



**Sunday September 16, 2018**  
**Reverse The Curse**

**1 Chronicles 4:9-10**

**9** Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain."

**10** And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

Our desire today is to remind all of us about the infinite greatness of our God

Jabez, the name means 'he will cause pain', or 'he will cause grief'.

A name in Hebrew culture was very important. It was descriptive of the nature, character, life and experience of a person. It was prophetic in many ways.

For Jabez, his name was like a curse pronounced over his life.

A curse is anything evil spoken of or declared over your life. Anything that is put on you to determine an unpleasant experience and outcome in life.

**#1, Sometimes people declare evil over our lives**

You may have had negative things spoken about you or over you.

It could have been parents, friends, colleagues, managers, bosses, others...who did not believe in you. They may have belittled you, destroyed whatever hope and confidence you had.

The truth of the matter is what others speak over you should not affect you - unless you come into agreement with them.

When Balak attempted to get Balaam to curse Israel, here is what Balaam said:

**Numbers 23:20-23**

**20** Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

**21** "He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, And the shout of a King is among them.

**22** God brings them out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox.

**23** "For there is no sorcery against Jacob, Nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob And of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!'

God has blessed you and no one can change that.

No sorcery, divination or witchcraft can prevail against you - unless you come into agreement with it.



### **Proverbs 26:2**

**Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.**

Don't give the evil that people speak over you and opportunity to settle over your life!

### ***#2, Sometimes experiences and circumstances burden us with evil***

Sometimes the experiences we have gone through haunt us and repeatedly stare us in the face, telling us that we are doomed to failure, we cannot and will not succeed, etc.

The dreams you once carried have been shattered because of something tragic..and you feel that you can never recover again.

### ***#3, Sometimes we declare evil over our own lives***

For some of us, our biggest problems are what we speak over our own lives.

We speak evil over our own lives. We belittle ourselves with the words we speak. This definitely needs to change.

### **What Did Jabez Do?**

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers....because he took up his case with God. Jabez called on the God of Israel to see his life be blessed.

He asked for 5 things:

- ✓ Bless me
- ✓ Enlarge my territory (boundaries)
- ✓ Let your hand be with me. The 'hand of the Lord' as understood in Old Testament Scripture referred to God's power or God's empowering upon the person.
- ✓ Keep me from evil
- ✓ Make me a blessing (that I may not cause pain)

God granted Him what he asked.

This means he enjoyed good and became a blessing - even though his name, identity and destiny - was pronounced to be one that causes pain.

He reversed the curse upon his life!

You can too!

### **God has already provided a place of blessing for you!**

Take sides with God.

In Christ God has already provided all 5 of these for you and me.

- ✓ Bless me : In Christ the Bible says that you have been blessed with all spiritual blessings according to Ephesians 1:3
- ✓ Enlarge my territory (boundaries) : In Christ God is for you and He always causes you to triumph according to 2 Corinthians 2:14. So you will conquer, triumph, advance, increase.



- ✓ Let your hand be with me. The 'hand of the Lord' as understood in Old Testament Scripture referred to God's power or God's empowering upon the person. In Christ you are anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit. God's grace and empowering is upon you according to 2 Corinthians 1:21.
- ✓ Keep me from evil : In Christ you are preserved and protected. That evil one cannot touch you according to 1 John 5:18
- ✓ Make me a blessing (that I may not cause pain) : In Christ the blessing of Abraham is on your life and part of that blessing is that you will be a blessing.

So dare to reverse the curse over your life!

Refuse the evil spoken over you and affirm your IDENTITY, INHERITANCE and DESTINY that is yours IN CHRIST JESUS.

Refuse the evil that seems to hover over your life - whether evil words others speak over you, whether the evil of past experiences or circumstances or even the evil you have been speaking over your life. Say 'no' to these things.

Declare and affirm that:

- I am blessed
- God causes me to triumph, grow and increase
- God's hand is upon me, anointing me and empowering me
- No evil shall befall me
- God makes me a blessing to others

MINISTRY TIME  
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LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages: *1 Chronicles 4:9-10*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*1) Is there evil that seems to weigh down over you and keep you from being all that you know you were meant to be? This 'evil' could be what people keep saying about us; what our past experiences keep shouting to us or the wrong things we speak over our own lives.*

*2) Jabez prayed a bold and daring prayer and God answered him. Would you take action against the evil that seems to keep you down. PRAY and ask God to reverse it. DECLARE what is already yours in Christ and reverse it.*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**



Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*1, families to be protected and strengthened*

*2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.