

**Be Successful In Your Ministry 2023**  
**Metropolitan Baptist Church**  
**Weekly Bible Study**  
**Elder Gregory Johnson, Sr./Pastor/Teacher**  
**Study Text: 1 Chronicles 4:9,10**  
**Study Subject: The Prayer of Jabez**  
**Date: 09/20/2023**



**Psalm 119:97**

### **Open It**

- I. The key to an extraordinary life with God is not about how long you can talk (pray) but it is about your relationship with him and your plan for the resource for which you are asking God for. This prayer of Jabez was short. It consisted of one sentence and 4 parts. It has been called “little prayer, giant prize”. **Read Matthew 6:7,8.** Jesus is not condemning long prayers, but He is teaching us not to treat God as if He is hard of hearing. **Read 1 Kings 18:26.**
- II. The prayer of Jabez has been used by many as a “prayer for wealth”. Is there a problem asking God for wealth? **Y\_\_ N\_\_**. Please explain your answer.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- III. God responded to Jabez’s prayer (request) in a powerful way. He received what he asked for and what he received glorified God. What are you asking God to do? does it in any way glorify God? **Read James 4:3.** Jabez received it because he asked for the right reasons. What are your motives for **asking (praying)** to receive that from God? **Read 1 Samuel 1:10,11; 24-28.** What a powerful story. She was true to her words to the Lord. If God grant you your request, you must be true to your words.

### **Explore It**

- I. **The Prayer of Jabez: 1 Chronicles 4:9,10**

- a. Jabez was specific with his request to God. 1. Prayed wisely—verse 10, “God of Israel”  
2. Prayed with conviction “Oh that thou wouldst bless me indeed”. 3. Prayed with confidence “enlarge my coast” 4. He prayed for covering “That thy hand might be with me and keep me from evil”. If we could sum up this prayer with two words, we could say this prayer has \_\_\_\_\_ . Have you ever analyzed the \_\_\_\_\_ of your prayers? **If not, why? If yes why?.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- b. **He prayed wisely:** Using the example Jesus gave us in **Luke 11:2**, what does it mean to open our prayers **wisely** and why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

- c. **In Matthew 14:30.** How did Peter open his 911 prayer? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you express the **reason** and **benefit** for him opening this prayer \_\_\_\_\_.

- d. The opening of the prayer can also demonstrate my \_\_\_\_\_ with the one I am calling on. **True**\_\_\_\_ **False**\_\_\_\_. Why does the relationship matter? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_