your God is driving them out before you. 13 You shall be blameless [and absolutely true] to the Lord your God. 14 For these nations whom you shall dispossess listen to soothsayers and diviners. But as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so. 15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet (Prophet) from the midst of your brethren like me [Moses]; to him you shall listen. 16 This is what you desired [and asked] of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die. 17 And the Lord said to me, They have well said all that they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet (Prophet) from among their brethren like you, and will put My words in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not hearken to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die. 21 And if you say in your [minds and] hearts, How shall we know which words the Lord has not spoken? 22 When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or prove true, that is a word which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

Chapter 18

Now again he repeats how the tribe of Levi is not to be given any portion of the land but they will eat the offerings that were given unto the Lord made by fire as their inheritance for the Lord is their inheritance. And thus the priest, when he offered a sacrifice, they were to give the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks and the maw.

Also they were to give to the priest the first fruit of their corn, and of their wine, and of their oil and the first of the fleece of thy sheep shalt thou give to him (Deu 18:4).

Now, God required really a tenth. He considered that as His. And the tenth was always to be the first tenth was to go unto God. Now when you would bring an offering that the priest would sacrifice the offering for you, the priest always got the shoulder and the cheeks and the maw. That was his, that was his sort of fee, or not really a fee but that was just his, his allotted share from the sacrifice.

Now later on in their history when Eli was the priest, he had some greedy sons. And the people would come to offer sacrifices and, hey, these greedy sons, they would put their hooks in and grab the tenderloins, the sirloins and the finest of the steaks and everything else. And if the people would go to object, you know, then they'd order them out of the place, so that they actually, by their greed caused people to begin to resent sacrificing unto God. And Eli would not actually correct his sons, and thus God dealt very harshly with Eli and his sons because of their greediness in the ministry caused people really to resent God. Seeking the best for themselves, looking out for themselves and more concerned with their own wants and selves than they were really with the people, and thus God dealt very severely with Eli and his sons.

But there was a portion that was to be given to the priest. And then the firstfruits of their fields, the firstfruits of their grapes and so forth, they were to be given unto the priest.

For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of the tribes, to minister in the name of the LORD, and thus they shall have light portions to eat (Deu 18:5, 8).

Now again God forbids that the people follow after the abominations and the practices of those people that were already living in the land that they were to drive out.

The practices were using divination, or an observer of times, [The observer of times is actually the practice of astrology, the use of horoscopes.] or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer or a consulter with familiar spirits, [so spiritism] or a wizard or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and it's because of these abominations that God is driving the people out of the land. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God (Deu 18:10-13).

The word perfect there is "Thou shalt be completely towards the Lord". You're not to have other gods in your life, so to speak. Your heart is to be completely towards God. Not to be divided with these other interests and issues, but just a heart that's completely towards God. For the nations, which you are gonna possess, they hearkened unto these observers of times, to the diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God has not allowed thee to do it (Deu 18:14).

Now here we find a great prophecy concerning the coming of Jesus Christ.

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of your brothers, like unto me; unto him shall ye hearken; According to all that you desire of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth: and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he Peter, in his message in the third chapter of the book of Acts, declares that this was a prophecy concerning Jesus Christ. Now the Jews knew the prophecy of Moses, and thus they were looking for their Messiah. They believe that this is a prophecy of the coming Messiah, that God is gonna raise up another spokesman to speak God's word to them. "I'll raise up another Prophet like unto myself". So that when they came to John the Baptist saying, "Who art thou?" they said, "Art thou that prophet?" And they were referring to this particular prophecy. "Are you that prophet, the prophet that we are to look for like unto Moses through whom God will speak his word to the people?" John said, "I am not". "Are you the Messiah?" "No." "Who are you?" "I'm just the voice of one and crying in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his path".

