

The Prayer of Jabez

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NASB)

9 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, "Because I bore him with pain." 10 Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested.

Prayer is essential in a Christian's life. We need to understand that we are praying to our Father who loves us. Our desire is to become what He desires for us. Here, we see the personal prayer of Jabez. He was not using prayer as a formula to get something from God. He was calling on God to help him accomplish the promises of God! Let's look at his prayer and see we can apply the same thoughts today.

1. Who Was Jabez?

Four things Jabez asked for in his prayer:

2. He asked to be blessed.

1 Peter 5:7, Hebrews 4:16, Psalm 46:1, James 1:17, Genesis 32:26

3. He asked for his area to be enlarged.

Psalm 119:32, 127:1

4. He asked for God's guidance and strength.

John 4:35-37, Psalm 48:14, 94:17, John 14:12-15

5. He asked for God's protection.

1 Peter 1:5, Psalm 121:7, Philippians 4:7, 2 Thessalonians 3:3