

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

LESSON #6 – A CHRISTIAN'S CALL TO GOD FOR REFERENCES

A CHRISTIAN'S CALL– People always surprise me. The biggest surprise is when people blindly trust the false and foolish statements of their fellow men, while they question and reject the truth of God. This lesson from Lutheran Hour deals with people who feel they have to ask God for references.

THE PRAYER – We begin with prayer: Dear Lord, time and again You have proven that You will look with favor upon those who call to You. Help us realize that we don't have to ask you to prove Your commitment or capabilities. In Jesus' Name we begin. Amen.

ILLUSTRATION - All of us have seen videos of a person who is helplessly trapped inside a burning building. To live, that individual must leap into a net being held by the firemen, floors below. We can imagine the terror that must be in the mind of that individual. We can imagine the fear that grabs him. What we can't imagine is that man screaming from the broken window: "I will not jump until you give me a satisfactory explanation of the following questions:

- (1) How did this fire get started? (2) How has it managed to spread so quickly?
 (3) What happened to the sprinkler system? and (4) How do I know the net will hold me?
 Until you guys can answer my doubts; I'm going to stay right here!"

SATAN'S SUMMONS – God wishes to deliver us, but too many of our fellow humans listen to Satan. He puts doubts into our hearts, and we ask God for His references. Before many people call on Him, they want Him to provide answers to questions like:

1. "Lord, tell me why You let sin enter the world?" or,
2. "How do I know that You are the God Who will really help me?", or
3. "Why don't you destroy all of sin so we don't ever have this problem again?" and
4. "How do I know that another God won't do just as good?"

Like the individual above, they conclude: _____

THOUGHT: Even in Scripture, we soon find that many people, including some pretty popular prophets, asked God for references.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH 1

TEXT	QUESTION	ANSWER
Exodus 3: 4, 7-10	What is God doing? / Who has He picked to help?	_____
Exodus 3: 13	What credential from God does Moses want?	_____
Exodus 4: 1	What other credential does Moses want to share?	_____
Exodus 4: 2-3	What proof does God give?	_____
Exodus 4: 6-7	Any other credential?	_____
Exodus 4: 9	A last credential offered as to God's involvement?	_____
Exodus 4: 10	What does Moses say?	_____
Exodus 4: 11-12	What credential does God offer?	_____
Exodus 4: 13	In spite of all God's credentials, what does Moses say?	_____
Of course there are other leaders who did the same.		
Judges 6: 12	Who does God pick to do His will?	_____
Judges 6: 13	What does Gideon want?	_____
Judges 6: 17	What does Gideon want next?	_____
Judges 6: 21	What credentials does Gideon see?	_____
Judges 6: 36-37	Does Gideon need any more credentials from the Lord?	_____
Judges 6: 39	Is Gideon content with God's credentials?	_____

