



**“Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’**

**Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I  
am only a youth.’ But the LORD said to me,**

**‘Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;  
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,  
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.**

**Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
declares the LORD.’”**

– Jeremiah 1:4-6

**“As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord takes thought for me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God!” – Psalm 40:17**

**“No experience could have prepared a prophet better to hear God’s promise of a new and better covenant that would create a company of the converted and the era of the gospel.” – Derek Kidner**

**“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”**

**– Jeremiah 31:31**

**“The English language can hardly capture how vivid a picture this is of absolute barrenness. It’s a life that has nothing truly alive in it.”**

**– David Powlison**

**“What sins do you still wrestle with? Forgetting God and proceeding as if life centers on you? Obsessive religious scrupulosity that starves your humanity? Defensive and self-assertive pride? Laziness or drivenness, or an oscillation between both? Irritability, judgmentalism, and complaining? Immoral impulses and fantasies? Obsessive concern with money, food, or entertainment? Fear of what others think about you? Envy of good things that someone else enjoys? Shading truth into half-truths to manufacture your image? Speaking empty or even destructive words, rather than nourishing, constructive, and graceful wisdom? I can identify with each one, and I**

**suspect you can too. Our Father loves us with mercies new every morning and more numerous than the hairs on your heads. He is good and he does good. He has chosen to love us. And we really do love him – as street children he has rescued and adopted. He says, ‘You are mine. So take heart. I will complete what I have begun.’” – David Powlison**