# THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Jeremiah 3:3: Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

### **CALL OUT TO THE LORD**

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Almighty Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we all once again, thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord, for sharing this inspired message with this ministry. Lord, thank You for being so patient with all our sinfulness. Father, without Your unwarranted mercy, we would have all perished a long time ago. Lord, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your One and only Son Jesus to pay the price for our sins. Father we thank You for the gift of eternal salvation for all who believe in Your Son, Christ Jesus. Lord, please teach us to grow closer to Your Will for us! Father, I thank You for everything in Jesus name.....Amen. This month's inspired message has to do with connecting with God, through prayer. Without God's gift of prayer, there would be no way to get in touch with God! All throughout the Bible, prayer appears to be the only way to connect us directly to God. Once connected, prayer will become as easy as reaching for your cell phone and dialing, 1800-LORD-GOD. That is how easy it is to have a personal one on one conversation with God. Also, without God's Gift of prayer, this world would be completely dead in the water, just a dark and sinful place, with no hope or meaning in sight! The Lord says in Psalm 145:18-20; The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. In this scripture, God is trying to tell us that when we call upon His Name in prayer, He is always there for us. Also, He is close to whatever is ailing us or whatever difficulty we maybe facing. God is always right by our sides just longing to hear from us. He loves to hear from us in the good times as well as the bad. When He says to all who call on Him in Truth, God means just that. When our heart is not contrite, the Lord knows it before we try and utter the first word. So we must be honest with ourselves and realize how worthless our prayers can be when they are not coming from a sincere heart. The Lord goes on to say in verse 19. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them. In this verse, the Lord is also trying to tell us that we need to fear Him. Most people that I have run across, seem to be confused when it comes to fearing God. Most people can't understand why we must fear a so called loving God. It took me years of Bible study and a lot of my own personal trials and errors, to finally understand why we must fear God. According to the Bible, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom! Why is the fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom?

The fear of the Lord is not so much about fear, but *respect* for God period! Respect for God period, is when we finally take a good look around at God's Infinite Creation. Once we take the time to look at everything God has created and controls, it all starts to sink in how Unfathomable God really is. God has complete control over everything that is, was, and will be. Also, God has created everything we see, hear, smell, taste, touch, etc. In John 1:3 it is written; Through Him all things were made; without **Him nothing was made that has been made.** Every time I even try to comprehend how Infinite, Omnipotent, and Omnipresent God really is, its mind boggling to say the least. That same fear, once understood, will turn into respect. Once we have total respect for God, that same respect will turn into a genuine love for God. In time, the fear of the Lord becomes a love bond of unbreakable love, between us, and our Heavenly Father. In verse 20 God also says; The Lord watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. The Lord did not say that maybe He will watch over all who love Him, The Lord said that He watches over all who love Him period! And when the Lord says; all the wicked shall be destroy, that's exactly what God will do and has done all throughout history. You know how I know this for a fact, because the Holy Bible tells me so! According to the Holy Bible, when we call out to the Lord, God is able to lift us up because; (1) His greatness is unfathomable; (2) He does mighty acts across many generations; (3) He is fill with glorious grandeur and majesty; (4) He does wonderful and awesome works; (5) He is Righteous, Gracious, Compassionate, Patient, and all Loving; (6) He rules over an everlasting kingdom; (7) He is our source of all our daily needs; (8) He is Righteous and Loving in all His dealings; (9) He remains near to all who call on Him; (10) He hears our cries and saves us. If you are about to bend under a burden or feel that you are about to fall, turn to God for help. The Lord is always ready to bear our burden and lift us up. He is and always will be our light in the midst of darkness, and a shelter through the storms of life! We must always hang in there and never give up to the devils lies. Jesus tells us to persist in pursuing God. People in general, have a tendency to give up after a few halfhearted efforts and conclude that God cannot be found. But knowing God takes faith, focus and follow-through, and Jesus assures us that we will be rewarded. Don't ever give up in your efforts to call on the Lord.

We should continue to ask God for more knowledge, patience, and wisdom, concerning His Will for us. If we call on the Lord for these things, He will give to us according to our real needs! Our needs are not always God's needs. When we call upon the Lord in prayer, He only gives us exactly what we need, not what we think we need, want, or deserve! In closing, the main theme this month has to do with the importance of calling on the Lord in prayer for our life. Without it, we are dead in the water. Without prayer, we will not have God's Amor of insulation from Satan's attacks. His attacks are centered on our mind, body and soul. We are like sitting ducks in the water, with broken wings. At that point, we are totally venerable to whatever lie or trap Satan has waiting for us! So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, there is no better time than the present, to call on the Lord for all your needs. He is always ready, willing and able, to handle whatever our problems are at this time. If you have never called on the Lord before, or don't know how to call on the Lord, it is real simply. (1) Just go some place quiet, close the door. (2) Then fall on your knees with a humble and contrite heart. (3) Then in prayer give thanks and praise to the Lord for the opportunity He has bestowed on you, to hear your prayers and petitions! The first time you call on the Lord in prayer, it's probably going to feel a little awkward. But once you start to pray daily, you will start to develop a personal prayer relationship with God. Once you have established a personal relationship with the Lord, then you will begin to have, a personal love bond with God, from now, on into eternity! Hallelujah, praise to the Lord, Jesus Christ!!!

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JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

Bring Me the sacrifice of your time: a most precious commodity. In this action addicted world, few of My children take time to sit quietly in My Presence. But for those who do, blessings flow like streams of running water. I, the One whom all blessings flow, am also blessed by our time together. This is a deep mystery; do not try to fathom it. Instead, glorify Me by delighting in Me. Enjoy Me now and forever!

#### PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR AUGUST 2012

Proverbs 29:20; Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than him.

Proverbs 29:25; Fear of a man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trust in the Lord is kept safe.

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#### THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please join hands with this ministry and pray for; Sal Talama, Joe Lakes, Christine Palma, Anne Marie Hess, Edward Young, Mr McLeod, Janet Neil, Rose Robinson, Bill Schlupp, Jonathan Baker and Family, Denise Lathrop, Janelle Owens, James Palma, Anne Palma, Al Wilson and Family, Greg Wade, Gary Wade, and Family, Joy Valerie, Russ Holman.

Also a daily prayer for all; the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the poor in spirit, the persecuted, the hungry, the broken hearted, the lame, the godless, the weary, the angry, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the unrest, the corruption, the greed, the fornications, the selfishness, the prideful, the coveting, etc. around the world.

Furthermore; A prayer for all the troops and missionaries in harms way around the world. May the Lord always protect and watch over them with His never ending grace, love, and mercy. Also Lord a prayer for our struggling economy at this time, and a call for a spiritual revival all around the world. Father, I ask all these prayers in Jesus name....Amen!

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Well my brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, may we all try to remember that when things around us, appear to be lost or hopeless, we always have a Friend in Jesus! According to His Inspired Word, when darkness overshadows the Light, **CALL OUT TO THE LORD!** 

Until next month's message, with God's help, may the Lord bless richly you. To contact this ministry, go to, <a href="www.makethespiritualconnection.com">www.makethespiritualconnection.com</a>