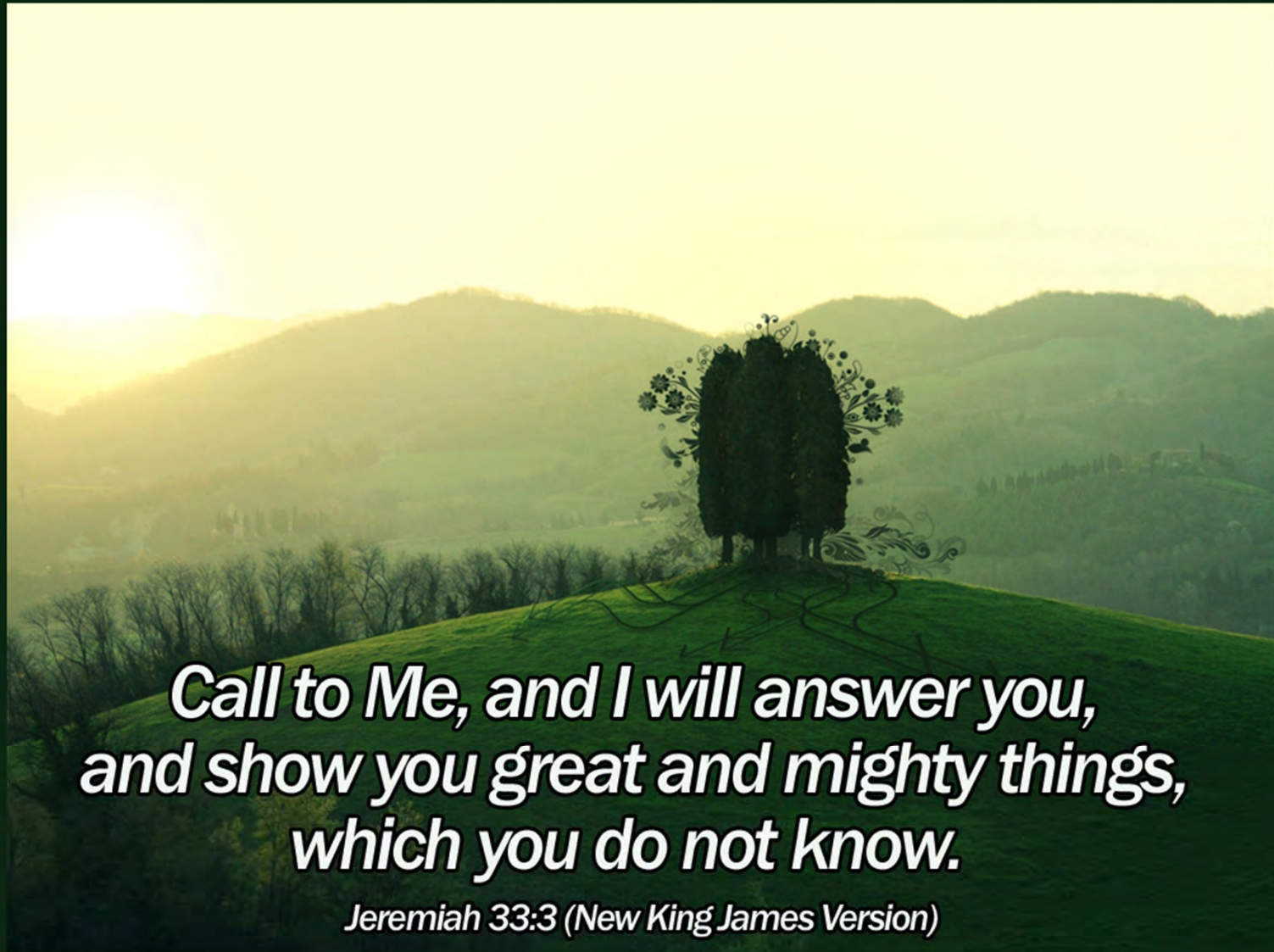


# **Equipping for Impact**



**Meditating in the Scriptures**





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and show you great and mighty things,  
which you do not know.***

*Jeremiah 33:3 (New King James Version)*



# JEREMIAH

## THE PROPHET TO JUDAH





# Jeremiah

## 2:9-13

**My people have committed two evils:**

**They have forsaken Me,**

**The fountain of living waters,**





**My people have committed two evils:**



**And hewn themselves cisterns  
broken cisterns that can hold no water.**

“Your own wickedness will correct you,  
And your backslidings will rebuke you.  
Know therefore and see that it is an evil  
and bitter thing that you have forsaken the  
Lord your God, and the fear of Me is not  
in you,” says the Lord God of hosts.

