

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023
PRAYING WITH PURPOSE – I CHRONICLES 4:9-10

An unselfish prayer request answered. A request to do more.

1. Who is praying?

- Jabez. A man appearing in the Book of Chronicles. Jabez's birth is difficult; for this reason, his mother names him Jabez (meaning "he makes sorrowful").
- The name was often taken as a wish for or prophecy about the child's future.
- I Chronicles 4:9 NKJV
Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain."

2. What was the purpose of the prayer?

- The prayer was a request to have territory, ministry, or duties enlarged.
- Proverbs: "The Lord's blessing is our greatest wealth; all our work adds nothing to it" (Proverbs 10:22, TLB).
- Jabez left it entirely up to God to decide what the blessings would be and where, when, and how he would receive the blessing.
- Matthew 7:7 NIV "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you".
- James 4:2 NIV "You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God".

3. Where is the location?

- 1 Chronicles 2:55 KJV
And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.
- Southern Israel after the conquest of Canaan and during the time of the judges. He was born into the tribe of Judah and eventually became the notable head of a clan.

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4. Where is the prayer found in Scripture?

- I Chronicles 4:10 NKJV

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.

5. Did God answer the prayer? Where is the answer response found in Scripture?

- Yes.
- I Chronicles 4:10b NKJV
So God granted him what he requested.

6. How long did it take for God to answer the prayer?

- No time span mentioned in Scripture.

7. What four things did Jabez request in the prayer?

- Bless me indeed
- Enlarge my territory
- Let your hand be with me
- Keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!

8. How can we apply these types of prayer request to our lives?

- Open discussion and testimony
- Make it personal. Use a vision board, write the vision on paper, use a journal to enter your prayer request.
- Do you want a bigger vision for your life?
- Can you do more for God?
- Can God trust you with more responsibility?
- Can God depend on you?
- Are you trust worthy to God?