

## LIFE CHANGING PRAYER

Before we resume our study of the Conquest of the Land, I want to return to Joshua 10:14 and do a study on a **Life Changing Prayer**. “And there was no day like that before it or after it, when the Lord listened to the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.”

In our last study, we talked about the DAY. This time we will study the PRAYER. You will recall that the setting for this **Life Changing Prayer** was the Amorite coalition war against Gibeon. Israel entered this war allied with Gibeon because of their peace treaty.

It was during this fierce war that Joshua offered this **Life Changing Prayer**: “ O sun stand still (damam / kal impv) [command] over Gibeon and O moon, over the valley of Aijalon.” (Josh.10:12)

The Bible records God answer to this **Life Changing Prayer**. “ So the sun stood still (damam/ kal impf), and the moon stopped (amad / kal pf), until the nation avenged itself on its enemies. Is it not written in the Book of Jashar (upright, righteous/ national heroic poetry)? ‘And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.’”(Josh.10:13)

This is another example of a **Life Changing Prayer** of the doctrinal principle of James 5:16b. “**The effective** (ischuo / p.a.ind / 3ps) [capable of producing results / real not ritual] (Matt.6:5-6) **prayer** (deesis) **of a righteous man** (dikaios) **can accomplish** (energeo / p.p.ptc / nsm) predicate adjective modifying prayer) **much** (polus).”

<b>This lesson will study two essential qualifications for Life Changing Prayer.</b>
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### **1. First qualification for Life Changing Prayer is the person must be righteous (dikaios).**

There are two important aspects of **righteousness** that are essential for **Life Changing Prayer**.

- **Positional and permanent righteousness** are imputed with grace salvation (Rom.3:10-12, 22; 4:3; 5:17-19; 1 Cor.1:30; 2 Cor.5:21; Heb.11:7) (2 Pet.3:13; Gal.5:5). “And may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.” (Phil.3:9)
- **Progressive righteousness** is developed in the life of a spiritually advancing believer through the consistent ministry of the Holy Spirit and the faith cycle of the word of God (Heb.5:13-14; Eph.5:9-10; 6:14; 2Tim.3:16-17; 2 Tim.4:7-8). “For in it (The Gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it written, ‘But the righteous man shall live by faith.’” (Rom.1:17; Gal.3:11; Heb.10:38; Hab.2:14)

### **2. Second qualification for Life Changing Prayer is to understand the agenda for effective prayer. We will use the acrostic word ‘FACT’ with examples.**

<b>F</b> ather, Son, Holy Spirit	(Matt.6:9; John 14:13-14; Eph.6:18; Rom.8:26-27; <b>Luke 23:34, 46</b> )
<b>A</b> sk	(1 John 5:14-15; John 15:7; James 4:3; <b>Joshua 10:12-14</b> )
<b>C</b> onfess sins	(1 John 1:9; Ps.66:18; <b>Jonah 2:1-4, 7</b> )
<b>T</b> hanksgiving	(Eph.5:20; 1 Thess.5:17; Phil.4:6; <b>1 Sam.1:14-18, 24-28</b> )

“For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” (1 Pet.3:12; Ps.34:12-16)