The Value of Being In The Know (1 Peter 3:12)

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INTRODUCTION

- Knowledge in regard to who God is and his purposes are indeed power.
- As the children of God who know truth, we are in the know in a special way. And equipped to face whatever comes our way.

1 Call to Me and I Will Answer You

Jeremiah 33:2–3; 1 Peter 3:12

- He is the Lord who made everything. And that makes him awesome and sovereign and someone that we should listen to.
- Call to me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things which you do not know.
- If Jeremiah 33 and verse 3 is God's phone number, you need to make sure that you have a good connection.
- The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears attend to their prayers. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

2 God Tells Us Things We Could Not Otherwise Know

Jeremiah 32:28; Jeremiah 33:14–17; Acts 2

- God tells us things that we could not otherwise know that equip us in a very special way.
- Jeremiah is in prison. The end is very near. Babylonian destruction is coming. The city is besieged.
- Why does Jeremiah need a piece of land? Because God is sending a signal that what is about to happen is only temporary. And God has plans for the future.
- Jesus is sitting on David's throne. He is King of kings and Lord of Lords.

3 An Upturned Face, Not a Preoccupied Back

Romans 11:33–36

- We need to make sure of that as we live our lives, that we have an upturned face to God, and that we do not turn to him a preoccupied back.
- Because Jeremiah had an upturned face, he had hope. When hope was nearly non-existent.
- How unsearchable are his judgments and unfathomable his ways.
- For from him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory.

4 We Are Marvelously Equipped

1 Thessalonians 5:9; 1 Timothy 6:12; 1 Timothy 6:19

- Though in prison, they're free because of what they know.
- We are equipped to take hold of eternal life.
- Fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life. It is not outside your reach.
- Every one of us here tonight is capable of going to heaven. We just got to take hold of it.

5 Adversity and Trouble Can Produce Positive Spiritual Benefit

Hebrews 12:11; James 1:2–4; Romans 12:18–21

- Adversity and trouble can produce positive spiritual benefit.
- For the moment it seems sorrowful, but it yields something, and that is the peaceable fruit of righteousness.
- There's a way to face every circumstance in life in a way that brings glory and honor to God.
- You overcome evil with good. See? You're equipped. You're equipped to know the best way to respond to the worst kind of situation.

6 While It May Seem Evil Is Winning

- Isn't it comforting to know that evil will not ultimately win?
- What is evil will be declared to be such, and you don't want to be on the wrong side of that ledger.
- The ravages of time and decline in one's physical condition remind us that something far better approaches.
- It's hard sometimes to remind ourselves of just how temporary this is.

THE CHALLENGE

Faith is the victory. You want to be a winner? You need faith. Without it, there will be no winning.

MY NOTES