Jer: 33: - 32: 42 - 33: 3 Intro: a command to pray? Why? Such is our preoccupation w/ the world, we need a command to take the blessing O offers. Thirsty, water, hungry, food - we dont forget to eat, go to work, school. (get) - Kim's accident on Sunday & test on Mon. - Yet we forget to pray: Hours for the world, moments for X. - Jeremiah in prison

(1) O's people have always in their worst condition found out the best of O. He is always good, but He seems to be at His best when we are at our worst.

(2) Spurgeon: they who dive in the sea of affliction bring up rare pearls.

(3) Sometimes O must put us in a prison before we will pray - Psu 130: 1 - "Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord." O puts us in depths so we will cry our way out. (4) - w/ Prayer Never Powerless

I - Prayer Should Be Our Immediate Response: "Call unto me." Why? Don't get concerned till Doctor does

1 - Because of our Situation is Perilous to call on O means to summon His aid -

(1) "Calling in this sense constitutes a prayer prompted by a recognized need -

- to call out loudly. "Shout" - Goliath

(2) use of this word carries a sense of urgency, emergency & desperation.

Jer 35:3 (2)

(3) Jeremiah's fours = famine, pestilence, Jeremiah's own brush w/ death

(4) "Situation is desperate but we're not."

(a) Because Satan is not idle - Society crumbling, moral walls collapsing, breakup of families, children growing up before we know it & gone from parental guidance for good & O,

— No Civilization or society remains static Either advancing or decaying

(B) Because things have advanced beyond our ability to handle it = a feeling of helplessness pervades our land.

~~Jehosh~~ (Jehoshaphat) II Chron: 20:12 = "we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee."

Surely we have learned that by now = only O can save us — we must cry unto the Lord. Little mediatative prayers are out - It is time to cry, shout unto the Lord

2 Because our Saviour Is powerful

vs. 2. The detailed description of O emphasizes His Sovereignty over the earth = Control & Certainty of accomplishment

(1 Formed it = to produce, create = a technical ~~term~~ potters word, craftmanship or handwind — "forming of plans in one's mind "a steadfast purpose or frame of mind."

② Establish = accomplish, do it.

Spurgeon: "When you open the window on your side, it will not be bolted on the other."

II Such Prayer Brings an Inevitable Reply = "answer thee"

1- G will answer = answer = to respond, but necessarily, a verbal response

② show, tell = "represent the reporting of a messenger about a matter of life & death to the recipient"

③ to explain or reveal something which one does not otherwise obtain.

ANSWER ASSURED BY HIS PROMISES - 32:42-44
1,000 in pennies

2- ANSWER AIDED BY OUR COOPERATION = we must ask, call = sometimes, G wants to do but only if we ask - James 4.
Phil 1:19; 2 Cor 1:9-11

III - Such Prayer Obtains an Incredible Revelation = great & mighty things which thou knowest not = "what an apt description of the church." - that which is inaccessible, beyond the normal reach of human heart.

1- Beyond our Comprehension - G's truths are guarded - we can enter the fortress of G - that which is plain & obvious to some is an mystery to others - hence their anxiety, worry, & fled - James 4 - a simple answer!

Jer 33:3 (4)

2- Beyond our Circumstances Jeremiah is in prison, but not imprisoned.

- what are your circumstances that make you think you are useless -

→ Can pray & touch the world -

- w/ Prayer, no child of G should never feel helpless or useless

Paul ~~for~~ in bonds, but the word of G not bound. "an ambassador in bonds."