

Introduction to the Prayer of Jabez

I. The Preview of the Jabez "Hand of God"

A. The Description of the Jabez "Hand of God"

1. "Hand of God" carries the meaning of God's POWER
2. "Would be with me" asks God to act on his BEHALF

B. The Distinctives of the Jabez "Hand of God"

1. The "Hand of God" is not merely God's power but God's PERSON
2. The "Hand of God" is not human ingenuity but divine INTERVENTION
3. The "Hand of God" is not natural but SUPER NATURAL
4. The "Hand of God" is not for my wishes but His WILL
5. The "Hand of God" is not subjective feelings but objective ACTIONS

II. The Pitfalls regarding the Jabez "Hand of God"

Misconception #1: Only people in the Bible experienced the "Hand of God."
The "Hand of God" is available anytime to ANYONE

Misconception #2: You must surrender control to see the "Hand of God."
The "Hand of God" requires you to control your body and YOUR MIND

Misconception #3: You gain spiritual power the more God uses you.
The "Hand of God" nor your godliness gives you personal POWER

III. The Principles of the Jabez "Hand of God"

A. The "Hand of God" is the requirement of God for the work of GOD

B. The "Hand of God" is hindered by the sin of UNBELIEF

C. The "Hand of God" should be experienced in your MINISTRY

Interact with Jabez

- 1 Of all the people you have known throughout your life, which one would you say has the "Hand of God" the most? What made you select that person?
- 2 Why do you think some people believe that a sign of God's Hand or power coming over them is the loss of control? When God did miracles in the Old Testament, did any of the people lose control?
- 3 Unbelief is a serious sin in the Bible. Read Numbers 14:11-12 and 20-23 and describe the Lord's attitude about the nation's unbelief. How many times did the Lord miraculously intervene on behalf of Israel before He moved in judgement? What can you learn about God from this?
- 4 As God searches "to and fro throughout the earth," do you think He finds many "whose heart is loyal to Him"? List as many differences as you can between a person who is loyal and a person who is disloyal to God.
- 5 Describe the time in your life when you experienced the movement of the "Hand of God" the most vividly. How would you describe the situation before and after God showed up?