

THE PRAYER OF JABEZ 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

1 Chronicles 4:9 = Jabez' Background.

And Jabez (YA'BETZ = comes from a word which actually has no meaning) was more honorable (CABADH = heavy, honorable) than his brothers (somewhere in the line of Judah-possibly born in during the wanderings), and his mother named him Jabez saying, "Because I bore him with pain ('ATZABH = 3X; Psa 139:24; Isa 14:3; word forms used in Gen 3:16 of the pain of childbearing)."

SUMMARY:

1. In the midst of a genealogical list, we find a comment about _____ man.
2. Jabez' mother was so upset over the pain of childbearing that she gave him a name which had no _____.
3. This pain is just part of _____. Isa 14:3-4
4. She took the word for pain ('ATZABH), and _____ the letters to mean that he meant nothing to her or anyone else.
5. Yet, Jabez _____ His name and became a man of honor.
6. _____ does what is right and best based on divine principles.
7. _____ does what is right and best because of others.
8. Jabez was a man of _____.
9. Later, a man named David, would ask the Lord to _____ from his life that which caused pain in others. Psa 139:23-24

1 Chronicles 4:10 = Jabez' Prayer.

Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that Thou wouldst bless me indeed ('IM = if, expresses a wish or desire, "Oh that"; Piel INF Abs BARAK + Piel IPF 2ms + 1cs suffix = blessing you would bless me; root means to "kneel"), and enlarge (Hiph PF 2ms + w.c. RABHAH = to multiply, increase, enlarge) my border (msn GeBHUL = 240x; boundary, limit; collective singular because a border goes in varying directions), and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldst keep me (Qal Pf + wc 'ASAH = manufacture) from harm (RA'AH = evil), that it may not (adv. of negation; BILeTIY + L prefix = word indicates "not" because it has

been worn out) pain me ('ATZABH = the same pain that his mother had, that caused him to receive the name Jabez)!" And God granted (BO' = sent) him what he requested.

Corrected Translation:

Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that blessing, you would bless me, and cause to enlarge my boundaries, and that Your hand might be with me, and that you would manufacture (good) from evil that it may not (cause more) pain to me!" And God sent him what he requested.

Summary:

1. Jabez, the honorable man, called on _____.
2. He asked for _____ from the God of Israel. (cf Gen 32:24-32) (bless me)
 - A. Spiritual first.
 - B. Physical second. Matt 6:33
3. He asked for blessings:
 - A. When man blesses God it is a manifestation of _____. (kneeling in His presence)
 - B. When God blesses man it is a manifestation of _____. (He has humbled Himself)
 - C. It is a blessing from God to be in His _____.
 - D. Blessings are promised to _____. Gen 12:3
 - E. Blessings are promised to the _____. Gal 3:8-9
 - F. Blessings are promised to those who _____. Jas 1:12
 - G. Blessings are given when one _____ for the sake of righteousness. 1 Pet 3:14
 - H. Blessings are promised when you are _____ for the name of Christ. 1 Pet 4:14
 - I. Blessings are promised for reading the Book of _____. Rev 1:3
 - J. Ask for blessings so you can _____ a blessing. Psalm 67
4. He asked for God to enlarge his _____. (enlarge me)
 - A. This is a prayer for "_____."
 - B. The blessings are first _____ and then physical.
 - C. It pictures going beyond one's _____ Zone.

- D. Such is a walk of _____ . Heb 11:6
- E. A walk of faith actually _____ one's Comfort Zone.
5. He asked for God's _____ to be with him. (direct me)
- A. Bless him spiritually and physically with more and _____ with him.
- B. God's hand can touch for a _____ of reasons like blessing, protection, discipline.
- C. God, please do to me what _____ to be done.
6. He asked that God would turn any _____ directed at him into blessing for him. (protect me)
- A. God had _____ done this once. His name came from a mother who had fallen prey to evil, yet he was honorable.
- B. His mother was so _____-centered that every time she saw him she thought of her pain and not her child.
- C. Jabez did not want to become so self-centered that he would do the _____ thing to his child.
- D. Destroy evil by doing _____. Rom 12:19-21

BLESS ME
ENLARGE ME
BE WITH ME
PROTECT ME.

MORE HONORABLE:

1. Honor is to be a quest of the Christian. Phil 4:8
2. Specifically, it should be the honor that comes from the Lord and not man. John 12:26
3. Honor comes to those who function in God's Wisdom. Prov 3:13-16; 35
4. A prerequisite to honor is humility. Prov 15:33
5. A lack of honor, arrogance, will lead to destruction. Prov 18:12

6. The Lord sees through hypocrisy. Matt 15:8
7. Some Qualities Of Honor:
 - A. Respect for your parents. Exo 20:12
 - B. Respect for God's Word. Deut 26:18-19
 - C. Respect for other Believers. Ps 15:4
 - D. Respect for the Lord from our possessions via giving. Prov 3:9-10
 - E. Respect for peace. Prov 20:3
 - F. Respect for the authorities in one's life. Prov 27:18
 - G. Respect for marriage. Heb 13:4
 - H. Respect for one's spouse. 1 Pet 3:7
 - I. Respect for all men. 1 Pet 2:17

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 - Jabez is praying that God will touch his life.
 - Jabez is kneeling before God, in submission to His will.
 - Jabez has become a living sacrifice.
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