

Introduction to the Prayer of Jabez

I. The Perspectives on the Jabez "Hand of God"

A. The "Hand of God" intervenes to make PROVISION

God can provide the needed personal and ministry RESOURCES

B. The "Hand of God" intervenes to cause an authority to grant PERMISSION

God can make your authority change his mind and grant your REQUEST

C. The "Hand of God" intervenes with His PRESENCE

God can make His presence known in a specific PLACE

D. The "Hand of God" intervenes to defend and TO PROTECT

God can protect you from any human or spiritual ATTACK

E. The "Hand of God" intervenes to overcome limitations with His POWER

God is not limited by any of your inadequacies or LIMITATIONS

II. The Practical Steps for the Jabez "Hand of God"

HUMBLE yourself under the mighty "Hand of God"

ADOPT a lifestyle of proactive dependency upon God

NARROW your focus to what God wants done

DEDICATE yourself to live an ever increasing walk of faith

III. The Potential Results from the Jabez "Hand of God"

A. You will see the "Hand of God" miraculously INTERVENE

B. You will see the "Hand of God" move beyond your INABILITIES

C. You will see the "Hand of God" overcome the IMPOSSIBLE

Interact with Jabez

- 1 Have you ever taken such a bold step of faith in ministry for God that you were completely dependent on God's power? What happened? How do you think Joshua felt when God instructed him to walk around Jericho seven times and shout to make the walls fall down (Joshua 6:1-20)?
- 2 A fine line exists between faith and presumption, between properly trusting in God and impetuously presuming that God will come through for you. How would you describe the difference? For a couple of interesting illustrations of presumption, read Numbers 14:39-45 and Esther 7:5-10.
- 3 Why did the Lord repeatedly encourage Moses and Joshua that He would be with them? How does the Lord's presence dispel fear? In the great commission, why do you think Jesus reminded the disciples, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20)?
- 4 Faith is a muscle that grows stronger or weaker depending on use. List some ways that the Lord stretched your faith in your lifetime.
- 5 Many people won't step out in faith because of fear of criticism or fear of making a mistake. After all, how can one be sure when walking by faith, not sight?