

## Prayer of Jabez - Lord Help My Unbelief

### Part 1

#### “Little Prayer Giant Prize”

#### I Chronicles 4:9-10

**Intro:** 1. Meaning of words biblically

- A. Jabez-Because I bore him out of pain
- B. Honorable-Highly respected
- C. Called-Intense cry for help

2. Jabez

- A. He was born out of pain/suffering
- B. He was honored among his brothers
- C. He was a simple man whose name meant a life of pain and suffering
- D. He was a man of faith who believed God was bigger than his names destiny and was able to bless him and change the course of his futures.
- E. He was a man who trusted God to bless and protect him in the journey God set before him.

**Prop-** What can we learn from this little prayer and what is the giant prize for those who pray the prayer?

#### I. Scriptural liability of the prayer

##### A. Description of the Jabez blessing

- 1. Bless=Kindness (Gen 39:3, 5b)
- 2. Indeed=Translated a lot with real intensity

##### B. Distinctive of the Jabez blessings

- 1. The Blessing is not impersonal but Personal (1 John 3:21-24)
- 2. The Blessing is not specific but general (He left it entirely up to God to decide what the blessings would be and where, when, and how Jabez would receive them) (1 John 5:14-15)
- 3. The Blessing is not directed by man but God (Psalm 24)
- 4. The Blessing is not meager but Abundant (Eph. 5:14-21)
- 5. The Blessing is not a weak wish but a fervent Desire (James 1:6-8)

#### II. The Pitfalls of the Jabez Blessing

##### **Misconception #1: It always works-just say the words!**

The Prayer of Jabez is not Magic. (God can say no)

##### **Misconception #2: I can't pray Jabez-it's not right to pray for myself!**

The Prayer of Jabez is not for myself or selfish but the kingdom be blessed through us

##### **Misconception #3: If you want to get rich, pray Jabez!**

The Prayer of Jabez is not Prosperity Gospel

(Selfishness means I do what I want even knowing it hurts others!)

Quote: This kind of radical trust in God's good intentions towards us has nothing in common with the popular gospel that you should ask God for a Cadillac, a six-figure income, or some other material sign that you have found a way to cash in on your connection with Him.