

# Introduction to the Prayer of Jabez

## I. The Preview on the Jabez "Keep Me From Evil"

### A. The Description of the Jabez "Keep Me From Evil"

1. "Evil" means painful or WICKED
2. "Keep me" asks that God would act to PROTECT
3. "Pain" means to hurt of experience GRIEF

### B. The Distinctives of the Jabez "Keep Me From Evil"

1. "Keep me from evil" is not only from suffering but SIN
2. "Keep me from evil" is not only from sin but SATAN
3. "Keep me from evil" is not only for the future but PRESENT
4. "Keep me from evil" is not accomplished by you but GOD
5. "Keep me from evil" is not only your pain but OTHERS

## II. The Pitfalls of the Jabez "Keep Me From Evil"

A. Misconception #1: God knows my temptations, so praying isn't necessary. The prayer to "keep me from evil" greatly affects whether you enter TEMPTATION

B. Misconception #2: I don't have to watch out for temptation - I've already prayed! The prayer to "keep me from evil" doesn't guarantee that you won't SIN

C. Misconception #3: I am strong enough to handle temptations. The prayer to "keep me from evil" is critically important in TEMPTATION

## III. The Principles of the Jabez "Keep Me from Evil"

### A. God can keep you during the three types of TEMPTATIONS

1. Pray "keep me from evil" due to the temptations of the FLESH
2. Pray "keep me from evil" due to the temptations of the WORLD
3. Pray "keep me from evil" due to the temptations of the DEVIL

### B. God warns against sin because of the potential CONSEQUENCES

### C. God works to keep you from evil even during TEMPTATION

# Interact with Jabez

- 1 When Jabez prayed that God would keep him from evil, what do you think he had in mind? List as many different types of evil as you can.
- 2 Why do you think so few people regularly ask God to keep them from evil? If a person prayed the Jabez Prayer, what specifically would change?
- 3 What do you think are the three most common sins committed in the lives of Christian today? How do those sins affect God's answers to our prayers for "enlarge my territory" and "put your hand on me"?
- 4 What is a sin that someone else committed against you or someone close to you that caused great pain? How did that pain affect you?
- 5 How do you think God ensures that your temptations are never beyond what you are able to bear? If a person deeply believed that to be true, what difference would it make the next time he was tempted?