

# Message Notes



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## JABEZ

JABEZ CALLED ON THE GOD OF ISRAEL:

*“Oh, Lord, that You would bless me indeed, and that you would enlarge my territory, that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain!”* (1 Chronicles 4:10)

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, *“Because I bore him with pain.”* (1 Chronicles 4:9)

Jabez = Sorry, Misery, Pain

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**OH THAT YOU WOULD BLESS ME INDEED!**

Divine Ennoblement

(1) **Enlarge my territory**

Divine Expansion (Duet. 28)

(3) **That you would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain**

Divine Enablement

(2) **That Your hand might be with (on) me**

Divine Empowerment

**GOD GRANTED HIM WHAT HE REQUESTED.**

## A FEW PRINCIPLES TO KEEP IN MIND

- *A small, struggling start doesn't necessitate a limited life!* [Could it be that the Lord has planned for you a position having much responsibility, high privilege, and great authority? So what's keeping you from praying for an expanded vision and enlarged territory?]
- *No measure of success is safe without God's presence and power.*
- *When God prospers and blesses a life, no place for guilt remains.* Instead, determine to use all that He gives you for His purposes, and give generously for the advancement of His kingdom.

**[THE PRAYER OF JABEZ, BY BRUCE WILKINSON]**