

# The Prayer of Jabez

## 1 Chronicles 4:9–10

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.” Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request. (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)

1. The Jabez Phenomenon : : Rags to riches; obscurity to fame

2. The Prayer of Bruce Wilkinson

- \* his logic

- \* why it may be popular now?

- \* his strengths

- \* my reservations

3. "I come not to bury Jabez, but to ... "

4. A prayer for blessing ... an expression of trust

5. Seek the blessing of God (4:10)

- \* enlarging territory (OT)

- \* reaching others

- \* ultimate NT blessing (Philippians 3:8-12; Philippians 1:9-11)

- \* in particular situations

6. Seek God's hand (4:10)

- \* God's hand (OT)

- \* God's power for the believer (Ephesians 1:18-19)

- \* in particular situations

7. Pray for deliverance (4:10)

- \* from pain (OT)

- \* from evil (Matthew 6:13)

8. A prayer for people who ...

