

Next Week's Prayers



"...The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."

Jas. 5:16

▶ Prayer Exercise

Write your own reflections on the idea that nothing is too difficult for the Lord.

Now make a list of all the things that seem too difficult for anyone to do anything about.

This week, pray for the Lord to help you learn to trust him, even with those things that seem impossible



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Jeremiah's Praise for God's Wisdom
Jeremiah 32:17-27

Prayer Study #33

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Jeremiah's Praise for God's Wisdom Jeremiah 32:17-27

Jeremiah was in trouble. He was an outspoken prophet who had declared God's judgment on Jerusalem. King Zedekiah had heard enough doom and gloom and had imprisoned Jeremiah in the court of the guard.

Meanwhile, the Babylonians were besieging Jerusalem. God also sent word to Jeremiah that he was to buy a field from his cousin, Hanamel. That field stood as a kind of window of optimism, a hope that although Babylon would take Jerusalem, at some point in the future God would bring his people home.

Jeremiah's prayer acknowledges God's wisdom foretold to him in prophecy.

What Can We Learn?

1. The first thing we might consider is whether this prayer is one of confidence in God, or one of hesitation and doubt. Some translations make 32:25 read like Jeremiah is questioning why God instructed him to buy the field.
2. Note the following points of praise in Jeremiah's prayer:

God is creator, thus nothing is too hard for him

He dispenses lovingkindness yet holds people responsible for their sins

He is wise and understands the ways of men

Through signs and wonders he has made a name for himself

He brought Israel out of Egypt and brought them to the promised land

3. 32:23 is a concise statement identifying Israel's problem
4. 32:24 is a statement about the inevitability of God's judgment

Questions to Ponder

1. **Natural attributes of God**

Incomparable	2 Sam. 7:22
Invisible	John 1:18
Inscrutable	Is. 40:28
Unchangeable	Num. 23:19
Unequaled	Is. 40:13–25
Unsearchable	Rom. 11:33, 34
Infinite	1 Kin. 8:27
Eternal	Is. 57:15
Omnipotence	Jer. 32:17, 27
Omnipresence	Ps. 139:7–12
Omniscience	1 John 3:20
Fore-knowledge	Is. 48:3, 5
Wise	Acts 15:18

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2. If God possesses these attributes, should it encourage or discourage our trust in him? How?
3. From Jeremiah's prayer, what does he seem to think is the thing that gets in the way of God's ability to accomplish whatever he wants?
4. Comment on the following verses: Isa. 46:9-13; Dan 2:20-22; Eph 3:8-13; Ps 65:1-2

