



THE PRAYER OF JABEZ



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Jabez = sorrow

(1) The place of sorrow

1 Chronicles 4:9 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, ^e saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.” 10 Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.

his name means pain

Don't waste your tears

Psalms 126:5 Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. 6 Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

1 Chronicles 4:10 Jabez (Sorrow, pain) cried out

Nothing was expected of Jabez

(2) The place of prayer

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What did he ask for?

• A blessing =

+ Abundantly bless

+ Pronounce blessing

- More territory
- For God to guide his path
- For God to keep him from evil
- For God to help him not to cause pain

**Lord Just
say the word**

**I don't need
to see it**

To feel it

Don't waste your prayers

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

A Prayer without faith is a wish

God has done what He said He would do

James 5:13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

(3) The place of blessing

1 Chronicles 4:10 And God granted his request.

Isaiah 51:11 Those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Jabez came from the tribe of Judah (Praise)

Don't waste your blessing

Praise Him

- + Before you see it**
- + In the middle of the storm**
- + When others say your finished**
- + When nothing seems to have changed**

**When you begin to realise you are RIGHT NOW
blessed**

Isaiah 54:1 “Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the Lord. 2“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. 3For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

Ephesians 3:²⁰ Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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