Jeremiah 2:19

# Two Evils

- **Going Own Way**



**People think they know best**

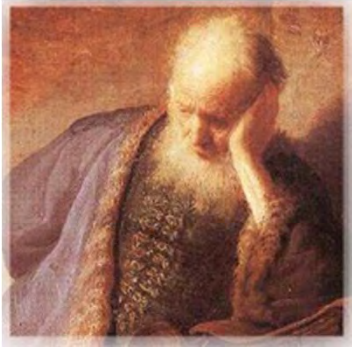
**People think they can go it alone**

- **Forsaking God**



**To look to anything apart from  
God to make life work is to  
forsake God.**

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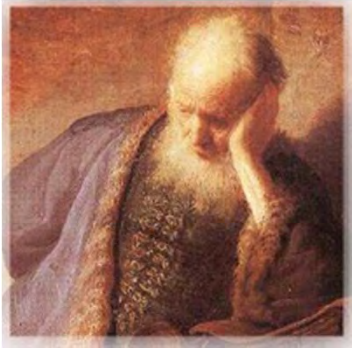
## His Times

- Assyrian Rule to Babylonian Captivity
- 627 – 586 BC
- 5 Kings – Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoichin, Zedekiah
- Return to the Lord

## His Call to Service

- Jeremiah 1  
Called before born  
Commissioned to nations
- Visions & Symbolic Actions
- Judgment for Idolatry





# JEREMIAH

## His Signs

- Sign of Linen Girdle (13:1-27)
- Sign of the Drought (14:1-15:21)
- Sign of the Unmarried Prophet (16:1-17:18)
- Sign of the Potter's House (18:1-19:13)
- Sign of the Figs (24:1-10)
- Sign of the Yokes (27:1-28:17)
- Sign of the Field of Hanameel (32:6-44)
- Sign of the Rechabites (35:1-19)
- Sign of the Hidden Stones in Egypt (43:8-13)



# JEREMIAH

## His Sufferings

- In the stocks (19:14-20:18)
- In danger – Murder of Urijah (26:20-24)
- In prison (32:1-5)
- Prophecy cut up by King Jehoiakim (36:1-32)
- Imprisoned by Zedekiah (37:1-39:18)
- Forcibly carried to Egypt (43:1-7)





# JEREMIAH

## The Command – Call Unto Me

- “Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you” (Psalm 50:15).
- “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near” (Isaiah 55:6).
- “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you” (Matthew 7:7).



# JEREMIAH

## The Command – Call Unto Me

- “Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation” (Matthew 26:41).
- “Pray without ceasing” (I Thessalonians 5:17).
- “Continue in prayer” (Colossians 4:2).
- “Come boldly unto the throne of grace” (Hebrews 4:16).





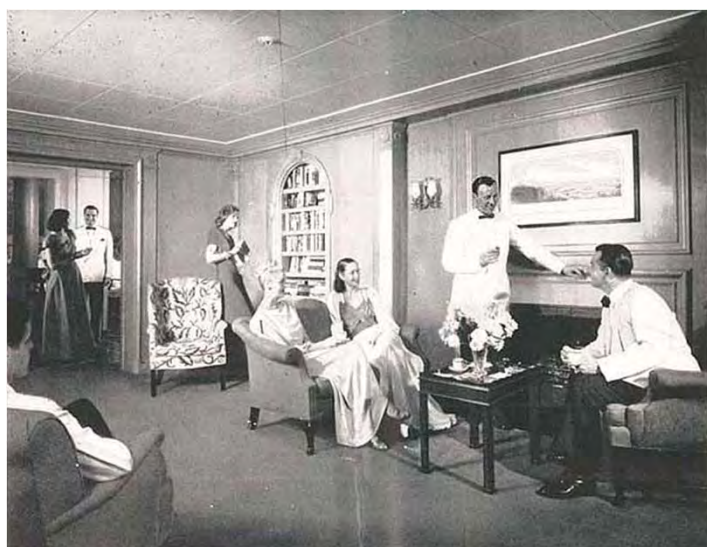
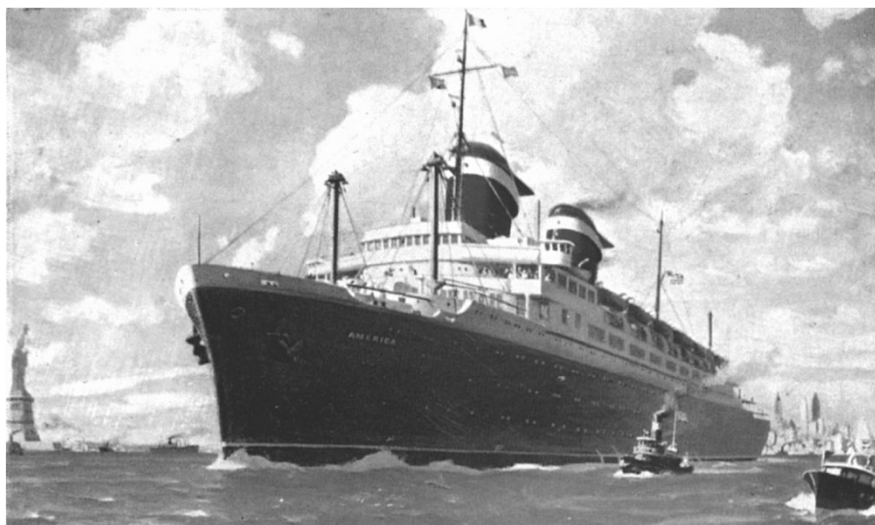
# JEREMIAH

