

# If My People...

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## 2 Chronicles 7:11-14

11 When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, 12 the Lord appeared to him at night and said: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. 13 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

### 1. GOD IS ADDRESSING US (HIS PEOPLE)

2 Chronicles 7:14a

If my people, who are called by my name...

### 2. GOD IS CALLING US TO PRESS INTO HIM

2 Chronicles 7:14b

... will humble themselves and pray and seek my face...

### 3. GOD IS CALLING US TO REPENT OF OUR SIN

2 Chronicles 7:14c

... turn from their wicked ways...

Acts 13:20

22 After removing Saul, [God] made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

Psalms 51

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3-9... 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

### 4. GOD PROMISES TO FORGIVE AND HEAL

2 Chronicles 7:14d

... then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land...

Jonah 3:10-4:1

3:10 When God saw what [Ninevah] did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened. 4:1 But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry.

Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.