Now, the Jews today are still looking for their Messiah and they are anticipating that He is coming very soon. But they told me, "We believe that the Messiah will be just like Moses". That's this prophecy they're referring to. That He will not be the Son of God. They say, "Now you say the Messiah or that Jesus was the Son of God. We do not believe that the Messiah will be the Son of God. We believe that the Messiah will be a man just like Moses was a man. A man from amongst us that God will raise up to speak God's word to us." shall speak in my name, I will require it of him (Deu 18:15-18). And so the Jews today are looking for a man, a Jew, who will be able to come and to help them to rebuild their temple and to bring them peace. And the minute that man arises on the scene and brings them peace and helps them build their temple, they are, all of them ready to acclaim him as their Messiah. Now of course, there are other scriptures that refer to the Messiah being "God with us, "Thou shalt call his name Emmanuel" which being interpreted is "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). "Behold, I'll give you a sign. A virgin shall conceive and bear a son and call his name Immanuel, God with us" (Isaiah 7:14). But the Jews are not looking for the Son of God; they are looking for a man.

Now, that man is coming and he is coming very soon and he will arise out of western Europe. He will make a covenant with the nation Israel whereby he will help them to rebuild their temple and they will acclaim him as their Messiah. We're right on the borders of these events. It's tragic but Israel will acknowledge this false leader as their Messiah. Jesus said, "I have come in my own name. You did not receive me." He said "I have come in my Father's name, you did not receive me. There's another one who's gonna be coming in his own name and him you will receive" (John 5:43).

They're gonna be deceived for three and a half years. But after three and a half years when they have rebuilt their temple, started again their daily prayers and sacrifices, he is going to come to Jerusalem. He's gonna stand in that rebuilt temple in the Holy of Holies and he's gonna proclaim to them that he is God. He's gonna stop their daily sacrifices, their daily prayers. He's gonna claim that he himself is God and demand that they worship him as God. At that point the Jews will realize that they have been deceived by this man, that he is not the Messiah. And those who are sharp in the scriptures will flee to Jordan to the Rock City of Petra where God will preserve them for three and a half years. Those that do not flee will be put under terrible persecution by this leader who comes to Jerusalem at this point.

So, it is interesting that if you talk to an Orthodox Jew today about his messiah he'll tell you that the Messiah is not the Son of God; he is a man. He'll be like Moses that God will raise up from among the people, but not the Son of God, just a man like Moses. And that's who they are looking for today to come and to lead them out of this current dilemma.

[Now, God declares] if a prophet presumes to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die. And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken? [Very easy] if a prop)het prophesies something in the name of the LORD, and it doesn't come to pass, he's a false prophet (Deu 18:20-22). It's very easy to point out a false prophet. The simple rule to see if what he says comes to pass. If it doesn't come to pass then just mark him as a false prophet. Now there are some people who are so gullible that even though the Jehovah's Witnesses have prophesied about three or four different times when the Lord was gonna come and He hasn't come on any of those prophesied dates, yet they still don't have enough sense to realize that these leaders in New York are false prophets.

Now, my heart goes out to these people who come around door to door. These people are very sincere. I wish that, many times, Christians were as dedicated as they are. They are sincere in their dedication to God, but they have been deceived by their leaders in New York. And I cannot help but believe that it is deliberate deception by their leaders in New York, because of their—the mistranslations of the scriptures could not just be accidental. They are deliberate mistranslations of the scriptures by which they are deceiving these people. And thus, my heart goes out to the people who come door to door because of the fact that they've been deceived. Oh, that they would see the truth that is in Christ Jesus and they would come to know the grace of God and the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord and would come to trust in Jesus for their salvation rather than their works for Jehovah. Now, Peter gives us another sign of the false prophet. In second Peter, chapter two warning there of false prophets said, "Who through feigned words will seek to make merchandise of you" (2 Peter 2:3). So whenever any man seeks to make merchandise of you, seeks through gimmicks to encourage you to give through pressure, through various antics, gets on big money kicks; he's a false prophet. Who uses computerized typewriters for their mailing lists so that it appears like the letter has been written personally to you with statements such as, "I have been thinking about you lately, wondering how you are", those are feigned words and the purpose is to make merchandise of you. And I have no hesitation declaring they are false prophets according to the word of God. You say, "Oh, but they've done so much good".

I may have a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill and someone may come to me and say, "Chuck, my family needs help. I lost my job, we don't have any money and my children are hungry". So I give him this counterfeit twenty-dollar bill, not knowing that it's counterfeit. So he goes down to the store and he uses the twenty-dollar bill to buy some hamburger and some bread and some milk and he feeds his hungry children. And the merchant, the store, who takes his twenty-dollar bill for the merchandise, goes down to the electric company and he pays his electric bill with the twenty-dollar bill.

