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FIELD OF DREAMS

Jeremiah 32-33

JEREMIAH 32:38-39 (ESV)

And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way,

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that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.

PSALM 112:1 (ESV)

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth

year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the

prophet was shut up in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah. 3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had

imprisoned him, saying, "Why do you prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord: Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of

the king of Babylon, and he shall capture it; 4 Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans,

but shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye.

5 And he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I visit him, declares the Lord.

Though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed'?"

Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you and

say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' 8 Then Hanamel my cousin

came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at

Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.'

Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.
9 "And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my

cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and

weighed the money on scales. 11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions and the

open copy. 12 And I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel

my cousin, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who

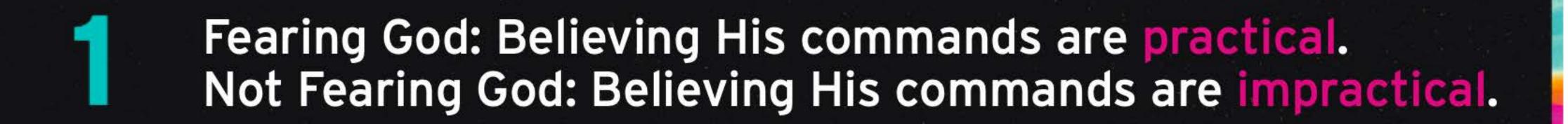
were sitting in the court of the guard. 13 I charged Baruch in their presence, saying, 14 'Thus says the Lord of hosts,

the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed,

and put them in an earthenware vessel, that they may last for a long time.

15 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.' "

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A person who fears God believes his commands are practical.

APPLICATION QUESTION

What practical thing is God calling you do that the world would say is impractical?

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against public opinion. But he didn't buy the field on the advice of his broker, but by the leading of God.

"After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, saying: 17 'Ah, Lord God! It is you

who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for

you. 18 You show steadfast love to thousands, but you repay the guilt of fathers to their children after them, O great and

mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts, 19 great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the

ways of the children of man, rewarding each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds. 20 You have

shown signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and to this day in Israel and among all mankind, and have made a name for

yourself, as at this day. 21 You brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand

and outstretched arm, and with great terror. 22 And you gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them,

a land flowing with milk and honey. 23 And they entered and took possession of it. But they did not obey your voice or

walk in your law. They did nothing of all you commanded them to do. Therefore you have made all this disaster come

upon them. 24 Behold, the siege mounds have come up to the city to take it, and because of sword and famine and

pestilence the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans who are fighting against it. What you spoke has come to pass,

and behold, you see it. 25 Yet you, O Lord God, have said to me, "Buy the field for money and get witnesses"

-though the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans."

APPLICATION QUESTION

What do you need to give to the Lord and say that nothing is impossible for you?

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: 27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?

"Now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the

hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence': 37 Behold, I will gather them from all the countries

to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will

make them dwell in safety. 38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 39 I will give them one heart and one way,

that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. 40 I will make with them an

everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts,

that they may not turn from me. 41 I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all

my heart and all my soul. 42 "For thus says the Lord: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon this people, so I will

bring upon them all the good that I promise them. 43 Fields shall be bought in this land of which you are saying, 'It is a

desolation, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.' 44 Fields shall be bought for money,

and deeds shall be signed and sealed and witnessed, in the land of Benjamin, in the places about Jerusalem, and in the

cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the Shephelah, and in the cities of the Negeb;

for I will restore their fortunes, declares the Lord."

And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all

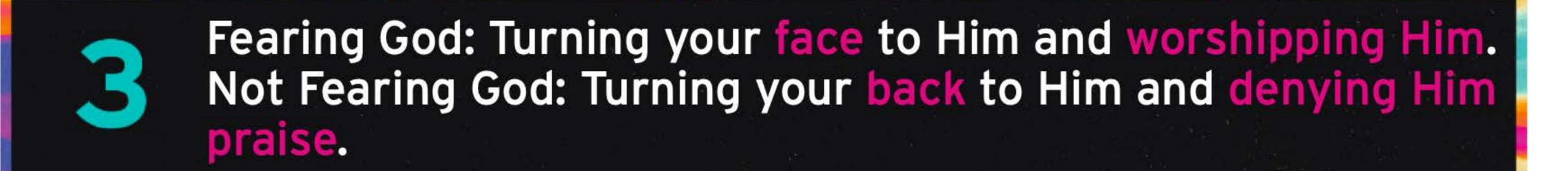
the good that I do for them. They shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

The voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bride,

the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord:

"'Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!'

For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first", says the Lord.



The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard:

"Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: Call to me and I

will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house

of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute

justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is

the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack

a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to

offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever. The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah:

Thus says the Lord: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night

will not come at their appointed time, then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not

have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers. As the host of heaven cannot

be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant,

and the Levitical priests who minister to me."

Do you believe God's in charge?
Do you believe He is the Creator of the earth?
Do you believe it's practical to listen and obey Him?

Do you believe anything is too hard for Him?

Do you believe He is good and sent His Son, Jesus, to die and rise again?

Do you believe everything in your life is meant to turn your face to Him, to fear Him, and worship Him?

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