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"Call Unto Me..."

<u>Introduction</u>: For years, one of my favorite prayer verses has been, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).:

EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER

This is embodied in the words, "Call unto Me." Although much is said about Jerusalem in the context, this is a personal word from the Lord to Jeremiah. The name, "LORD," used in the surrounding verses, not only reminds us that He is the Self-Existent One, but that we are privileged to call on such an awesome Being. The Lord ralso says to our hearts: "CALL" to call out to properly the same of the property of the same of the

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Not only are we blessed to enjoy the privilege of prayer, but He promises, "I will answer thee." The idea set forth in the word, "I will "answer," is "respond to, or receive." Our great God pledges to hear us and be responsive to us. Of course, in this phrase, we have one of God's great "I Will" statements of the Old Testament. The God Who never fails, promises to respond to our prayers. The Lord tells us, as well:

EXPECT THE POWER OF PRAYER!

While in and of itself, prayer possesses no power, it becomes a "fungal special channel through which God's power flows! The God Who says, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee," also promises that He will "shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Prayer, offered in the enablement of the Spirit, connects us to the greatness and might of God. "Connected to the MIGHT of God"

The last phrase, "which thou knowest not," reminds us that there are spheres of blessing we have never entered, and cannot enter in ourselves. May "the Spirit of grace and supplications" be pleased to help us tap into these divine resources.

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