

The Prayer of Jabez

⁹ Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, ^[a] 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.

Bible prayers

Matthew 5:3-10

Ephesians 3:14-21

Acts 4: 23-31

John 17

Luke 22:39-46

Isaiah 38:1-4

V.9 More honorable than all who came before

v.10 Why?

Jabez called on the God of Israel

Jabez was a praying man

Acts 10:1-4

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Acts 10

Cornelius Sends a Delegation

¹ There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, ² a devout *man* and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!”

⁴ And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

v. 2 He was a devout man

What better epithet could be given than, “That person was a person of prayer.”

When Jabez called on God he was initiating a relationship with God.

Matthew 7:21-23

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I Never Knew You

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

v.23 “I never knew you”

1 John 2:3

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The Test of Knowing Him

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

2 Timothy 1:12

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¹² For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

“Bless me indeed”

What does it mean to be blessed?

Psalm 1:1

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Psalm 1

The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

¹ Blessed *is* the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

Psalm 32:1-2

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Psalm 32

A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.^[a]

¹ Blessed *is he* whose transgression *is* forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.

² Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.

Psalm 33:12

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¹² Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD,
The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

A virtuous wife

Proverbs 31:28

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²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband *also*, and he praises her:

The Beatitudes of Matthew 5

Poor in spirit

Mourn

Meek

Hunger after righteousness

Merciful

Pure in heart

Peacemakers

Acts 20:35

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³⁵ I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Enlarge my territory

Possibly more land

Increase revenue

Increase influence

Stretch me

There is something greater for me.

Our world can be too small!

Your hand

Protection

Favor

Anointing

Symbolic of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 3:3

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³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

Romans 8:16-17

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¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

Romans 8:14

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¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Keep me from evil

Matthew 4:1

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Matthew 4

Satan Tempts Jesus

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 6:13

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¹³ And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. ^[a]

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

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¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

That I may not cause pain

Jabez- He will cause pain

God has the last word

Psalm 107:1-2

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Psalm 107

Thanksgiving to the LORD for His Great Works of Deliverance

¹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good!

For His mercy *endures* forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

Galatians 3:13-14

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¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*"^[a]), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

God granted him what he requested

God still answers prayer

Philippians 4:6

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⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

What is your prayer today?

Hebrews 4:16

The message Bible

“So let’s walk right up to Him and get what He is ready to give.”

If God’s got it, you can have it.