## The Promise – I Will Answer You

- Because God loves us He promises what is best
- Because God is wise He perceives what is best
- Because God is powerful He provides what is best
- The Orange Story



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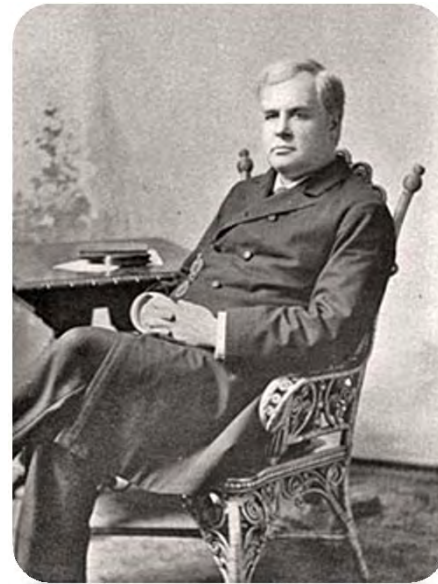


# Thoughts on Prayer

**A. J. Gordon**

**There is more you can do  
after you pray, but there  
is nothing you can do  
until you pray.**

**When we work we get  
what we can do; when  
we pray we get what God  
can do.**



# Thoughts on Prayer

**John R. Rice**

The disciples never asked the Lord to  
teach them to: sing – preach - share  
their faith...But Lord, teach us to pray.  
Luke 11:1

The Bible does not say:

Preach without ceasing

Sing without ceasing

Study without ceasing

Share your faith without ceasing...

But pray without ceasing.



# Thoughts on Prayer

## Philip Brooks

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold on His willingness.

Skeptics argue that answered prayers are only coincidences, but as one man said, "Its amazing how many coincidences occur when one begins to pray."







# JEREMIAH

**The Promise – I Will Answer You**

God answers prayer because:

He is listening.

He is interested.

He is able.

He is willing.

# Thoughts on Prayer Answers

**God Answers in several ways : Sometimes Different Than Asked**

**John 4:46-54**

**Jesus in Cana**

**Nobleman from Capernaum ask Jesus to come**

**Jesus said “Go your way your son lives.”**

# Thoughts on Prayer Answers

**God Answers in several ways : Sometimes Delayed**

**John 11:3-6**

**Lazarus is sick unto death**

**Jesus “This sickness is not unto death but for the glory of God.” ... He stayed two more days in the place where he was.**

# Thoughts on Prayer Answers

**God Answers in several ways : Sometimes No**

**2 Corinthians 12:7-9 - No to remove a thorn in the flesh – but gives grace**

**2 Samuel 7 – No to David's Request to build God a house – but gives to David the promise of a household of kings forever on his throne.**



# Thoughts on Prayer Answers

## When God Answers:

**"No," we often live in denial rather than looking for what he has for us.**

**"Wait," we often get fidgety rather than resting that his timing is best to show forth his glory.**

# Thoughts on Prayer Answers

## When God Answers:

**“In a different way” we are often disappointed rather than rejoicing that he has a better way.**

**When we call and God answers immediately, we sometimes glory in our ability and fail to give glory to God for others to hear and rejoice with us.**



# JEREMIAH

## The Provision – And Show You Great and Mighty Things

Jeremiah 32:17-19

**‘Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. <sup>18</sup> *You* show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them—the Great, the Mighty God, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts. <sup>19</sup> *You are* great in counsel and mighty in work, for Your eyes *are* open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.**



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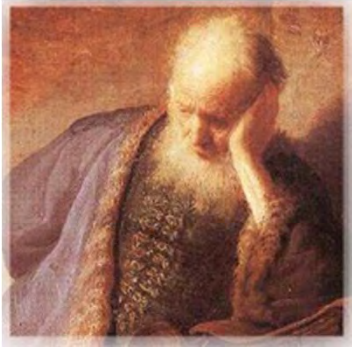
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Missionary on furlough from Africa – 26 Body Guards

