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Jeremiah 33:3, *“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”*

For the first few years of my life, we did not have a phone in the house. The only way to communicate was to write a letter or physically go see someone. By the time I was six, we had a phone. There was only one in the house and it could not be moved. We were on a party line shared with our neighbor. With time, we had cell phones and instant communication everywhere. There are no longer any charges for long distance. Communication is easy and quickly available no matter where you are.

The access we have to the LORD has always been just as quick and readily available, but so many are not calling upon the LORD. For those who are Christians, we have this access to the LORD. We do not have to be afraid to call upon Him. We can boldly do so. Hebrews 4:16, *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

There are many reasons we might call someone, but one of those

reasons is when we are in need. The writer of Hebrews tells us that we can boldly come unto the throne of grace in time of need. It would be sad to be able to quickly make a call and take care of any need or problem we might have and not do so. How much sadder it is to not call upon the LORD. He told us He would answer.

When we call someone, we might not get them. In days of “regular” phones we might get a busy signal, they might not answer, or we might even have to leave a message for them to get back with us. It’s not that way with the LORD. He told Jeremiah, *“I will answer thee.”*

Not only will the LORD answer, but He will show us great and mighty things. He said these are things we know not. When we call upon the LORD we receive far more that we even know is available. Ephesians 3:20, *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”*

The LORD can do more than we ask or think. Note that this is according to the power that works in us. We miss out on these wonderful blessings from the LORD because we do not call upon Him.

I remember reading in the newspaper a few years ago about a homeless man who died. They were searching for anyone who might even know who he was. When he was finally identified, authorities found out he had over a million dollars in the bank. He had access to this money, but might as well had a zero balance, because he didn’t use what he had.

We have access to the LORD and all the blessings He has to offer us, but so often we don’t even ask. James 4:2, *“Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.”*

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Ken & Erin Davis, Sandy Duncan, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke & Richard Connolly. Larry Compton** has eye surgery tomorrow morning

in Nashville. **Maggie Riffle**, five-week old baby of Allen & Breanna, has had issues with gaining weight. Doctors found nothing wrong following some tests, and gave her some medicine.

—**Abby Edwards** arrived in Tokyo, Japan today. She will spend close to a year teaching English in Shiranuka, Japan.

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We do need to ask, but we need to ask for the right reasons. The next verse in James 4 says, “*Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume [it] upon your lusts.*”

The LORD has said He will answer when we call Him. He in turn will call us. So many do not answer. Jeremiah 35:17, “*Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.*”

The LORD calls unto us through His word. We read and study to learn how we are to obey Him. Let’s make sure we answer the call from the LORD, then freely call upon Him. He will answer.

I sometimes miss those simpler times of no cell phone and instant communication, but I would not want to return to that. It’s very convenient to keep in touch with others and use the communication we have to spread the Gospel.

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Sunday, October 31, 2021		
Classes	7	Matthew 8:1-17
Preaching	14	Isaiah 53:1-12
Contribution	\$706.18	
Evening	9	Genesis 11:1-32
Wednesday, November 3, 2021		
Classes	6	Psalms 79:1-13

Visitors— Oct 31 (AM) Bryan & Callie Hennion (Brownsville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The whole earth was of one what?

Last Week’s Answer— A wise man who builds his house upon a rock (Matthew 7:24)

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I know that we will never have to be without instant access to the LORD. We have it freely available and need to use it constantly. I Thessalonians 5:17, “*Pray without ceasing.*”

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)