

Understanding God's "If My People..." Offer to the United States in 2 Chronicles 7:14

"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."

(NKJV)

**What Christians Need to Know, Understand,
and Do for God to Heal the United States**

Is God's Offer in 2 Chronicles 7:14 Still Available to the United States?

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

When citing “all scripture,” Paul is specifically referring to the Old Testament since the New Testament portion of the Bible was still being written

Two Foundational Truths Required to Understand 2 Chronicles 7:14

#1. God is love and wants an everlasting love relationship with His people

- *“My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.”* (Ezekiel 37:27, NASB)
- *“As God has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.’”* (2 Corinthians 6:16b, NKJV)
- *“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”* (Acts 3:19, NKJV)

Two Foundational Truths Required to Understand 2 Chronicles 7:14 (Cont'd)

#2. Because God desires a relationship based on love, people have the freedom of choice

- *"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live"* (Deuteronomy 30:19, NKJV)
- *"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."* (Joshua 24:15, NKJV)

2 Chronicles Biblical Context for the Specifics in 2 Chronicles 7:14

- King Solomon replaces his father, David, as King of Israel
- As instructed by his father, Solomon builds a temple for God on Mount Moriah (“the Temple Mount”) in Jerusalem
- Solomon assembles the elders of Israel and the priests bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the Tabernacle of David in the City of David
- As they sang, “*For He is good, for His mercy endures forever,*” the glory of the Lord filled the house of God such that the priests could not continue to minister.
- King Solomon blesses the assembly of Israel and the Lord God of Israel, followed by a wide-ranging prayer, including asking the God to forgive His people when they pray their supplications (i.e., “to ask for earnestly and humbly”)

2 Chronicles Biblical Context for the Specifics in 2 Chronicles 7:14 (Cont'd)

- King Solomon then mentions several potential scenarios that are historically likely to happen again, asking God to forgive the sins of His people when they turn away from their sins and back to Him
- In each example cited in Solomon's prayer, he notes that they turn back to God after He afflicted them because of their sins against Him
- God responds with a public demonstration of His approval:
“When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.”
(2 Chronicles 7:1, NKJV)
- This time the priests can't even enter the temple because it was filled again with the glory of the Lord, His discernable tangible Presence

2 Chronicles Biblical Context for the Specifics in 2 Chronicles 7:14 (Cont'd)

- God then responds privately to King Solomon's prayer by appearing to him at night:

“¹³When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, ¹⁴if 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 7:13-14, NKJV)

How Does 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 Apply to the United States?

- Our starting point as a nation was with a vibrant Christian heritage, ethics, and culture

“For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.”
(Deuteronomy 8:7-10, NKJV)

How Does 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 Apply to the United States? (Cont'd)

- Over time, we increasingly turned away from God
 - ✓ *“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”* (1 Timothy 6:10)
 - ✓ *“For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.”* (1 John 2:16)
 - ✓ *“Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, lest the LORD’S anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.”* (Deuteronomy 11:16-17)

How Does 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 Apply to the United States? (Cont'd)

- We remained silent as abortion became the law of the land and sex trafficking and perversion polluted our nation
 - ✓ *“Therefore I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled it.”* (Ezekiel 36:18)
- We remained silent as lawlessness spread across our cities
 - ✓ *“I will turn My face from them, and they will defile My secret place; for robbers shall enter it and defile it. Make a chain, for the land is filled with crimes of blood and the city is full of violence.”* (Ezekiel 7:22-23)

**In Each of These Bible Verses, God Is Addressing
*HIS PEOPLE, that Are Called by His Name!***

THE SOLUTION: Embrace and Accept God's "This for That" Offer in 2 Chronicles 7:14

➤ "If My people who are called by My name

➤ will:

1) humble themselves,

2) and pray

3) and seek My face,

4) and turn from their wicked ways,

➤ then I will:

1) hear from heaven,

2) and will forgive their sin

3) and heal their land."

