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Note: the context of Jer. 33:3 (READ v. 4-16)

1) Northern Israel is in bondage by Assyria
2) Judah is ready to be conquered by Babylon
3) Temporary doom awaits the occupants of Jerusalem (v. 4-5)

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I. The CONDITION you must meet

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Prayer is simply calling.

Job 13:22 - "Then call thou, and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer thou me."

Ps. 145:18 - "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth."

Isa. 58:9 - "Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer: thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity."

Moses called and the Red Sea opened.

Joshua called and the daylight was extended.

Elisha called and the child came to life.

King Jehoshaphat called and the Moabite-ammonite coalition destroyed itself.

Daniel called and the lion's mouths were cemented shut (Dan. 6).

Paul and Silas called and the earthquake freed their shackles and prison (Acts 16).

Can anyone call and get answers to prayer? Yes, if they meet God's conditions.

God will absolutely answer your prayers if you meet these four conditions:

A. If you pray in accordance with God's will

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B. If you abide (remain) in right fellowship with Christ

Jn. 15:7 - "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

C. If you are obedient to God's Word

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D. If you pray <u>believing</u>

Mark 11:24 - "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

James 1:6-7 - "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."

II. The <u>CONFIDENCE</u> you can have

(God <u>will</u> answer)

SEE: Matthew 7:7ff

III. The <u>CONSEQUENCES</u> you can expect

("great and mighty things")

God can do the impossible - Jer. 32:17, 27

God specializes in "the hard cases" - Prayer is essential for doing that which is humanly impossible.

Mark 9:29

"Mighty" - lit. inaccessible; unattainable; (Heb. batzar - BDB, p. 131)

The point in context: Israel is to call out to God and He in turn will unveil prophetic truth that was inaccessible and unattainable.

CONCLUSION:

God want to do the "impossible" in your life.

"Call unto Me and I will answer thee and . . . save your lost spouse, parent, etc. . . bring joy and peace into your life and home . . . use your life to lead hundreds to Christ . . . give you victory over old besetting sins . . . give you physical strength/spiritual wisdom you never dreamed of . . . give your life purpose (direction) and prosperity.

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