

The Prayer of Jabez

1st Chronicles 4:9-10

When we read through the 1st 4 chapters of 1st Chronicles it's like.....

Over _____ names one after another.

I promise you if you read these 4 chapters it will cure _____.

When we come to 1st Chronicles 4:9-10 it's like an oasis in the desert.

We are introduced to a man who is remembered in God's Word not for.....

In Jabez we discover a man whose life began in _____ cause that's what.....

Pain was the banner written over his life.

But instead of accepting his _____ in life he was determined

to discover God's _____ for his life and so he _____ !

In Jabez's sickness, suffering and sorrow he was driven to 2 things:

1. Driven to his _____. v10

Now how did he know God was the God of Israel, because he had read the.....

Friend I don't know where you go when you're facing God's Word !

Romans 15:4 *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

2. Driven to his _____. v10

Thank God, as God's people when we're facing storms and problems.....

We have the privilege of going to our Heavenly Father in prayer.

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

The hymn writer says, "Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what....."

Key thought: Prayer is the bridge between _____ and _____ !

Jabez prayed and asked God for 4 things:

1. He asked to be _____. v10 "bless me indeed"

2. He asked to be _____. v10 "enlarge my territory"

3. He asked to be _____. v10 "open Your hand be with me"

God's hand in the O.T. represented:

God's _____ God's _____ God's _____

4. He asked to be _____. v10 "keep me from evil"

This morning I want us to look at 3 things about the Power of Prayer found here in the Prayer of Jabez:

I. The _____ we approach in prayer. v10

When the O.T. saints prayed they prayed to the "God of Israel."

But as N.T. Christians Jesus taught us to pray:

Matthew 6:9 *In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.*

When we approach our Heavenly Father in prayer we must pray with:

1. _____ **James 4:6** *"God resists, He opposes the proud but He gives grace to the humble."*

God _____ the Humble

God _____ the Haughty

2. _____ **Isaiah 6**

When Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up in the temple he heard Holy.....

When the Apostle John was caught up in the Spirit in Revelation

he heard a crowd no man could number singing.....

When we come to our Heavenly Father in prayer we must come with.....

3. _____ **Philippians 4:6** *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

Gratitude & thanksgiving should always be a part of our prayer life.

4. _____ **Mark 11:24** *Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

Pray and believe..... Pray and doubt.....

II. The _____ in Jabez's prayer. v10

For God's Glory Jabez prayed:

Lord: Bless me - Enlarge me - Lead me - Protect me

and all God's people said.....

III. The _____ God made to Jabez. v10

"God granted him that which he requested."

Key thought: Three Timeless Truths about Prayer:

Jeremiah 33:3 *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

God _____ that we Pray

God _____ when we Pray

God _____ us when we Pray

For God's Glory Let Us Keep Praying and Believing 'Til Jesus Comes