

Pain Reliever The Prayer of Jabez

I Chronicles 4:9-10

[1Ch 4:9-10 NASB95] 9 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, "Because I bore [him] with pain." 10 Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep [me] from harm that [it] may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested.

- Pain hurts. Due to sin, the curse and Satan, we experience pain in this earth. Lately, we have endured a lot of pain.
- Yet, God's loving and powerful nature wants to alleviate the pain we are enduring.
- Let's look at a prayer that Jabez prayed.
 - He was honorable but had a bad name probably due to the circumstances of his birth.
 - He was a praying man.
 - He asked God to bless him, enlarge him, empower him, and keep him from "harm".
 - God answered him and relieved him from pain.
- God wants us to be relieved from pain.

How can we tap into the relief of pain God offers to us?

The prayer of Jabez sheds light on how we can tap into the relief of pain that God wants to give us.

- I. Prayer is the difference maker.
 - A. Same stock, same lineage; he was level with his brothers
 - B. Why more honorable? He prayed.
 1. Being a person who prays, helps you to overcome your label
 2. Being a person who prays, connects to your loving powerful Father.
- II. Prayer is your pain reliever.
 - A. Blessed indeed.
 1. Not just blessed but blessed indeed.
 2. [Eph 1:3 NASB95] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ,
 3. Not just a little. Its big.
 4. [Psa 81:10 NASB95] 10 "I, the LORD, am your God, Who brought you up from the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
 5. [Mat 21:22 NASB95] 22 "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."
 6. It is time to ask and believe for an "indeed" kind of blessing.
 - B. Enlarged territory.
 1. At the time of taking territory as part of the conquest of Canaan.
 2. Poole, "Drive out these wicked and cursed Canaanities whom You have commanded us to root out, and therefore I justly beg & expect thy blessing on the execution of Thy command.'
 3. Take back territory. Get your stuff. Get what God has promised you.
 4. [Mat 11:12 NASB95] 12 "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

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- a. The Greek verb can rightly be translated one of two ways: “suffering violence” or “forcefully advancing.”
 - b. God as forcefully advancing the kingdom against that very opposition.
 5. “LIKE NEVER BEFORE” –
 - a. [Deu 11:24 NASB95] 24 "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours; your border will be from the wilderness to Lebanon, [and] from the river, the river Euphrates, as far as the western sea.
 - b. [Jos 1:3 NASB95] 3 "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.
 6. Neither give place to the devil. — Ephesians 4:27
 - a. Renner: The word “place” is the Greek word topos. It refers to a specific, marked-off, geographical location. It carries the idea of a territory, province, region, zone, or geographical position.
 - b. Unforgiveness is way of giving place. So, is apathy.
 7. It is time to take back what Satan has stolen.
 - C. Empowered to overcome.
 1. Hand of God would be with him
 2. Biblical term for God’s power and presence.
 3. Normally, it is negative; against someone in judgement
 4. Here “with” Him.
 5. [Rom 8:31 NASB95] 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God [is] for us, who [is] against us?
 6. God wants to be with you in every battle.
 7. [Act 4:29-31 NASB95] 29 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and [began] to speak the word of God with boldness.
 8. God’s hand on our lives helps us to handle what He has given to us.
 - D. Kept from evil.
 1. Debatable: keep him from sinning or guard him from trouble
 2. Similar to [Mat 6:13 NASB95] 13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]
 3. [2Co 1:9-11 NASB95] 9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; 10 who delivered us from so great a [peril of] death, and will deliver [us,] He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, 11 you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through [the prayers of] many.
 4. Are you ready to be free from pain?
- God granted his request.
 - Are you ready to ask God to bless you? Enlarge you? Empower you? Deliver you?