

**The Faith Journey:
Lessons from the Life of
Abraham
Part 9**



Genesis 18:16-33

Five Qualities of Effective Prayer:

1. Effective prayer happens when God moves believers to pray.

Verses 17-21

Matthew 9:37:

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Romans 8:26-27:

“The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know what to pray for as we ought...”

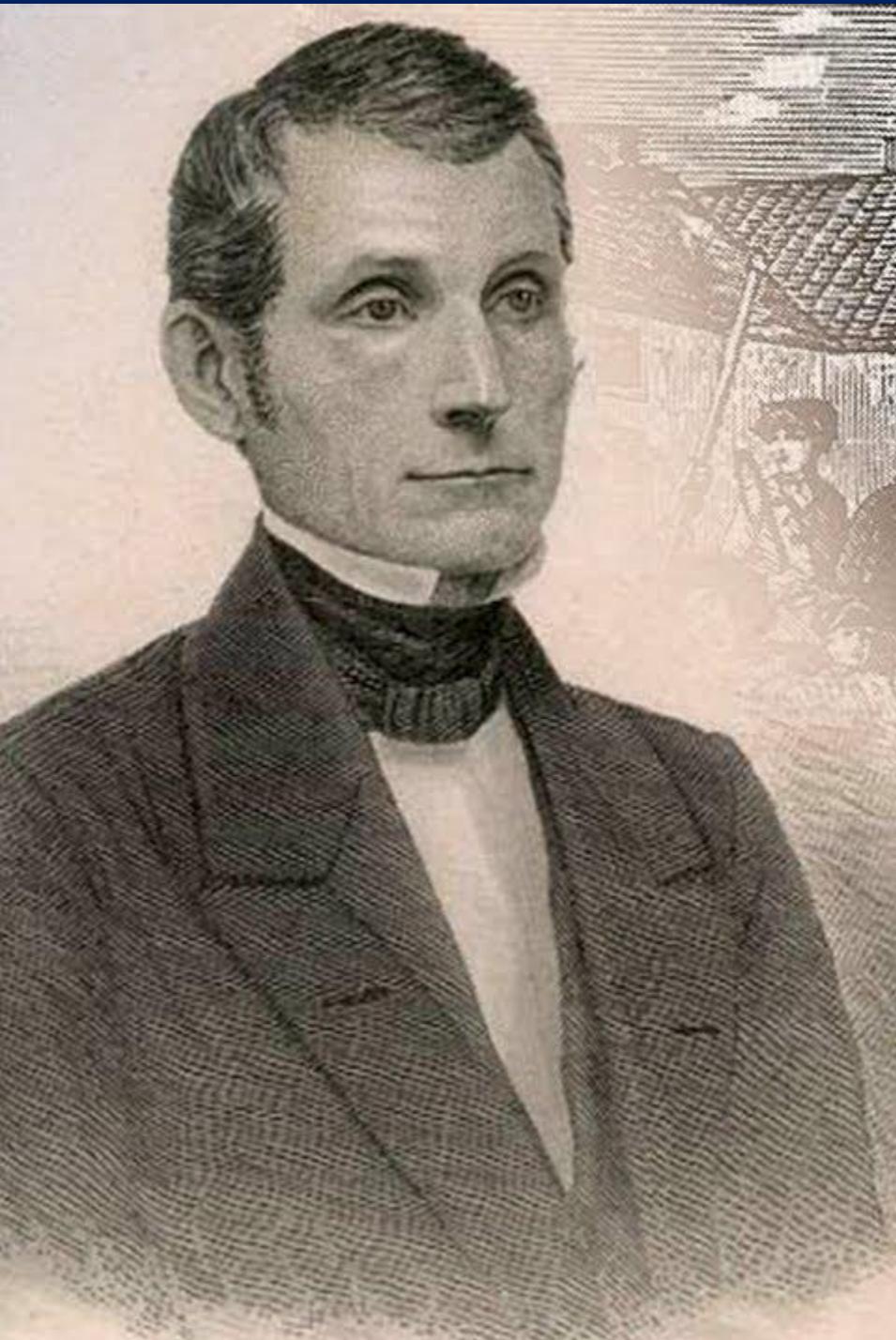
“The Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

Psalm 27:8:

