



Prayer of Jabez

1 Chron 4:9-10



Above all, put on love,
which is the perfect
bond of unity.



What is prayer?

Talking to the creator in the belief that he is there, wants to listen, and wants to reveal himself as real by doing as I request of him. (John 15:7-8)

“Prayer is the belief that my prayers put God to work” in what he already wants to do (EM Bounds).





Jabez was an ordinary man who exists in biblical history solely bc of his prayers.

- A. Only in this passage. (City in 1 Chron 2:55)
- B. One name in 9 chapters on genealogy.
- C. No ancestors, descendants or other named relatives mentioned.
- D. One name and a story, linked to his prayer life.





1. Jabez had to ask.

A. God made himself real to Jabez thru Jabez's prayers.

B. Jabez was *identified* by [the constancy of] his prayers and his testimony.

C. Jabez's *destiny* was changed by his prayers.





2. Jabez prayed himself into the divine will and blessings of God.

- A. Jabez believed that God had a specific blessing for him. He asked for that blessing.
- Jabez gave God a “clean sheet of paper.”





3. The prayer of Jabez challenges us to pray bigger, for blessings beyond my reach.

Oh, that you would bless me indeed:

A. That your “borders be enlarged in my life.”

B. That your hand would:

1. protect me from evil/harm

2. that evil would not “pain” me (or others).





Next steps:

1. Will you pray the Prayer of Jabez for the entire month of July, 2022? Keep a record of how God “blesses you, indeed.” Give a “shout out” for God when it happens.
2. Have you gotten a prayer partner yet?
 - “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (Matt. 18:20 ESV)

