

“LORD MAKE ME MORE HONORABLE”

Scripture used: [1 Chronicles 4:9-10](#), [Joshua 3:5](#), [Psalm 139:23-24](#)

OVERVIEW

“Lord Make Me More Honorable” is the beginning of a new series of sermons called “Dangerous Prayers” here at New Beginnings. Dangerous prayers can shake up our dreams, ambitions, and impact our legacy and destiny. Pastor Hurmon encourages us all to pray, “Lord make me honorable.” In so doing, we will acknowledge room for growth in our character, integrity, and honesty. As we grow in understanding our weaknesses and as we strive for purity, we are better equipped to experience the wonders that God has prepared for us.

KEY POINTS

- 1) **Jabez’s prayer.** In this sermon we review Jabez’s prayers in [1 Chronicles 4:9-10](#). Jabez prays to God to expand his territory, influence, and impact as well as bless him and be with him in all that he does. God granted Jabez his dreams because he was honorable. Now that you’re ready to pursue a God sized dream, just as Jabez was, God will prepare us for what he has in store through prayer to be more honorable.
- 2) **“Lord, make me more honorable.”** A couple weeks ago, Pastor Hurmon Hamilton asked us to pray about our God-sized dreams. Because new dreams initiate new seasons. Through the prayer, “Lord make me more honorable” we find ourselves praying on the why behind these God-sized dreams. Praying on being more honorable enables us to find depth within our character, integrity, and honesty. Certain acknowledgments come with the prayer to be more honorable.
 - a) **I can be more honorable.** With the recognition in this prayer, we are essentially saying “I can be more honorable.” This prayer acknowledges that there is room for growth within our character. God is far more interested in shaping character than letting believers stay comfortable.
 - b) **I want to be more honorable.** Through this prayer, we feel guided to want to grow in our character, integrity, and honesty. Soon enough we will want the life we live to come out from a place containing these values. Through the want to be more honorable, the gap between who we say we are and who we really are will start to close because through God’s assistance, we will become more honorable.
- 3) **Purify yourselves.** In [Joshua 3:5](#), the nation of Israel is at the banks of the Jordan river and God is about to do a great miracle. They’ve been in the wilderness for 40 years and God is going to miraculously open Jordan like He did 40 years earlier when He opened the Red Sea. And when they pass through the Jordan river they’re going to make their way through the land of promises & walk towards fulfillment. It is a place where they will build new homes and fulfill their God sized dreams. But before God can fulfill this dream, He asks the people to “purify yourselves” before receiving a grand miracle. God knew that if their hearts’ desires were in the wrong place, the blessing would turn into a curse. Through purifying ourselves, wonders can happen to us and for us.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - We all have dreams and ambitions that need the assistance of God. This is what makes these goals God-sized dreams. The importance behind these dreams is not exactly what they’re but why they’re your dream. Not just what you’re pursuing, but why you’re pursuing. As you pray, “Lord make me more honorable” you will begin to grow in your honesty, especially within yourself. Ponder on the honest reason behind the dreams and ambitions you’re pursuing.
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - In [Joshua 3:5](#), God asks the nation of Israel to “purify yourselves” before opening up the river of Jordan. The importance of purifying your heart within your God-sized dream comes with recognizing that we strive to serve God rather than pray to serve our dream. God wants to prepare us for a new level of faithfulness, through purity in our hearts we can prepare for the wonders God has not just for us but through us.
- 3) **DO** - Through the next week pray, “Lord search my heart and help me to become more honorable.” Additionally reflect on the question, “What do you fear most about earnestly asking God to search your heart?” Next Sunday, we will continue the series “Dangerous Prayers.”