



JABEZ: PART 2

Week 49 | May 6, 2025

“Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory¹, that Your hand would be with me², and that You would keep me from evil³, that I may not cause pain!”

1 Chronicles 4:10

As discussed last week, we should certainly be praying for God’s blessed **expansion**, **favor**, and **protection** over our *families, churches, and communities*. The problem is that Satan, this world, and our flesh will seek to steal, kill, and destroy all that is **holy** and **good** in our lives, striving to rob us of *every blessing* that God bestows. With that in mind, we can incorporate the Prayer of Jabez into our daily warfare against **the true Enemy** in the lives of *our loved ones* ([Ephesians 6:12](#)) and ask our righteous King to curse His enemies through:

1. REDUCTION ([Luke 10:18](#))

- a. **NOTE:** The Enemy is only as effective as **their reach** allows. When we pray for a *reduction in their territory* we partner with God in limiting the influence and impact of Satan and his forces in the lives of those around us. Power is found in **authority**, and as Evil is *cast down* from their formerly high positions, good is able to take its **proper place**. As a bonus, when those *in partnership* with the Enemy experience this reduction, it is often **a turning point** in bringing them back to God. ([John 3:30](#); [Judges 6:6](#))
 - i. **For Ex.** “Father God, thank You for allowing us entry into **Your kingdom**, for expanding its territory into our lives as You *rescued us* from the kingdom of darkness. Please continue to do so **in, among, and around** our lives today. Tear down every *toehold, foothold, and stronghold* of evil, bringing the forces of darkness low beneath the **footstool of Your judgement**. Limit and reduce their *influence and impact*, Lord, destroying any form of authority they may have.”
 1. **REMEMBER:** *Rock bottom* can serve as a **firm foundation**. ([1 Pet. 5:10](#))

2. OPPOSITION ([James 4:6](#))

- a. **NOTE:** God has not left this world to its **own devices**. He is still *actively at work*, showing favor to some and **opposition** to others. When the *hand of God* is seen powerfully at work, **pushing back** and knocking down *proud obstacles* that seek to *obstruct His truth*, the kingdom of Heaven is advanced. This further serves to mark a **clear distinction** between *God’s people* and the Enemy’s and allows for others to be **drawn to the Father** who can truly save them. ([Job 31:23](#); [1 Corinthians 10:5](#))

- i. **For Ex.** “Lord God, thank You for **opposing us** in our *pride and arrogance*, for humiliating us when we **refused to humble ourselves**. Grant *Your enemies* in our lives the same mercy this day, sending Your **hand of opposition** against them in all that they do so that they might *turn to You* instead. Reveal Your mighty power and righteousness today, Lord, making **the distinction** between *good and evil* clear so that all who witness it might learn to know You.”
 1. **REMEMBER:** *How we respond to God’s opposition* determines how long we experience it. ([1 Peter 5:6](#))

3. DESTRUCTION ([2 Corinthians 10:4](#))

- a. **NOTE:** While God certainly prefers to **demonstrate His power** through *the blessings* of His children, He is just as glorified through the **destruction** of *their enemies*. God is **good**, therefore all that He says and does is *good as well*. This means that even the pain and destruction that He **sends** or **allows** into our lives is *for our good* and for the good of others, for the **merciful misery** of God is *a wonderful tool* in bringing about repentance. ([Proverbs 16:4](#); [Week 39](#))
 - i. **For Ex.** “Dear Lord, thank You for **destroying** that which we *used to be* in order to bring about our rebirth into all we were **meant to be**. Please *continue the work* of Your holy destruction today, completely **demolishing** all that is *Evil* in, among, and around our lives. Bring on the pain, Lord, that **turns the wicked** from their *foolish ways* and pushes them into Your loving arms that offer **healing, freedom, and protection**.”
 1. **REMEMBER:** God loves to **bring beauty** from *the ashes* of our destruction. ([Isaiah 61:3](#))

Questions for Reflection:

- Has God **reduced** your *territory*, **limited** your *influence*, or **hindered** your *impact*?
 - How far does He have to go before you get the hint? Stop seeking to build your kingdom and aim to **advance His** instead.
- How have you **responded** to the *opposition of God* in your life?
 - Proudful arrogance serves to do nothing but make things worse. Surrender your **entitlement** so that God might *bless your humility* instead.
- What has God **sought to destroy** in your life that you continue to *hold onto*?
 - Ashes only come on the other side of the fire. Whatever it is, give it to Him. The beauty He offers **far outweighs** whatever you’re clinging to.