

God's Word for America
2 Chronicles 7:14

- Everyone remembers Sept 11, 2001... **(PP)**
- **No American will ever forget... (LEAVE UP)**
- What most Americans don't realize is that even more tragic and devastating to our country than the 9.11 attacks is the ongoing spiritual attack against America that is leading to her moral and spiritual collapse...
- Evil has literally infiltrated our government, our schools, our homes & families...
- The entertainment industry is a clear reflection of our spiritual condition...
 - From our music industry to our movie stars...
 - From our lawmakers to our law keepers...
 - All a clear sign that America has rejected God...
- God's answer... **"AMERICA, RETURN TO ME" ...**
 - Our problem is NOT unemployment...
 - Prosperity often leads to complacency...
 - Our problem is NOT political...
 - No president or judge can save us...
- It's NOT who we **VOTE** for it is Who we **LIVE** for...
 - Our problem is moral and deeply spiritual...

God's Word for our Country for this hour.

"if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14, NKJV.

PRAY
"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" (SKIP?)

America the beautiful, or so you used to be,
Land of the Pilgrim's Pride-- I hope they never see
Babies piled in dumpsters, abortion on demand
Sweet land of liberty, your house is on the sand.
People wander aimlessly, poisoned by cocaine,
Choosing to indulge when God said to abstain.
From sea to shining sea our country turns away
From the teaching of God's word and the need to always pray.
Phony TV pastors tell lies about our Rock,
Saying God is going broke so they can fleece the flock.
We've voted in a government that's rotting at the core
Appointing Godless judges who throw reason out the door.
Too soft to place the killer in his well deserved tomb,
But brave enough to kill the child before he leaves the womb.
You think God is not angry that our land's a moral slum?
How much evil will he watch before the kingdom comes?
How are we to face our God from whom we cannot hide?
What is left for us to do to stem this evil tide?
If we who are called would humbly turn and pray,
If we would seek his holy face and leave our evil ways,

Then God would hear from Heaven and forgive us of our sin.

He'd heal our sickly land and those who live within.

But America the Beautiful, if you don't then you will see

A sad but holy God withdraw his hand from thee.

--David Hungerford

I'm sure the author of this poem was alluding to
"2 Chron. 7:14..."

After Solomon built a temple for the Lord

God appears personally and privately to Solomon to give a clear and distinct answer to Solomon's prayer.

As God usually does he sets forth a PROMISE and a WARNING! i.e. "*You choose Solomon, a blessing or a curse, it's up to you!*"

Read V:11-22... Feel the weight of this? ...

Throughout the scriptures God continually holds out to his people A CHOICE....

Live for me or turn from me.

Be BLESSED or be CURSED!

"Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: "the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; "and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the

way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known." Deuteronomy 11:26-28, NKJV.

"Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'" Ezekiel 33:11, NKJV.

"IF" is a very important word. (Over 1600X)
Yet it seems to be greatly ignored!

**The PROBLEM is, when given a choice,
people usually make bad decisions!**

"For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not," Isaiah 30:15, NKJV.

"So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the LORD, and presumptuously went up into the mountain." Deuteronomy 1:43, NKJV.

"But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, *And* He fought against them." Isaiah 63:10,

"*You* stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you." Acts 7:51, NKJV.

Remember " *blessings and curses are conditional*

How can you know which promises are conditional?
Look for the word **"IF"**!

"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the

thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever." 1 Chronicles 28:9, NKJV.

Let's focus in now at our theme scripture.

"2 Chron. 7:14" ... (LEAVE UP)

What is God NOT SAYING?

1. This Temple will now become your Aladdin's lamp...
2. If those "godless" people would only stop being so godless your land will be healed & restored...

The key to revival in America depends upon us!

GOD SAYS... "IF- MY- PEOPLE"...

The HEALING of our nation, DELIVERANCE from the coming judgment DEPENDS upon GOD'S PEOPLE!

The RESPONSIBILITY rests upon OUR SHOULDERS!

STOP BLAMING the WICKED for being GODLESS!

They ACT godless because they ARE godless!

- Don't hold your breath waiting for the heathen to straighten up and get with it!
- The only hope for the healing of our nation is...

IF - MY - PEOPLE...

Problem: I realize that all over the world there are godly people living under godless governments,

suffering great persecutions... It that their fault? Not necessarily!

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33, NKJV.

“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.” John 15:20, NKJV.

What we are talking about today is **REVIVAL...**

Revival of a sick and backslidden church...

Here is the key to revival! “2Chron 7:14”

- **Notice God never tells His people that the solution to spiritual revival is political activism...**
 - **Voting, picketing, marches or revolts...**

GOD’S COMMAND to His people is HUMBLE YOURSELF, PRAY, SEEK GOD & REPENT!

Let's now take A CAREFUL LOOK...

"If MY PEOPLE"...

Understand that God's people are spread ALL
OVER THE WORLD!

People separated by *Geographical locations, languages, nationalities, denominations and cultures.*

But they share one thing in common JESUS CHRIST is the LORD of their lives and SAVIOR of their souls!

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12, NKJV.

"*CALLED BY MY NAME*" ... "**CHRIST**-ians" ...

There are **4 THINGS** God calls / commands His people to do if they are to experience revival...

I believe these 4 things are essential & progressive...

Essential – If one is missing cant have revival...

Progressive – Can't have the later without the former...

HUMILITY < PRAYER < SEEK GOD < REPENT ...

2Chron 7:14...

1ST “HUMBLE THEMSELVES” – To bend the knee and come under subjection. (One nation under God)

PRIDE IS DESTRUCTIVE

“Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18, NKJV.

- **PRIDE EXALTS SELF...** (above others)
 - Thinks more highly of self than ought
- **PRIDE SEEKS FIRST MY KINGDOM** rather than God's kingdom...

The **cause** of most of my **relationship problems** have been **thinking more highly of myself than I ought...**

“...fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.* Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*” Philippians 2:2-8, NKJV.

“But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” James 4:6-10, NKJV.

Are you living a “humble” life in this way?

Is your life submitted to God under His authority, seeking His kingdom first and foremost?

PRIDE was Satan’s downfall – (Satan’s 5 “I will’s”)

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the

mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will** be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit." Isaiah 14:12-15, NKJV.

Time does not permit doing a thorough study on the destruction of pride today...

God calls His people to humble themselves.

What else is required for revival? 2Chron 7:14...

"PRAY"- Heb. "*Palal*" (supplication, request, plea)
Intervene, INTERCEDE, mediate!
(Not merely over dinner or at bedtime)

This word means to stand in the gap and PRAY for the
WELFARE of SELF & OTHERS!
This is "WARFARE PRAYER"!

It's hard work! DIFFICULT! Gets the Devil mad!

May even be a bit DANGEROUS!
Entering into "Spiritual Warfare"!

But this is one of the CONDITIONS of VICTORY!...

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made **for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.** For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:1-4, NKJV.

The prophet Samuel said...

Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: 1Sam 12:23

The Lord said to Ezekiel...

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Ezek 22:30

Because of the intercession of MOSES Israel was spared from God's wrath! ...

"Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy *them*." Psalms 106:23, NKJV.

There IS HOPE for REVIVAL... for the CHURCH!

for this NATION... BUT ONLY IF WE PRAY!

"IF MY PEOPLE".... (Quote up to current point)

STOP HERE & PRAY!

Humble yourselves! ... PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY...

- Our suffering brethren around the world...
- The American church...
- The Treasure Valley...
- Calvary Chapel of Eagle...
- Your family & friends...
- Your life personally...

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