And the electric company gives that twenty-dollar bill in change to you when you pay your electric bill. And you in turn use that twenty-dollar bill to go down and buy yourself a new sweater. And that merchant gives the twenty-dollar bill to the gas company to pay his gas bill. And the gas company goes to the bank to deposit the twenty-dollar bill and the teller says, "I'm sorry. I can't take this twenty-dollar bill; it's counterfeit." Wait a minute, that bill has done a lot of good. It's fed the poor, it's paid the light and gas bill, and it's bought a new sweater. Look at how much good it's done. "What do you mean you can't take it, it's counterfeit?" Well, it's counterfeit.

The argument that it is done so much good is not a valid argument. Now this is the argument that a lot of people use for false prophets or even false religious systems. But look at how much good they've done; they're counterfeit. When it comes to the final deposit, not gonna make it. So, God is warning against the false prophets. God had very little—well, really God doesn't appreciate it when a person comes along and says, "Thus saith the Lord" and he speaks out of his own heart and really isn't saying God's word. I don't know. You know I think that the days of computerized typewriters were a great curse to the church. I've gotten more computerized letters from these. Someone's put me on the mailing list, I don't know who it was. But you got my name in the pot and these guys buy mailing lists from each other. And if they have a mailing list that they get a certain amount of percentage of returns then they sell your name. If you write in a check then your name is sold at a premium price to the others. And I got this letter the other day, some guy named Popoff. And here's a personal prophecy in the thing, "Thus saith the Lord, I am pleased with thee and I am going to bless thee" you know, and just share the blessing kind of a thing, you know, and all of this stuff. Well, I wrote him back a letter and I said, "Thus saith the Lord, I am against the false prophets that prophesy in my name saying 'Thus saith the Lord' when I have not spoken" and I knew that the Lord was saying it because I was just quoting him right out of the word. But then I added my own little appendage, I didn't put this under the 'thus saith the Lord'. But I put under my own little appendage "thy name has been Popoff but even as the name of Saul was changed to Paul so your name is to be changed from Popoff to Rip-off". No doubt my name will be deleted from his mailing list shortly.

But there are a lot of rip-off artists who are going around disguising themselves as prophets of God. And as I said, God doesn't appreciate a person speaking for him when he hasn't spoken. And thus the false prophets in those days were to be put to death.

(Through The Bible; C 2000 Series; Chuck Smith; 1979-1986)

I am always interested in the prayers we find in the Bible. And I'm especially interested in those prayers that produced results. The prayer of Jabez in the Old Testament is one such example. In studying his words, we can learn some valuable insights into prayer.

Which God Do You Serve

First of all, the Bible declares that when Jabez prayed, he "called on the God of Israel" (I Chronicles 4:10). What God do you call upon when you pray?

I've met people who live very carelessly and recklessly. From outward observances they lead very sinful lives. When we start talking and they realize that I'm a minister, they usually interject, "I know that I'm not living like I should, but I pray every night. I never go to sleep without saying my prayers."

When these people pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray thee Lord..." - whom are they addressing? Who is the true "Lord" of their lives?

"Lord" is not so much a name as it is a title. People serve many different gods, many different lords. Who is the lord of your life? It's important to know the one you're addressing in your prayers. Jesus said that not all who say, "Lord, Lord" are going to enter the kingdom of heaven. God told Jeremiah that when the people of Israel call to Him, He would no longer hear them. The next time they're in trouble, they were not to ask God for help. Let them call on the gods that they've been serving" (Jeremiah 11:12). Thus when Israel cried, "O god, help us." They might be calling Baal, or Molech, or Ashtoreth.

It's a tragic day when God finally says to a man, "I've had it! You've lived a careless life and you've worshipped and served everything but Me, but when you're in trouble you call on Me. Next time you're in trouble, just call on the gods you've been serving."

