

The Prayer of Jabez Outline  
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1 Chronicles 4:9 is, without a doubt, the briefest of Bible biographies(account of someone's life that is written by someone else). "Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers..."

2. Honorable means deserving of respect or high regard.

3. Jabez wanted (desired) to be more and do more for God- and, at the end of verse 10- God granted him his request. ( Psalm 37: 5-6;Matthew 7:7-8; 1John 3:22; 1 John 5:15)

4. According to his name, Jabez was a man who had no future

This prayer was a four-fold request from him that tells us two important things:

- a. It distills (reveals, summarizes)the powerful will of God for your life.
- b. It shows us that God longs to give us so much more than you may ever thought to ask Him for (Ephesians 3:20).

(from the book The Prayer of Jabez: Breaking Through to the Blessed Life by Bruce Wilkinson)

5. Three more tidbits of info about Jabez:

- A. Things started badly for a person no one had ever heard of;
- B. He prayed an unusual ,one-sentence four-fold prayer; and
- C. Things ended extraordinarily well .

6. The Jabez Prayer is not a selfish prayer; it is a bold prayer. This prayer was a confident, fearless, and courageous prayer. When was the last time that you prayed like this?

7. Jabez was tired of his current situation and he cried out to the God of Israel. He went to the God of more and asked Him for more. What does this say to us about Jabez? What should this teach us about going to God in prayer? What does this prayer teach us about God?

8. Three Character Traits of Jabez:

- A. He was HUMBLE. Jabez realized that he was in need of God's intervention. He called out to the Lord. He discovered that blessing, protection, and increase can only come from God! Jabez understood that God is the only one who can open doors, grant favor, give provision, and provide protection.
- B. Jabez had FAITH. He did not let his name define him. He did not allow his name to limit or define the way that he viewed God! Have you ever allowed situations or circumstances to limit or negate your desire to cry out to God in prayer?

C. Jabez understood the POWER OF PRAYER! He took nothing for granted. He didn't just say it. He called out to God and made his desires known so that God would bring them to fulfillment.

9. Philippians 4:6 teaches us to make our requests known to God. Although He already knows, God is not an automatic dispenser who just gives you whatever you want. Sometimes it is yes, sometimes it is no, and sometimes it is not yet. What is the end result of doing what Philippians 4:6 tells us to do in Philippians 4:7?  
Relate the above information to the Prayer of Jabez.