

## Accessing the Secrets of God

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[Jer 33:3 NASB95] 3 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

- There are too many moving parts in this world. Things are being done in secret with hidden agendas and hurtful schemes to empower evil people.
- The picture of the world painted in Scripture of the end times is not pretty.
- To accomplish what God has called us to accomplish in these last days will require divine information.
- Jeremiah and Israel were in a time of captivity. Jeremiah was imprisoned (33:1). God reminded him that He had power over all creation (33:2). It was time for the people of God to prosper and be restored even during the horrible environment.
- From v. 4-26 are a revelation of the God promises. V. 3 seems to be access point for receiving God's promises.
- Verse 3 God says,
  - Call to Me – The people of God were to call on God. What does it mean to call on God? Prayer. Worship. Fasting. Bible study. Faith to preaching of the Word.
  - I will answer – God promises to answer.
    - The call to prayer by God to pray for that which He is determined to grant. Promises are made by God to quicken the prayers of His people.
  - I will tell you great and mighty things which you do not know – He will give them access to His secrets.
    - This phrase is typically used in context of fortified walls. The fortified things in God secret counsel fall through answer to prayer.
    - This is connected to the truth that nothing is too hard for God (32:17).

### How do we access the secrets of the promises of God?

In Jeremiah 33:3, there are three elements of accessing the secrets of God.

#### I. God wants us to call on Him.

- a. [Mat 6:8-9 NASB95] 8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
- b. God knows what we need. Prayer is necessary to access what God wants to do in our lives.
- c. Live a life of prayer, worship, fasting, Bible study, and listening to preaching.
- d. Proof of your passion is your pursuit.

#### II. God wants us to believe that He will answer.

- a. [1Jo 5:14-15 NASB95] 14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us [in] whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.
- b. We did not box God in a corner. In His sovereignty, God has committed Himself to answer the prayer of His people!
- c. He will answer you.

#### III. God wants to give us access to His secrets which help us to receive the promises.

- a. The people of God were in such desperate situation it seemed hopeless.

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- b. How can things change? Is it possible to overcome the challenges?
  - c. Two issues here: 1. We are limited; 2. He is unlimited.
  - d. God has unlimited knowledge. God wants to share that knowledge.
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- When we call on God, He has committed Himself to answer with revelation that gives us access to all He has promised to do in our lives.
  - Live a life of calling on Him.
  - Trust He will answer you.
  - Know that God has the answer to every situation.
  - Are you seeking God about the impossible situations of your life?