Your god is really the supreme passion of your life. For instance, many people today worship and serve their intellects. "To know and to understand," they say, "is the greatest good. I cannot accept the idea of a supreme being because I do not believe in anything I cannot bring into the confines of my mind." Therefore, when they pray, "O god," they're actually praying to their own intellects.

In ancient times people named and worshipped a multitude of gods. But we're too sophisticated today to give ancient names to our gods. A person today might serve his passions but, if asked who his god is, he wouldn't say, "Venus, the goddess of love." He'd just say, "I'm a lover. I believe a person should seek the best things of life. Love is the ultimate. Therefore, to make love is the chief goal of man." When he cries, "O god," he might as well be crying "O Venus!"

There are others who deify the pleasure principle. They live and work the entire week with one thing on their mind: the weekend. "Friday night we'll get in the camper - with the three wheeler on the back, the boat on top, and the dune buggy behind - and we'll head out for the river! Wow, what a weekend we'll have!" All week long they're thinking of the thrills, excitement, and pleasures they'll have on the weekend. Every night they tinker around at home in preparation to go Friday night.

There was an ancient faith whose believers also worshipped pleasure. They called their god Molech. Many people today, when they cry "O God," are actually crying to Molech because, in reality, he is their god.

There are others who deify the power principle. "Might is right." They seek to possess and to have. They're constantly scheming to get more money in order to get more possessions. Their minds are always analyzing how to cut this, increase that, invest here or there. They take second jobs. Their interests are centered around money, money, and more money. This is the worship of the old god Mammon. When these people are in trouble, they cry, "O god!" But their god Mammon can't hear.

It's important to realize that the prospect of your prayers being answered is totally dependent upon the one whom you petition. You might tell me, "Chuck, I need one hundred thousand dollars. You don't know how desperately I need it. If I don't get it, I don't know what I'm going to do!"

You could plead with me for a whole week, two weeks, or two years, but you don't have a chance of getting that amount from me. I just don't have it. You're petitioning someone who has no power or capacity to answer.

When the prophets of Baal were beseeching their god to send fire to their altar, they cried all morning. "O Baal, send fire!" But there was no fire. About noon Elijah said, "Fellows, I bet the problem is that your god has gone someplace. Or else he's sleeping. Why don't you cry a little louder? Maybe then he'll hear you." They started crying louder, and soon they were cutting themselves and leaping on their altar to get Baal's attention! (I Kings 18:26-29). They could have gone on forever, and still no fire would have come down to consume their sacrifice. Why? Because their god had no capacity to answer.

Deification of love, money, pleasure, or intellect is to deify impersonal, impotent forces. In the hour of real need these gods can produce nothing. But when I cry to Jehovah, the God of Israel, I know that he is able to do far more abundantly than all that I ask or think (Ephesians 3:20). There's no end to God's power. When I cry to Him, He is able to meet my needs. "One hundred thousand dollars?" He asks. "Is that all?" It's nothing for God to meet my need, no matter what it might be.

When Jehovah God is the agent I call upon, nothing is too difficult for Him. But if Venus, Molech, Mammon, or Baal are the agents I call upon to do a work, then I'm really in a bind. In the hour of real need, when I cry in desperation, they just aren't there to help.

Life is so empty for the people who live for pleasure. I've stood beside many people in their time of need. When their child is lying on a hospital bed and the doctor walks out of the operating room shaking his head, they look at me as if to say, "Do something, preacher!" Their god of pleasure is so empty at that time. He has so little comfort, help, or hope to offer.

But when you worship Jehovah and call upon Him as your Lord, it's glorious to know that He is able to help. And not only able to help, but willing and wanting to help.

Paul said to the Athenians on Mars Hill, that the God he wanted to talk to them about, the One they called the unknown God, is the One who created the heavens and the earth and everything in them. "In him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:22-28). That's the One I cry to when I call upon God - the One who rules me and is Lord of my life.

Petitions of Jabez

Now let's look at Jabez's petitions. First of all, Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, "O, that thou wouldest bless me" (I Chronicles 4:10). Jabez wasn't ashamed to say, "Bless me." And I'm not ashamed to ask God to bless me. I want God to bless me. I want every blessing that God has for me. If I'm to be a blessing to others I must first receive the blessings of God.

