

Series: Striving Together in Prayer

# CALL UNTO ME

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Introduction:

A well-known author and authority on prayer was giving a seminar.

During the question-and-answer period, a man raised his hand and boldly asked, "Doctor, how should I pray?" "It's very simple," the noted expert responded without hesitation. "Ask God."

In our text we are given a great promise.

At this time Jeremiah is shut up in prison and is discouraged. God encourages Jeremiah to pray.

This encouragement to pray is appropriate for us today as well.

Note:

# 1. COMMAND OR INVITATION TO PRAY – CALL UNTO ME

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## A. A Personal Invitation

Every believer is invited by the Lord—“Call unto me...”  
The only requirements are that we have a clean heart  
and ask in faith.

### **Hebrews 10:22**

<sup>22</sup> *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance  
of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil  
conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Note two phrases used in this verse.

- A True Heart

This is a heart “without hypocrisy.” It means sincerity  
and purity. Unless I come unto God confessing and  
repenting of my sins God will not hear me.

### **Psalm 66:18**

<sup>18</sup> *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear  
me:*

I must not harbor sin in my heart and take pleasure in  
my iniquity.

- Full Assurance of Faith

The “full assurance of faith” means unwavering confidence; a fullness of faith in God which leaves no room for doubt.

Note not only a “Personal Invitation” but also:

### B. A Privileged Invitation

According to the dictionary a privilege is “a special or peculiar benefit, favor, or advantage.”

God has given a PRIVILEGED INVITATION to every believer—“Call unto me, and I will answer thee...”

When we fail to call unto God--ask in faith, nothing wavering--we are living beneath our privilege.

Truly it can be said of many believers:

#### ***James 4:2***

*<sup>2</sup>Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, **yet ye have not, because ye ask not.***

What great things God could do if we would only ask.

Illustration:

A man dreamed, while traveling, that he came to a little church. On the roof was a devil fast asleep.

He went along farther and came to a log cabin which was surrounded by devils all wide awake.

He asked one of them what it meant.

The devil said, "I will tell you. The fact is that the whole church is asleep, and one devil can take care of all the people; but here are a man and a woman who commune with God in prayer, and they have more power than the whole church."

Every time we pray, our horizon is altered, our attitude to things is altered, not sometimes but every time, and the amazing thing is that we don't pray more.

Notice not only "Our Command or Our Invitation To Pray" but also:

## 2. CONFIDENCE OR INCREDIBLENESS IN PRAYER – I WILL ANSWER THEE

### **Jeremiah 33:3**

<sup>3</sup> Call unto me, **and I will answer thee**, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Note:

#### A. An Incredible Promise

The God of this universe, the Creator of everything we see, feel, and hear, the Redeemer of mankind has promised— “Call unto me, and I will answer thee...”. What an incredible promise this is!

Prayer changes things. The Bible says,

### **James 5:16**

<sup>16</sup> Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man **availeth much**.

Prayer for the sick is not a substitute for medicine, prayer for daily bread is not a substitute for work, and prayer for the lost is no substitute for the gospel, but those things are no substitute for prayer either.

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." And many more things yet would be wrought by it, if we prayed more.

- God commands us to pray

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

<sup>17</sup> *Pray without ceasing.*

**Colossians 4:2**

<sup>2</sup> *Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;*

**Philippians 4:6**

<sup>6</sup> *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

To let us pray would be marvelous, but He commands us to pray which is incredible!

Not only is this an "Incredible Promise" but also:

B. An Incontestable Promise

When something is incontestable it means that it cannot be called into question. God has given a promise that cannot be questioned—"I will answer thee...". It is INCONTESTABLE because of:

- God's Character

As God revealed Himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ through the gospel we see Him as a God of love, full of grace and truth. How would He refuse to help us who humbly seek His face and favor? Would God ask us to seek His face and then when we call unto Him fail to answer us? The obvious answer is NO! The gracious nature of His character is seen in:

**Romans 8:32**

*<sup>32</sup> He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

Not only is this promise incontestable because of "God's Character" but also:

- God's Compassion

The love of God displayed for us on Calvary gives us proof positive that God hears and answers prayer.

**Hebrews 10:19-23**

*<sup>19</sup> Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; <sup>21</sup> And having an high priest over the house of God; <sup>22</sup> Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts*

*sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.* <sup>23</sup> *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

We are blessed as believers because of Christ's once-for-all death for us at Calvary. Because we have a perfect standing in Christ, we can have boldness (literally “freedom of speech”) to come into His presence.

Note not only the “Command or Invitation to Pray” and the “Confidence or Incredibility in Prayer” but also:

### **3. CONSEQUENCES OR INDESCRIBABLENESS FROM PRAYER – SHEW THEE GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS**

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<sup>3</sup> *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

The word indescribable means “incapable of being described, too complex, extreme.”

God can do things which our minds cannot even begin to imagine. God promises:



A. An Indescribable Provision –  
“Great...things...”

It tells us in Ephesians 3:20:

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*<sup>20</sup> Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

He can do more than men ask for.

God will either give you what you ask or something far better.

Our greatest aspirations are not beyond His power to supply.

Not only is there an “Incredible Provision” but also:

B. An Incredible Power – “mighty things”

God's power through prayer is truly amazing. The word mighty here is translated from a Hebrew word that means “fortified, walled up, strong.”

God works things that our beyond human comprehension.

Quote:

Charles Spurgeon said, “Wait upon God in prayer, and you have the promise that He will do greater things for you than you know of. We know not the potential for usefulness may be in us...when Christ by His Spirit grips you, what can you not do? Truly you can adopt Paul's language and say, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' However, do not depend upon prayers without effort. There are many believers who appear to be very mighty in prayer and wondrous in supplication, but then they require God to do what they can do themselves, and therefore God does nothing for them.”

Note not only “An Indescribable Provisions and Power” but also:

C. An Indescribable Provider – “Which Thou Knowest Not”

Note in Romans 11

**Romans 11:33-36**

*<sup>33</sup> O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! <sup>34</sup> For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? <sup>35</sup> Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? <sup>36</sup> For of him,*

*and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

Our God is truly an INDESCRIBABLE PROVIDER!

Sometimes God is so touched by what he sees, he gives us what we need and not simply that for which we ask.

God told Jeremiah, “To me alone it belongs to reveal what is future; and the stupendous things which are now coming are known only to myself...Ask thou, O Jeremiah, and I will tell thee the great and mighty things which even thou knowest not.”

Close:

We see our Invitation the Incredible and Indescribability of Prayer.

Are we asking in faith.

If we are He WILL show us great and mighty things even things we know not.