

Believing God - Jeremiah 33:3

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I. Introduction. (Numbers 23:19)

Speaker made a promise to his son that he neglected to keep, but he never claimed that promise. Should not trust a father who makes a promise to his son and does not keep it.

II. The promise of God - if you ask God something, he will answer. (Jeremiah 33:3)

A. It has a New Testament counterpart - God will show us mighty things that we do not even know. (Ephesians 3:20)

B. We may not have immediate contact with friends and business associates, but we have immediate access to the God of the universe. All we have to say is, "Father."

1. Example of a fellow who had to pray about ten minutes to get into the Spirit.

2. A great lesson to the speaker: help me to get into the Spirit the moment that I say "Father."

C. It is a tragedy the things we ask for when we approach the Almighty God.

1. Personal example of speaker meeting with a believer for prayer every morning and not leaving until they believed that God would give them anything that they asked.

2. It is better to be with someone who prays too long than someone who says a little "conscience pleaser."

D. Whatever God gives you to do, He wants to make you 100% successful.

1. The Lord wants us to prosper. (Psalm 1)

2. Example of getting a Sunday school class to work because of prayer.

3. If you cannot give God 1/48th of your day, you should not expect much.

4. The launch of the Navigators ministry.

E. There are a million potential soul saving stations in the American home today.

1. The gates will be open night and day. (Isaiah)

2. You have to touch people in the small places before you can touch them in the big places.

3. Everyone who is saved has enough knowledge to impart the gospel to others.

- a. The example of the man who waited thirty years to share Christ with his friend; the friend said, he too had waited thirty years.
- b. Another example of a man who was attending tent meetings that never heard the gospel. It is not our business to decipher whether another man should or should not receive the gospel.
- c. We should not judge whether someone is ready to listen or not - we should just share.

4. The gospel.

- a. Only a heartbeat is keeping many from hell. (John 3:36)
- b. Example of sharing with speaker's brother; the brother told the speaker not to talk to him. You do not talk to someone who asks you not to, you talk to the Lord.
- c. Examples of asking the Lord for an opportunity to witness on a plane. One of those witnessed to died shortly after.

F. "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4)

- 1. The example of Walt breaking promises. (Isaiah 58:14)
- 2. God would have continued Walt in the plans He had for him had he confessed.

Application questions.

1. What does your prayer life look like? Do your prayers look like "conscience pleasers"? Do you spend ten minutes trying to get "into the Spirit"? How has this message impacted you in that regard?

2. What type of things do you pray for? In light of this message, what kind of things ought we pray for?

3. Where are you at with personal evangelism? How has this message affected you in that area of your life? Are there any people in your immediate circumstances that you could share the gospel with, even today?
