

# Praying For Power

## *“Praying Through to Victory”*

**Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you.**

– 1 Peter 5:7

**Cast your burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain you:**

**He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.**

– Psalms 55:22

In times of trouble God’s people need to cry out to God in urgent, desperate prayer, waiting on the Lord for his intervention. This is a principle throughout Scripture. Prayer is not just a wish list, or a hotline to the Great Physician.

**Prayer to many people is an effort to call God down to meet their needs.** It is an effort to appease God and get his attention to attend to their needs. For some prayer is simply trying to get God to do what you want him to do. It is asking God to bless your ideas and plans without regard to His ideas and plans. It is a one-way street. It is going upstream against the current and trying to brave the rapids in the hope of getting where you want to go.

**Henry Blackaby**, in his book *Experiencing God*, instructs people in the correct way to pray, that is, find out where God is working and join Him. George Mueller, that great prayer warrior who supported orphan homes simply by prayer, said “Once I find out what God’s will is I have no trouble believing God for the answer.”

**James** addresses the self-centeredness of many believer’s prayer in James 4: We are God-consumers. We want him for our own use. We want to consume his answers on ourselves. **James 4:1-8**

1. What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2. 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. 3. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. 4. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that the spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? 6. But he

gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7. Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**Trials and Troubles** are God's ways of forcing us to get desperate for God. Trouble beyond our ability to cope drives us to our knees in prayer. It forces us upon the mercy of God. Yet, "crying out to God" should not be a last ditch effort in times of crisis. It ought to be our daily cry. It ought to be our first thought, our first recourse, and our primary line of thinking. Yet, it is not the case. We can operate pretty much without God until times of trouble. We become self-sufficient, and self-satisfied by our western mentality of self-help. Therefore it would seem evident that God needs to send us trouble and hardships to force us to the throne of grace.

I want to speak to you this morning about **PRAYING THROUGH**. That is the art of, not just asking God for stuff, answers, and healing, but prevailing in prayer before the throne of God until the crisis is resolved. **PRAYING THROUGH** is holding on and not giving up until the answer comes.

Most believers never experience praying through. They simply machine gun their requests to God like a slot machine, or a one-armed-bandit, or drop their coins into the wishing well, or make their wish list, shopping list, or Christmas list of requests to God and go on their merry way. If God answers, great! If not, no problem, we will just find another way.

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### Introduction

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### I. The Problem – The Powerless Church (Jacob’s troubles)

(ie) Man in a prayer summit – *I want to know how to get things from God.*

(ie) Question to the Churches:

*What is God doing in your church that no one else can claim credit for?*

Alternate resources – abandoned prayer, it doesn’t work.

**(ie) Jacob’s example – self rule, then prevailed with God**

### II. The Trouble With Troubles (Our Troubles)

*Does it drive us to God? Why God allows trouble: That we would seek him.*

**Job’s** Trouble – “This has been a test of the emergency broadcast system”

**David’s** Troubles – **Psalms 42, - Psalms 86:7 & Ps 91:15**

**Jeremiah** – **Lamentations 3:8-33**

**Paul’s** Troubles – **2 Corinthians**

### III. The Solution: Cry Out To God

**2 Chronicles 7:14** If my people ,,, will humble themselves and pray

**Isaiah 40: 27-31** Wait on the Lord

**Jeremiah 29:11, 12** You will seek me and find me when you search with all heart

**Lamentations 2:19** Pour out your soul like water

### Conclusion

A Praying Church, not “playing church”

“How To Cry Out” – wait on the Lord

### Closing Song

*Touch Your People Once Again*

# Touch Your People Once Again

Steve Green

We need wisdom we need power  
And true love for each other  
We have had so many big but empty words  
So we come before Your face  
Asking for Your grace  
Bring Your people to a state of kingdom life  
Restore Your church again

## Chorus:

Touch Your people once again  
With Your precious holy hand, we pray  
Let Your kingdom shine upon this earth  
Through a living glorious church  
Not for temporary deeds  
But to restore authority – and power

Let a mighty rushing wind blow in  
Touch your people once again

Lord You see Your tired servants  
And the broken wounded soldiers  
Oh how much we need Your precious healing hand  
We need the power of the cross  
As the only source for us  
When we stand up facing final battle cry  
Restore your church again

# When Should You Call on the Lord?

Job 1: When it seems you have lost it all

Psalm 142:4 When all hope is gone and no one seems to care.

Lamentations 3: 8 When you call out or cry for help, he shuts out your prayer.