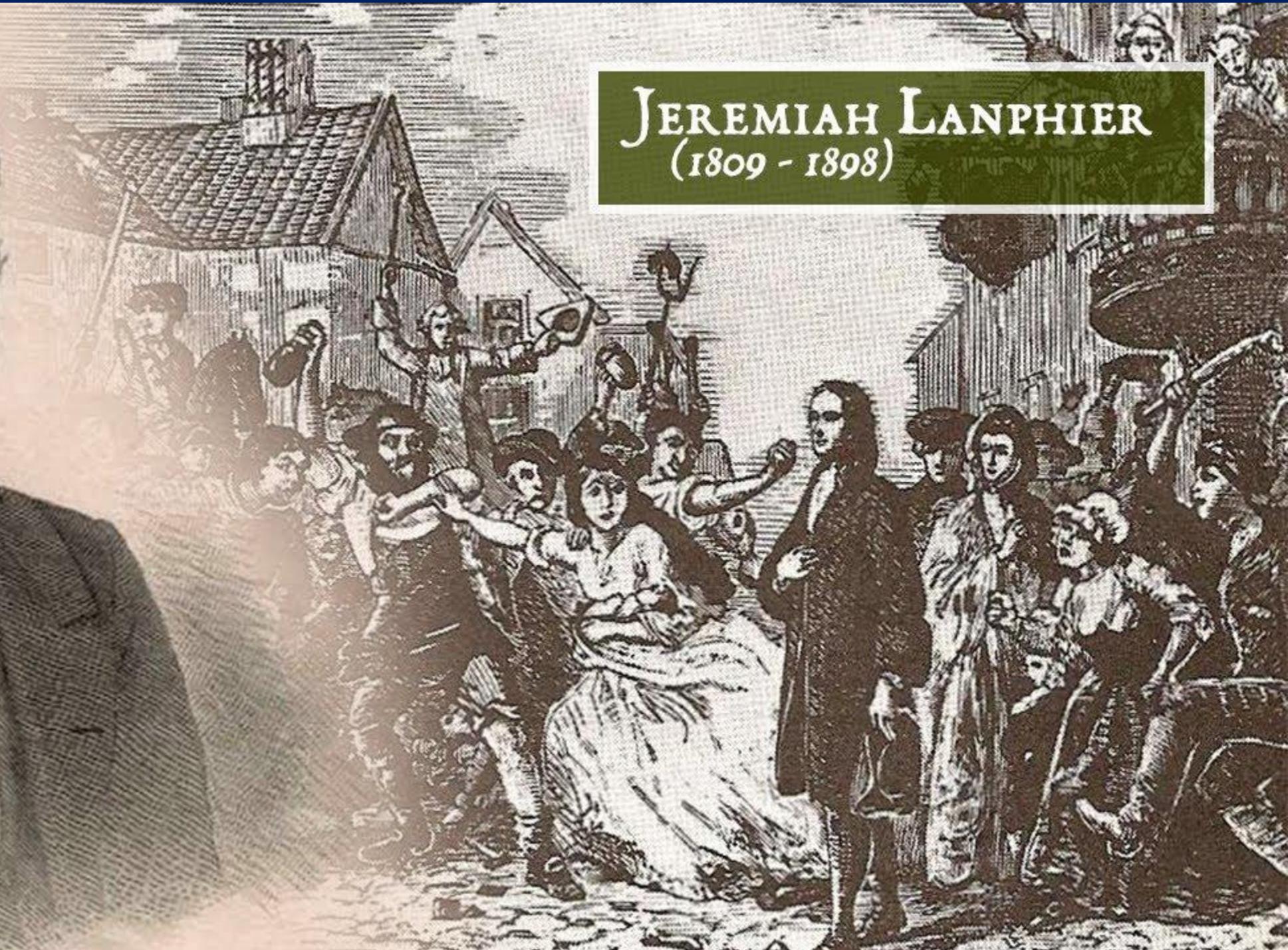
“My heart has heard You say,
‘Come...talk with me.’ And my
heart responds, ‘Lord, I am
coming!’”

Gen. 18:33:

“When the Lord had finished His conversation with Abraham, He went on His way.”



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**2. Effective prayers are based on
God's nature and Word.**

Genesis 18:22-26

Luke 9:53-55:

“The people of the village did not welcome Jesus...When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, ‘Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?’ But Jesus turned and rebuked them.”

1 John 5:14:

“This is the confidence we have toward (God), that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.”