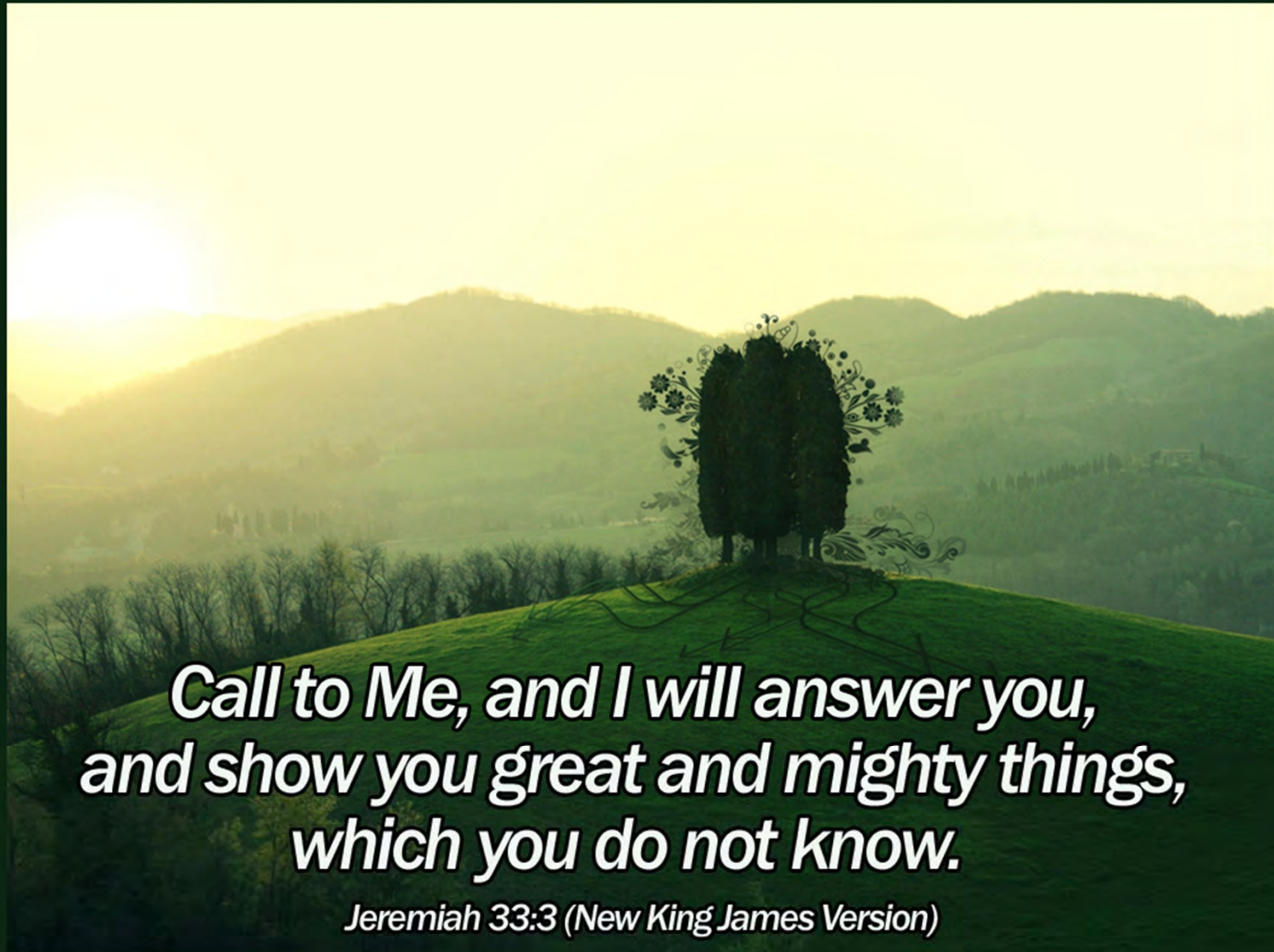




# JEREMIAH 33:3

**The Call - The Promise - The Provision**

- **Call unto Me**
- **And I will answer you**
- **And show you great and mighty things which you do not know**



***Call to Me, and I will answer you,  
and show you great and mighty things,  
which you do not know.***

*Jeremiah 33:3 (New King James Version)*



**Behold what manner of love  
the Father bestowed on us, that we should be called  
children of God! Therefore the world does not  
know us because it did not know Him.**

**1 John 3:1 (New King James Version)**

