



# If My People

*which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

The beginning word of this verse sets into place our God given right to choose. There is automatically two sides to this scripture. If we do what it says, one thing will happen. If we do not do what it says, the opposite will happen. One little word with only two letters, IF, but a very powerful initiator of the requirements and promises of God.

Our nation has suffered tremendous damage and loss of lives due to the increase of storms, tornadoes, floods, and adverse weather conditions. We must have God's protection over our homes, our cities, and our nation. In order for us to have God's protection, we must do what II Chronicles 7:14 says. Ignoring it will open ourselves and our families up to further devastation. This devastation is not what God wants for us. God is speaking through His ministers, prophets and apostles giving us warning after warning; it is time to hear and obey. No Longer can we afford to ignore or idly sit by without dealing with the Word of the Lord. We must come to grips with the message in this verse and do it **NOW!**

To really understand what God is saying we need to take the verse apart and look at the individual importance and impact on our lives of each part. As we look at the nine separate parts, watch for the part man has to do and the part God has to do. In this verse is the representation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and the indicators of why the land needs healing. Anticipate receiving further revelation as you read this article. Let God bring the truth to you with a new and fresh understanding. An understanding that will bring life to us, our nation and will change our entire prayer emphasis.

❖ **IF MY PEOPLE** - First we must establish who "my people" are. God was talking to the children of Israel, His chosen people. He was giving them a conditional promise, of what He as God would do, if they would in turn do what He asked. To be His people we must choose Him. We are joined to Him and His family with this choice. If you are saved then Jesus lives within you and you are one of "His people." We need to recognize who we are in Christ and to stand strong in Him. This knowing who you are will bring us into unity with God and our fellow believers. God wants all His people coming to understand what needs to be accomplished in Him.

❖ **CALLED BY MY NAME** - One translation says, "those who have my name," or "on whom my name is named." God has called each of us and set us apart for His service. Those who have laid down their lives for the sake of God's purpose and plans are "called by His name."

❖ **SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES** - We must bow ourselves wholly under the ruler ship of God Almighty. To humble oneself is to relinquish all authority to God, giving Him full control in every area of our lives not holding back even one small thing. To be obedient and submissive to God and those in authority is

a true sign of humility. We are not our own but have been bought with a price. We died with Jesus on the cross and it is not us that live, but Christ who lives within us. That old saying that "God is my co-pilot" is not at all what God had in mind. We are the co-pilot, God is the pilot and He's in control. Not what we will, but what His will is. This is what it means to humble yourself under the mightily hand of God.

❖ **PRAY** - What is it to pray? To really get down and accomplish the job of prayer. The scripture says "*the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*" God already knows what we need before we even ask, but His plan is that we ask, seek, and knock. This continual act of prayer brings about our total dependence on God for everything. How is our prayer effectual and fervent? To lay down our lives for one another is the sign of a true disciple. In prayer, we come boldly into the throne room of God making our petitions known to Him. The greatest act of love is to spend time in prayer for the needs or the life of another. Laying down our life for the sake of seeing another get life and get it more abundantly. This is prayer. In this portion of scripture God wants us to stop being selfish and pray for our nation, pray for our land, and pray for each other. To ask

Him on His terms to bring to our land the healing that it so desperately needs.

❖ **SEEK MY FACE** - This is a very important part of the verse. Seeking God for who He is to you. In this seeking, you will develop a deeper relationship with Him. Not just what He can do for you, but you seek Him because you love Him and He is God. Worship Him and Him alone. God promised that He would take care of each of us. He will not change His mind on His promises. It was God who brought us out of the darkness and into the light. It was God who saved, healed, delivered, comforted, and lifted us up when we were down. It was God who made us one on His children. He is worthy of all our effort to seek him.

❖ **TURN FROM WICKED WAYS** - We must come to the place and acknowledge that we are responsible to acknowledge our sin. Sin puts a block between us and God. It hinders God's blessings to us individually and on our nation. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the areas of our life that are not pleasing to God. Take these areas to God and repent and God will cleanse us. Then we will be able to pray effectively for our land. God will bring forth the healing and the revival we so desperately need and desire. God told the woman who was caught in the act of sin, to go and sin no more. This is the message to the whole body of Christ. Sin must be acknowledged and dealt with before God can move in our lives in His fullness.

❖ **I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN** - God hears our prayers when prayed from a position of humility and repentance. God will hear and will move on behalf of our nation and each one of its people. This is what God has promised to us from this scripture. God is not slack, God will do what He said He will do.

❖ **FORGIVE THEIR SIN** - Our land, our nation is in trouble, God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all

the unrighteousness we have allowed in our lives. Notice that God states He will forgive our sin, not sins. All sin is against God. His forgiveness is all encompassing, and speaks of His love, mercy and grace. He wants us free, more than we want freedom ourselves. God sent Jesus to bring us life, forgiveness and to lead successful, fulfilled lives in Him. Totally free from the bondage of sin.

❖ **HEAL THEIR LAND** - What a powerful and wonderful thing God has spoken. Heal our land. He will take away the reproach that we have allowed to become the norm in this land. The land has become defiled because of the acts of sin we have done upon the land. The land must be redeemed. God has put before us the way to do it. We have become lazy, complacent and have allowed the enemy to steal our land, our homes, our children, our leaders, and our very foundation in God. Even after all our sin, God still wants to come and heal our land. To bring it back into a state of being healed, free from all the hate, violence and sin that is rampant today. God will heal our hearts so that His love permeates, filling our voices, our lives, and our hearts to overflowing. God will heal our land. That is so powerful that it is hard to comprehend with our minds, but with our spirits we can know and hear what the Spirit is saying. When righteousness rules the people are at peace and will rejoice. Do what God said and watch God move mightily in our behalf.

❖ **brief summary**

In studying this scripture I discovered there were nine items in this verse. Knowing that all things are not done by might or power but by the Spirit I began to study this verse in more depth. I saw that there were six things for man to do, and three for God to do. Six is symbolic of man without God. Three always represents the Trinity. Nine is symbolic of the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit. Showing that to me when man obeys God, the Holy Spirit moves and implements what God has said, bringing about the healing of the land.

**The first six items have to do with what man needs to do.**

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| 1. <u>If my people</u> -          | Choose God's ways and acknowledge who we are in Christ.                                      |
| 2. <u>Called by my name</u>       | Accept the call that God has put on each of our lives and push forward to fulfill it         |
| 3. <u>Will humble themselves</u>  | -Stop the pride and lay our lives before God in obedience and humility                       |
| 4. <u>Pray</u> -                  | Seek God every day. Spend time with Him. Find out what He wants to say, and wants you to do. |
| 5. <u>Seek my face</u> -          | Worship God for who He is, not what He can give you, build a relationship with Him.          |
| 6. <u>Turn from wicked ways</u> - | Repent and stop sin in our lives.  |

**The next three items have to do with God**

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| 1. <u>Hear from heaven</u>    | God will hear and will move - This represents the Father who is in heaven.                             |
| 2. <u>Forgive their sin</u> - | Our sin will be forgiven - This represents the Son who died for our sin.                               |
| 3. <u>Heal their land</u> -   | Our land will be healed in God's power - This represents the Holy Spirit who administers the promises. |



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