

THE GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

The book of Jeremiah was written against the backdrop of extreme evil. God's people had turned their back on Him, embracing the gods of the pagan nations around them. Because of their sin, God decided to bring His judgment upon the people. It was a time of pain, sorrow and death, and it was into this atmosphere that Jeremiah was sent to preach the Word of the Lord. Note, Jeremiah was sent to a people who would not receive his message. He was sent to a people who would turn a deaf ear to all his pleas for repentance. He was sent to a people who were so given over to their sins that they had no desire to hear anything God, or God's man, had to say. Jeremiah preached in this climate for 50 years, and during that time, there is no record that he had any success in that area.

Jeremiah was commanded to tell them that their nation would be invaded. He was sent to tell them that they would be taken away captive. He was sent to deliver a message of final judgment to their king. As a result, Jeremiah was not the most popular person around. In fact, he was arrested and thrown into prison by king Zedekiah for preaching the truth. While Jeremiah languished in that prison, the Lord came to him with a word of hope, blessing and promise. The words that Jeremiah prayed offer the same comfort to our hearts today. Let's read **Jeremiah 32:17-22**....

As everyone knows, we are living in tough times. Times are tough spiritually; times are tough economically; times are tough for the family; times are tough on individuals. But I want you to know that the same God Who spoke peace to Jeremiah in that prison cell is the same God Who knows where you are today.

He was “The God Of The Impossible” then, and He is still “The God Of The Impossible” now. Here are some things we can learn from Jeremiah that will teach us about **The God Of The Impossible**.

I. JEREMIAH'S CONFIDENCE (verses 17-22)

In this great prayer of hope, Jeremiah presents the evidence he has collected about God that shows Him to be “The God Of The Impossible.” Jeremiah found hope in a desperate time by considering the nature of His God. Since God does not change, we can rest in the same hope today. Notice the foundation of Jeremiah's confidence in the Lord.

- God's Creation (verse 17) - When Jeremiah considers the work of God hands, he understands that he is serving a God with Whom nothing shall be impossible. The heavens above us and the world around us declare the power and Person of God. His creation declares Him to be The God Of The Impossible. Regardless of what lies in your path today remember that, if you are His, you belong to the God Who made it all. If He can make everything out of nothing, then He can be trusted to take care of your situation.
- God's Character (verse 18-20) - The language Jeremiah uses to describe God in these verses serves to remind us of Who He is. He is the God of grace, love, mercy, and provision. He is the God of miracles and power. He is the God Who moves heaven and earth, and suspends the very laws of nature - if necessary, to meet the needs of His children. Our God has not changed! He is the same God now that He was then. He still knows exactly what it takes to see you through whatever challenges you may be facing. (Hebrews. 13:5; Phil. 4:19; Matthew. 6:33).

- God's Power (verse 21) - Jeremiah also finds confidence from the Lord's power as it was displayed in Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt. He recounts how the Lord moved to deliver them from Egypt. He remembers how God brought them into the land of Canaan. He writes of how the Lord demonstrated His power to save His people. That thought gave him confidence. It should do the same for us. When we think of God making the world, and everything that is a part of it. When we think of Him creating light with a word. When we think of the vastness of the universe and how He created the stars, moons and planets just by speaking them into existence, I am sure we are all speechless! But that should also give us confidence!

He is "The God Of The Impossible!" That should fill us with confidence today, regardless of what we are facing. If He can save us - He can preserve us - nothing is too difficult for God!

II. JEREMIAH'S COMFORT (verses 32:26 and 33:3)

The Lord speaks to Jeremiah to bring him comfort in his hour of crisis. What God says to Jeremiah in these verses comforted his heart, and these words can also comfort our hearts today. He was comforted by:

- God's Promises (verses 36-44) - God tells Jeremiah that the people of Israel will fall and they will go away into Babylonian captivity. He also tells the prophets that He will bring them home again. He will gather them to Himself and they will serve Him. He will be their God and they will be His people. In other words, the judgment they face will serve to purify them and they will return to Him, and to the place of His blessing.

So it is with us. The Lord uses the crisis in our lives to mould us, grow us and develop us. He uses pain, hardship, suffering and the trials of life to make us more like Jesus (Romans 8:28-29). He is “The God Of The Impossible.” He can take that situation you see as being so impossible and He can transform it into a time of blessing for you and glory for Him. So let the comfort of God’s promises give you peace and encouragement regardless of what you face in this life. Not a single promise of God will ever fail. *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away,”* Matt. 24:35.

- God’s Proclamation (33:1-3) - The very God Who made the world and all that is within it, come to the prophet in his prison and makes one of the greatest prayer promises in the Bible. He is promised that if he will call on the Lord, the Lord will hear him and He will answer him. Think about where Jeremiah is when this promise is made. He is in prison. He is living in the middle of a wicked people. He is living in a nation that is experiencing the awful judgment of Almighty God. Yet, the Lord wants Jeremiah to know that God cares about Jeremiah and what he is facing in his life. What a comfort! It does not matter where you are today, He will hear you too. It does not matter what you are up against He will hear you. Not only will He hear you, He will answer your prayers as well. He may not answer them the way you want Him to all the time, but He will always answer them correctly and in a way that brings glory to His name.

“And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He hears us: And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him,” 1 John 5:14-15.

What hardships or challenges are you facing today? Whatever they are, they are not too big for Him.

- He can heal you if you have sickness or disease in your body.
- He can help and prosper you if you have a financial need.
- He can comfort you if your heart is broken or you are lonely.
- He can make a way even when there is no way.
- He can restore everything that the devil has stolen and more.

He is “The God Of The Impossible.” Let’s come before Him in all humility and surrender to His will for our lives. Let’s come to Him to seek His face. Let’s come to Him to rejoice in His Person, His power and His promises. Let’s worship Him in Spirit and in truth - because He is near!