Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1464: Does God Want Us to Pray BIG Prayers? **See:** CQ Rewind SHOW NOTES
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1. What are the fundamental differences between using prayer as a tool or a resource? Why is it important we recognize prayer as a gift? (Hebrews 4:15-16, Matthew 6:5-8)
2. Prayer of Jabez: Explain why Jabez asked for each of these four things. Why did Jabez ask for these four things? How were his requests rooted in God's promises to Israel? How can each be viewed as prayer as a tool or a resource? (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)
    a. Jabez asks God to bless him: What was Jabez truly asking for, and how is this different from seeking personal success, comfort or recognition? (Numbers 6:22-27, Psalms 67:1-2)
    b. Jabez asks God to enlarge his borders: Jabez asks God to enlarge his borders: How is this different from asking for greater personal possessions or success? What does this teach us about removing negative influences in our lives? (Exodus 34:24)
    c. Jabez asks God to keep His hand with him: What did Jabez desire with this phrase? (Joshua 4:23-24)
    d. Jabez asks God to protect him from harm: Why did he desire to be part of God's delivered people, and how did this request relate to the meaning of his name? (Psalms 121:5-7, Exodus 15:26)
3. How did modern "decree and declare" teaching develop? Why is Job 22 a poor foundation for it, and how does God reverse the idea in Job 38 and 42? (Genesis 1:3,6,7,27, Isaiah 14:13-14, Job 22:1-5,21-28, 38:1-4, 42:1-6)
4. What does Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane teach us about remaining submissive while accepting God's will? (Matthew 26:39-41)
5. How do Matthew 7:7-11 and James 4:2-3 work together to explain the relationship between asking God for His promised blessings and having proper motives? Do we receive everything we desire? (Philippians 4:19)
6. What can we learn from Paul's experiences when God did not remove his thorn in the flesh? What does God's answer teach us about faith, prayer and accepting His will? (2 Corinthians 12:8-10, Hebrews 11:6, 12:11)
7. What does it mean to approach God's throne of grace with confidence? How does this inform how we pray? (Hebrews 4:15-16, Matthew 26:39, James 4:13-15)
8. Are there influences in our lives that we continue to keep close even though they are weakening our relationship with God? What should we do about them? (1 Chronicles 4:10, Exodus 34:24)
9. Do I use prayer as a tool to get what I want, or as a resource to discover what God wants from me? How can I do better at this? (Matthew 26:39, James 4:13-15) How can our prayers become expressions of pride rather than humility? (Luke 18:11, Job 42:7-8)