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**Does God Want to Bless My Life?**

**1 Chronicles 4:9-10**

* This is God’s Word.
* It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.
* It has God for its author,
* salvation for its end,
* and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.
* It is the supreme source of truth
* for what we believe
* and how we live.

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**There was a man named Jabez who was more honorable than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because his birth had been so painful. He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!” And God granted him his request. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10**

**And Jabez was more honorable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (KJV)**

**The Word “Blessed” is Found Almost 500 Times in the English Translation of our Bible.**

**There are Two Different Words Translated “Blessed” in the Hebrew Old Testament.**

* **The first refers to HAPPINESS.**
* **The second refers to DIVINE FAVOR.**

**God wants to give you JOY - that happiness that is independent of any situation or circumstance!**

**BUT**

**He also wants to rain down His DIVINE FAVOR on your life!**

**Jabez Was an Honorable Man.**

**Jabez Asked God for Four Things.**

* **Bless me indeed.**
* **Expand my territory.**
* **Be with me in all I do.**
* **Keep me from evil.**

**God Granted His Request!**