Now notice the blessings that Jabez requested. First of all he said, "Enlarge my coast" (I Chronicles 4:10). The Jews had come into the Promised Land, but much of the land was in the hands of the enemy. God had promised them the entire land, but they had not yet obtained the full promise of God. Thus Jabez prayed, "Lord, enlarge my coast," or actually, "Help me to possess all that You've given me."

I pray this in my own life. "Lord, help me to possess all that You have given and promised to me." God has given to us rich and precious promises. We can be living in a glorious spiritual atmosphere, as we live in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus. But instead we choose to drag along on the bottom of the pile, groveling in the dirt. You may enjoy it down here, but I enjoy it up there. Thus I pray, "Lord, bless me and help me to possess all that You have given to me. I thank You for what You've already done for me, Lord, but You've promised so much more..." After all, why should you close the door on what God wants to do for you? Some people say, "I really don't feel I need the gifts of the Spirit." Personally, I need everything that God has to give me. Not only do I need everything that God has offered to give me, I desire everything that He has to give. When I come to God, I don't close any doors. I say, "Okay, Lord, here I am. Do things Your way. Don't let me put any restrictions in Your path. Enlarge my coast, and allow me to possess all that You have promised." Whenever I try to dictate to God what blessings I will accept, and which I reject, I'm actually exalting my own wisdom above His. I'm saying that I know my needs better than He knows. "You can do this and this for me, God, but I don't want You to do that."

Not me! I pray, "Enlarge my coast, Lord. Bless me. Do all that You want to do in my life."

Then Jabez prayed, "That thine hand might be with me" (I Chronicles 4:10). It is so important that I have the hand of God upon my life in all the things I do. It's dangerous to undertake any project without God's hand upon me.

Moses said to the Lord, "If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence" (Exodus 33:15). Lord, don't lead me anywhere You're not going to be with me. I can go forth with assurance, comfort, and power when I know that God's hand is upon my life. I need no longer tremble.

Jabez's next petition was, "Keep me from evil" (I Chronicles 4:10). This is such an important prayer that Jesus included it as the last petition in the Lord's Prayer. "Deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13). The evil one is always trying to draw us into his snare.

I so easily fall into the snare of the enemy and allow hatred to begin to master my life, bitterness to control me, or some evil way to get its grip upon me. It's difficult to live a righteous life. In fact, it's not possible by our own human energy. It takes the power of the Spirit of God in me to live righteously.

Then Jabez continued, "Keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me" (I Chronicles 4:10). The primary result of evil is very rarely grief. The primary result of evil is quite often thrills and excitement. Evil often has the appearance of being very prosperous. "It looks like such an easy way to make a quick buck. Of course, it isn't quite honest. But look at the profits you can make. And look at what you can do with the money that you get from the profits!"

The primary result of evil may be joy, excitement, pleasure, or possessions - but the end result of evil is always grief. You may not think so right now. Sin may seem very exciting to you today. But a wise man will always consider the final destination of the path he is taking. Where is your path leading you? If it is a path of evil, my friend, it is leading you to grief. In Psalm 73 Asaph said that he was envious of the foolish when he saw the prosperity of the wicked. This almost stumbled him in his walk and commitment to the Lord until he considered the end results of their wickedness.

In the Proverbs, Solomon warned his son about the prostitute. "The lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell" (Proverbs 5:3-5).

At first glance sin may look exciting, but the end result is death and hell. Solomon declared, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Answers

What was the result of Jabez's prayer? The Bible said, "God granted him that which he requested." Praise the Lord! Jabez asked God to bless him and God did bless him. He asked the Lord to enlarge his coast and the Lord enlarged his coast. Jabez said, "Lord, keep your hand upon me," and God kept His hand on him. He said, "Lord keep me from evil," and the Lord kept him from evil.

It's glorious to know that I can pray and if I pray according to the will of God, the Bible promises,

"If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" I John 5:14-15

I can pray with confidence for God to bless me, enlarge my coast, keep His hand upon me, and keep me from evil - for this is the will of God for my life.

Ask Him and you, too, shall receive. Jesus said, "Ask [please ask], and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).

EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE; "Pray and I will Answer" by Chuck Smith

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pg 298-299) (Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devos; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)