

CALL UNTO ME

JEREMIAH 33:3

Text: Jeremiah 33:3

Jeremiah 33:3 (KJV)

³ Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Introduction:

Jeremiah lived in tough times. His people were taken captive. His message had been rejected, and he had been imprisoned.

But the weeping prophet received a good word.

1. THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER – “CALL UNTO ME”

A. Prayer begins with God’s invitation.

1. Not with our troubled condition
2. Consider Jeremiah’s difficulty (vs. 1)

Jeremiah 33:1 (KJV)

¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

3. There are many invitations to pray in the Bible

Matthew 7:7 (KJV)

⁷ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

James 4:2 (KJV)

² 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.

2. THE PROMISE OF PRAYER – “I WILL ANSWER THEE”

A. This is not like turning some wheel and hoping that which we desire stops in the right spot.

Illustrations: Answers to prayer

Abraham – son in his old age (Gen. 21)

Elijah – prayer for rain (1 Kings 18)

David – Prayer for freedom from fear (Psalms 34:4)

Psalms 34:4 (KJV)

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Solomon – Prayed for wisdom (2 Chronicles 1)

3. THE POWER OF PRAYER – “GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS”

A. God gives all we ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20 (KJV)

²⁰ 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,

B. Prayer moves mountains

Matthew 17:20 (KJV)

²⁰ And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

C. All things are possible with God

Mark 9:23 (KJV)

²³ Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth.

Close:

We need to

Pray for our homes

Pray for our churches

Pray for our nation