

Preparing to be Blessed?

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The little book, *The Prayer of Jabez*, created a sensation several years ago. In it, Bruce Wilkinson quoted a prayer from 1 Chronicles 4:9-10: "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain."

I get a little nervous whenever I hear Christians praying for God's blessing. I wonder if they really know what they're asking for.

When God originally promised to bless Abraham and bring from him a great nation, He did so with a specific intent: "All peoples on earth will be blessed through you," God told him.

God tried to remind the Israelites over and over throughout their history that He had chosen and blessed them as vehicles of His grace on earth. And time after time, they forgot.

Chances are that through Jabez, God blessed others around him. With blessing comes responsibility. Are you ready for it?

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