Isaiah 43:1-3 When you are passing through the waters and fire

Isaiah 54:11-17 When you are afflicted and not comforted

Isaiah 59:19 When the enemy comes in like a flood

Habakkuk 3:17 When the fig tree will not blossom

Daniel 4 When God sends troubles

Psalm 23 When you walk through the valley of the shadow

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 When you need comfort because of multiple trials

2 Corinthians 1:8-11 When hardship assault you like waves of the sea

2 Corinthians 4:7-12 When you feel hard pressed, abandoned, struck down, perplexed

2 Corinthians 7:14-15 When you are harassed at every turn, conflict and fears

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 When you work hard and see little fruit from it

Hebrews 12:3-4 When you are struggling against some sin

Hebrews 12:5-12 When you discouraged by some discipline of God

James 1:2-4 When you have many kinds of trials all at once

James 5:13-18 When there is trouble, sickness, or pain

I Peter 1:6-8 When your faith is being tried to the limit

I Peter 4:12-13 When it feels like something strange has happened and God left

I Peter 5:7-9 When you are anxious about tomorrow and are about to be swallowed

John 16:33 When the world seems to be winning and you are losing

# Jacob's Trouble

Jacob was the epitome of a selfish life. He was a conniver, a thief, a cheat, a get-all-you-can-get Christian until he hit the wall with do where to turn but God, then he cried out to God in prayer and would not let go until the Lord heard and answered his heart-cry.

## Genesis 32:24-32

7. In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. 8. He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape."

24. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "**I will not let you go unless you bless me.**" 27. The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. 28. Then the man said, "**Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.**" 29. Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. 30. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because **I saw God face to face**, and yet my life was spared." 31. The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. 32. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

*Genesis 32:28 And he said, Your name shall be called no more Jacob, but **Israel**: for as a prince you have power with God and with men, and have prevailed.*

**Jacob's name is used 345 times, Israel's name is used 2301 times.  
Jacob means "heal holder" "supplanter," "conniver," "cheat"**

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AV-Israel 2489, Israelites 16; 2505 **Israel="God prevails"**

**Literally, Sarah-El or Power w/God, or Contends with God, "Prevails with God"**

1) the second name for Jacob given to him by God after his wrestling with the angel at Peniel

2c) the name of the nation after the return from exile

# Paul's Troubles

## **2 Corinthians 1:8-11 When hardship assault you like waves of the sea**

8. We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about **the hardships we suffered** in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. 9. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. **But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God** who raises the dead. 10. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, 11. as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

## **2 Corinthians 4:7-12 When you feel pressed, abandoned, struck down, perplexed**

7. But we have this **treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.** 8. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9. persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. 12. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

## **2 Corinthians 7:14-15 When you are harassed at every turn, conflict and fears**

4. **I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds** 5. For when we came into Macedonia, this body of ours had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn--conflicts on the outside, fears within. 6. But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus.

## **2 Corinthians 11:23-28 When you work hard and see little fruit from it**

23. Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

24. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26. I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. 27. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

## **2 Corinthians 12:9**

And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

# Jeremiah's Troubles

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## Lamentations 3

8. Even when I call out or cry for help, he shuts out my prayer.
9. He has barred my way with blocks of stone; he has made my paths crooked.
10. Like a bear lying in wait, like a lion in hiding,
11. he dragged me from the path and mangled me and left me without help.
12. He drew his bow and made me the target for his arrows.
13. He pierced my heart with arrows from his quiver.
14. I became the laughingstock of all my people; they mock me in song all day long.
15. He has filled me with bitter herbs and sated me with gall.
16. He has broken my teeth with gravel; he has trampled me in the dust.
17. I have been deprived of peace; I have forgotten what prosperity is.
18. So I say, "My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the LORD."
19. I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.
20. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.
  
21. **Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:**
22. **Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.**
23. **They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**
24. **I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."**
25. **The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;**
26. **it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.**
  
31. For men are not cast off by the Lord forever.
32. **Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.**
33. **For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.**

# Job's Troubles

13. One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 14. a messenger came to Job and said, "**The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, 15. and the Sabeans attacked and carried them off.** They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

16. While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "**The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and the servants** , and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

17. While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "**The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and carried them off.** They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

18. While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "**Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 19. when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead** , and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

20. At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship

21. and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."

22. In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

## Chapter 2

7. So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head.

8. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

9. His wife said to him, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

10. He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

## David, Distress

**Psalms 4:1** Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was in distress*; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

**Psalms 18:6** In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

**Psalms 118:5** I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set me in a large place.*

**Psalms 120:1** In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

## David, My Soul

**Psalms 35:7** For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.

**Psalms 56:6** They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

**Psalms 57:1** <<David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.>> Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

**Psalms 59:3** For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

**Psalms 71:10** For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

**Psalms 88:3** **For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.**

**Psalms 142:4** I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

## David, Trouble

**Psalms 9:9** The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

**Psalms 9:13** Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

**Psalms 10:1** Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

**Psalms 13:4** Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

**Psalms 20:1** The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

**Psalms 22:11** Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help.

**Psalms 27:5** For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

**Psalms 31:7** I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

**Psalms 31:9** Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly.

**Psalms 32:7** Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

**Psalms 37:39** But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.

**Psalms 41:1** Blessed *is* he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

Psalms 46:1 God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in [trouble](#).

