

**JEREMIAH 33:3 "CALL TO ME" GROUP BIBLE STUDIES – LEARNER'S STUDY -  
LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

**LESSON #3 – A CHRISTIAN'S CALL TO GRATITUDE**

**A CHRISTIAN'S CALL** – Too often we take God for granted. Our lesson reminds us that a Christian should call to God in gratitude.

**THE PRAYER** – Dear Lord, we begin with words which paraphrase the Catechism. You have made me and all creatures. You have given me my body, soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses. You have give me food and drink, house and home, and all my property. You daily and richly provide all that I need to support this body and life. All this You have done out of Fatherly and divine goodness and mercy. I have no merit or worthiness to deserve it. For this reason, I offer up my gratitude to thank and praise, to serve and obey You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**AN INTRODUCTION** –If you had two final words to say, what would they be? \_\_\_\_\_

**SATAN'S SUMMONS** –Would it make a difference if I said, Satan says the one place disappointment wouldn't grow - in the heart of a \_\_\_\_\_ - man."

**THOUGHT:** Sunday prayers show there are far more requests for future blessings than there are of thanksgiving. We can draw two conclusions from this:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

Let's take a look at some Scripture and see what the Word of God says about our call to gratitude. Look up the passages listed and then reply to the question that is asked:

**SCRIPTURE SEARCH 1 –**

<b>TEXT</b>	<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>ANSWER</b>
Deut 32: 6	What does God want to be thanked for?	_____
Judges 8:34	What does God do to make us remember Him?	_____
Psalms 106:21	What should God's people remember.	_____
1 Samuel 8:7	Lack of thankfulness means what?	_____
2 Chronicles 26:16	What can bring about our downfall?	_____
	Can power do the same today?	_____
2 Chronicles 32:25	What else will cause us not to give thanks?	_____
Jeremiah 2:31	What do Jeremiah's people say to God?	_____
Hosea 11:3	What has God done for us?	_____
	What didn't His people do?	_____

**FIRST APPLICATION:** Ingratitude is part of the human condition. Ingratitude directed against God, and each other. God's Scripture and our personal history say we're not very good at showing appreciation to those who have helped us. Look at these passages and see what the Children of Israel said ...

**SCRIPTURE SEARCH 2 - CHRIST'S CALL -**

<b>TEXT</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>WHOSE WILL WAS ANSWERED</b>
Exodus 5:7-9,19-21	What did they complain about?	_____
Exodus 15: 24	What did they grumble about?	_____
Exodus 16: 2-3	What did they whine about?	_____
Numbers 16: 2-3	What was their gripe?	_____
Numbers 20: 2-4	What was the problem?	_____

Obviously, these people should have been grateful to the Lord and His prophet. Sadly, that appreciation never materializes. List some of the things for which they should have been thankful:

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In contrast to what we have seen above, take a look at the passages which follow and answer the questions:

<b>PASSAGE</b>	<b>WHO IS GIVING THANKS?</b>	<b>FOR WHAT DOES HE GIVE THANKS?</b>
Matthew 11:25	_____	_____
Matthew 26:27	_____	_____
John 11: 41	_____	_____

**THOUGHT & ILLUSTRATION** - We have record of three instances where Jesus gave thanks. There were, we are sure, many more times when He called upon the Father in gratitude. If that is true for Him; how much more true should it be for us? Can you list some people you know who have experienced pain and problems who have continued to give thanks?

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What things would they motivate you to give thanks for? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think these people can take the "but" out of your prayer. You know how it goes ...

We say: "Thank you, Lord, for friends, but I wish I had \_\_\_\_\_"; or,  
 "I'm thankful for my health, but I wish I weren't \_\_\_\_\_" or,  
 "I'm grateful for our home, but I wish we could afford \_\_\_\_\_" or,  
 "I'm grateful for \_\_\_\_\_ but I wish \_\_\_\_\_"

It is time, my friends, to hear the Christian's call to gratitude.

**THE WAY OF PRAYER** – Dear Lord, I am thankful. Let me be more thankful still. In Jesus' Name. Amen.