THIS

FOR

THAT

Path Forward – Choices to Make “Mission Impossible” Possible

- 1. For God’s people to mount an acceptable response to God’s standing “this for that” offer, we must choose to have faith and believe that God’s offer still applies and is possible.**
- 2. As individuals we must exercise our faith and freedom of choice, and personally humble ourselves, pray, seek God’s face, and turn from our own wicked ways.**
- 3. To mount a national response that gets God’s attention, we must believe what Jesus told His disciples: “But Jesus looked at them and said to them, ‘With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”
(Matthew 19:26 and Mark 10:27, NKJV)**

Path Forward – Choices to Make “Mission Impossible” Possible (Cont’d)

4. The explicit implication is that we as God’s people must ask Him to further energize His people, His remnant, across the United States to personally humble themselves, pray, seek God’s presence, and turn from their own wicked ways.
5. We must ask Him to counsel us through His Holy Spirit regarding actions we are to take to rally a national response, and do what He says.
6. We must also believe that because God is a God of restoration and truly desires that the United States will again be “one Nation under God,” He is already proactively taking actions that will prompt His people to enter into His “this for that” proposition.

Path Forward – Choices to Make “Mission Impossible” Possible (Cont’d)

7. We must thank God that He has a remnant of people called by His name that know Him and He knows them. We must pray for each other as we engage in the offer and its required actions.

“God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew... Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.” (Romans 11:2a, 5, NKJV)

8. We must pray for our fellow citizens that have not accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, asking that they would encounter God and choose eternal life instead of death before it is too late.
9. *But more than pray, we must faithfully share with them the good news of Jesus Christ.*

How Do WE Start?

➤ “If My people who are called by My name will:

1) humble themselves,

2) and pray

3) and seek My face,

4) and turn from their wicked ways

These Actions Are
Tightly Coupled

Mandatory Change

➤ **NOTE:** Doing three of the four actions is not sufficient. All four are necessary to meet the requirements in God’s offer!

JUST DO IT!!

Accepting God's Offer

➤ **“If My people who are called by My name will:**

1) humble themselves

➤ **“Humble” means:**

- **“not proud or haughty: not arrogant or assertive”**
- **“reflecting, expressing, or offered in a spirit of deference or submission”**

➤ **“Themselves” is us!**

Thus this first requirement is to reject all forms of pride, embrace and acknowledge God's supremacy, and demonstrate our complete submission to His rule

Let's Do It, Privately and Publically!

Accepting God's Offer (Cont'd)

➤ **“If My people who are called by My name will:**

2) pray

➤ **“Pray” means:**

- **“entreat, implore – often used introducing request or plea”**
- **“to get or bring by praying”**
- **“to make a request in a humble manner”**

For this requirement, God's people must humbly and earnestly intercede with specifics on behalf of the United States (or any other homeland), asking God to heal our land.

Let's Do It, Privately and Publically!

Accepting God's Offer (Cont'd)

➤ **“If My people who are called by My name will:**

3) Seek My Face

➤ **“Seek” means:**

- **“to resort to, go to, to go in search of, look for”**
- **“to ask for, request, seek advice”**

➤ **“Face” means:**

- **“the face as a means of identification, countenance”**
- **“presence”**

For this requirement, God is requiring us (His people) to seek His face (presence) and not just His hand in order to heal our land.

Let's Do It, Privately and Publically!

Accepting God's Offer (Cont'd)

➤ **“If My people who are called by My name will:**

4) Turn from their wicked ways

➤ **“Turn” means:**

- **“the action of taking a different, especially contrary, direction”**

➤ **“Wicked ways” means:**

- **“morally very bad: evil”**
- **“fierce, vicious”**
- **“disposed to or marked by mischief”**

God is noting that the wickedness of His people has become imbedded in their manner, course of life, and actions. As the fourth requirement, God is pointedly confronting habitual sin and demands that it stop.

Let's Do It, Beginning Now Privately and Publically!

Path Forward Closing Thoughts & Request

- The United States is in its current state of unrighteousness and rebellion against God as a result of grass-root individual bad decisions, Christian by Christian, and groups of wayward Christians that come together to support each other in their wrong behaviors
- That reality suggests that the response to God's call to His people to "*humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways*" must also be done at a grass-roots, individual Christian by Christian level
- If God has called you to help expand the grass-roots response in the United States, please download "Understanding 2 Chronicles Chapter 7 Verse 14 dtd Sept 2020.pdf" from the Restoration House of Prayer (RHOP Texas) website and send it to others as God leads you (<https://rhop texas.com/>)

Selah ("Pause and think on these things")

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