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SESSION 7 – PERSONALIZING THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, “Because I bore *him* in pain.” ¹⁰ And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So God granted him what he requested.

- a) This is about a _____ word prayer that God answered!
- b) Jabez = Pain!
- c) His mother experienced great pain when he was born so she called his name “Jabez”
- d) He was branded as a “Pain” These negative words were a curse from man not God!

1) JABEZ BEGAN TO PRAY TO GOD TO CHANGE HIS CIRCUMSTANCES

Jabez called on the God of Israel... 1 Chronicles 4:10

- a) He was determined to lift himself up with the help of God!
- b) He looked up instead of down!
- c) Jabez prayed to God in faith!
- d) Bless me Indeed = Mega, Super Size, _____size!!!
- e) Like Jacob he prayed to be blessed. Genesis 32:24-31
- f) Jabez developed a relentless prayer life!

2) JABEZ PRAYED FOR GOD TO ENLARGE HIS TERRITORY

“...enlarge my territory...1 Chronicles 4:9-11

Jabez prayed specifically: Enlarge my territory!

Why did he pray this? Because he understood that he was a covenant man through Abraham.
Genesis 12:1-3

- a) Jabez knew God had already given him an inheritance but he needed to _____ it.
- b) The land was given but he knew he had to make it his.
- c) This principle applies to Christians today.

Leviticus 20:24 But I have said to you, “You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to **possess**, a land flowing with milk and honey.” I *am* the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

- d) Every Believer has “Territories” to possess in two areas

Territories to Possess:

1) The _____ of God

How it works: 2 Corinthians 1:18-20 But as God *is* faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

What are some of the Promises of God?

Salvation	Blessings	Peace
Healing	Guidance	Miracles
Deliverance	Favor	Holy Spirit
Provision	Power	Strength

2) The _____ God has called you to:

God’s prophetic purpose is to build His Church – Matthew 16:18, Isaiah 54 (Enlarge your tent)

Mark 13:34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to **each his work**, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

1 Corinthians 12:27-29 Now you are the body of Christ, and **members individually**. ²⁸ And **God has appointed these in the church**: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ *Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?*

Ephesians 4:11, 16 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers...¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit

together by what **every joint supplies**, according to the effective working by which **every part does its share**, causes **growth of the body** for the edifying of itself in love.

We must have an _____ faith that possesses!

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Joshua 14:6-15 Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. ⁷ I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as *it was* in my heart. ⁸ Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my God. ⁹ So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' ¹⁰ And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. ¹¹ As yet I *am* as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength *was* then, so now *is* my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. ¹² Now therefore, give me this _____ of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fortified. It may be that the LORD *will be* with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said."

¹³ And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. ¹⁴ Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (*Arba* was the greatest man among the Anakim).

Then the land had rest from war.

3) JABEZ PRAYED FOR THE HAND OF GOD TO BE WITH HIM

...that Your hand would be with me... 1 Chronicles 4:9-11
What does it mean?

God's Supernatural _____ to give you Success!

Biblical Examples

- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- Israel leaving Egypt
- The Prophet Daniel
- Jesus whole life
- The early Church

Acts 11:19-21 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. ²⁰ But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And **the hand of the Lord was with them**, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

4) JABEZ PRAYED FOR GOD TO DELIVER HIM FROM EVIL

...keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" 1 Chronicles 4:9-11

- a) Jabez called out to the Most High God who was a name changer and a game changer.
- b) He remembered how God changed Abrams name to Abraham and gave him great success!
- c) He remembered how God changed Jacobs name to Israel making him a prince with God through prayer!

5) GOD ANSWERED JABEZ PRAYERS

So God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:9-11

CONCLUSION

Commit yourself to experiment with personalizing the prayer that Jabez prayed. Make it your own. Pray it in faith. Believe God to bless you mightily and cause you to inherit all his promises and the specific ministry he has called you to fulfill. Trust in God to deliver you from evil.

Answers

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