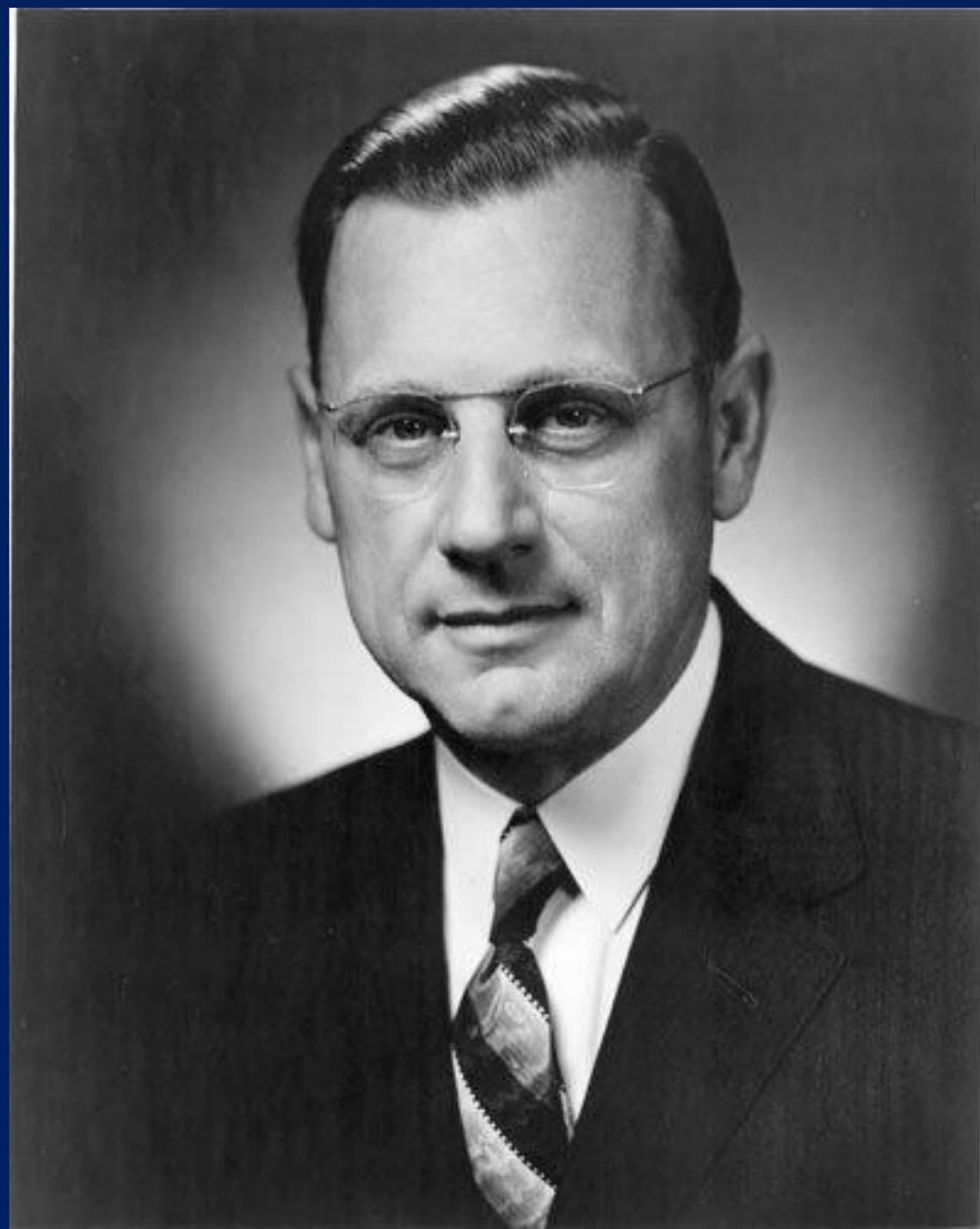
**3. Effective prayers are offered
in humility.**

Genesis 18:27

**“...I who am but dust and
ashes.”**

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2:

“Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. Do not be rash with your mouth or let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God. For God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore, let your words be few.”



**4. Effective prayers are made
with right motives**

Genesis 18:28-32

James 4:2-3:

“You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and don't receive because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.”

5. Effective prayers are fueled by faith.

Mark 11:24:

“Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe you have received it and it will be yours.”

Mark 14:36:

**“Father, all things are possible
for You. Yet not what I will, but
what You will.”**

Genesis 19:29

“God listened to Abraham’s request and kept Lot safe.”