Psalms 50:15 And call upon me in the day of [trouble](#): I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Psalms 54:7 For he hath delivered me out of all [trouble](#): and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

Psalms 59:16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my [trouble](#).

Psalms 60:11 Give us help from [trouble](#): for vain *is* the help of man.

Psalms 66:14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in [trouble](#).

Psalms 69:17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in [trouble](#): hear me speedily.

Psalms 73:5 They *are* not in [trouble](#) *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.

Psalms 77:2 In the day of my [trouble](#) I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

Psalms 78:33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in [trouble](#).

Psalms 78:49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and [trouble](#), by sending evil angels *among them*.

Psalms 81:7 Thou calledst in [trouble](#), and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

**Psalms 86:7 In the day of my trouble I will [call upon](#) thee: for thou wilt answer me.**

**Psalms 91:15 He shall [call upon](#) me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.**

Psalms 102:2 Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in [trouble](#); incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.

Psalms 107:6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their [trouble](#), *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.

Psalms 107:13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their [trouble](#), *and* he saved them out of their distresses.

Psalms 107:19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their [trouble](#), *and* he saveth them out of their distresses.

Psalms 107:26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of [trouble](#).

Psalms 107:28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their [trouble](#), and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

Psalms 108:12 Give us help from [trouble](#): for vain *is* the help of man.

Psalms 116:3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found [trouble](#) and sorrow.

Psalms 119:143 [Trouble](#) and anguish have taken hold on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights.

Psalms 138:7 Though I walk in the midst of [trouble](#), thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Psalms 142:2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my [trouble](#).

Psalms 143:11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of [trouble](#).

# Tozer, Pursuit of God

## **There is a veil upon our hearts**

*This veil is not a beautiful thing and it is not a thing about which we commonly care to talk, but I am addressing the thirsting souls who are determined to follow God, and I know they will not turn back because the way leads temporarily through the blackened hills. The urge of God within them will assure their continuing the pursuit. They will face the facts however unpleasant and endure the cross for the joy set before them. So I am bold to name the threads out of which this inner veil is woven. It is woven of the fine threads of the self-life, the hyphenated sins of the human spirit. They are not something we do, they are something we are, and therein lies both their subtlety and their power.*

*To be specific, the self-sins are these: self-righteousness, self-pity, self-confidence, self-sufficiency, self-admiration, self-love and a host of others like them. They dwell too deep within us and are too much a part of our natures to come to our attention till the light of God is focused upon them. The grosser manifestations of these sins, egotism, exhibitionism, self-promotion, are strangely tolerated in Christian leaders even in circles of impeccable orthodoxy. They are so much in evidence as actually, form any people, to become identified with the gospel. I trust it is not a cynical observation to say that they appear these days to be a requisite for popularity in some sections of the Church visible. Promoting self under the guise of promoting Christ is currently so common as to excite little notice.*

### **Jeremiah 29**

11. 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.

12. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14. I will be found by you," declares the LORD,

### **Jeremiah 33:2-3**

2. "This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it--the LORD is his name: 3. `Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things (fortified things) you do not know.'

### **Habakkuk 3:17**

17. Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, 18. yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. 19. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.

### **Psalms 42**

3. My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 4. These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng. 5. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and 6. my God. My soul is downcast within me; 9. I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?" 10. My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 11. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

### **James 4:1-10**

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**Job 23:16** For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

# Praying For Power

## *“Praying Through”*

### **I. The Problem: *Jacob’s Troubles***

\*Job 5:7 Man is born for trouble as the sparks fly upward.

John 16:33 [In the world](#) ye shall have trouble but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Jacob’s Troubles – birth, birth right, Bethel, Laban, Esau

Jacob’s Wrestles – Desperation: Name Change

### **II. The Trouble: *Your Trials & God’s Face***

Abraham, \*Jacob, Moses, \*David, Elijah, Daniel, \*Jeremiah, Paul,

**Lamentations 3:8-33**

**Psalm 42:3-11**

**Habakkuk 3:17**

### **III. The Solution: *The Cry, The Call***

Jeremiah 29:11-12

Jeremiah 33:3

Isaiah 40:27-31

Lamentations 3:21

2 Chronicles 7:14

#### **Loud crying and tears**

Hebrews 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong [crying](#) and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

**Lamentations 2:19** Arise, [cry out](#) in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street

*“Going into a private room and locking the door isn’t required when you pray. However, you might want to be alone to pour out you wants and needs to god with words and gestures that you wouldn’t feel comfortable having others see.” **Luther***

#### The Promises

#### Conclusion

When? What? Where?