



If My People

2 Chronicles 7:12-14

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Introduction:

The Bible discusses epidemics as pestilence _____.

The first mention: Exodus 5:3

God is always working in the world to cause men to see their great need for Him and to return back to Him.

Note: The way that God dealt with Israel as a nation in the Old Testament, is how He deals with individual believers in the New Testament.

1. The Consequence of _____ (13)

A. Hindered _____

2 Chronicles 6:1-2 Then said Solomon, The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever

2 Chronicles 6:12 And he stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:

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Note: In this prayer, Solomon asks the LORD to hear the prayer of His people when they turn back to Him.

We should remember that sin always *hinders* our relationship with God.

1 John 1:6–7 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

B. Horrible _____

1. **2 Chronicles 7:12–13** *And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, **I have heard thy prayer**, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. 13 **If** I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or **if** I command the locusts to devour the land, or **if** I send pestilence among my people;*
2. **Note:** Four “Ifs”
3. **Isaiah 59:2** *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, And your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

2. God’s Conditions for _____ (14)

A. Humility that _____

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves...

Definition—Humble: to reduce (someone) in rank, character, or status; *to submit*

Quote: They that know God will be humble, and they that know themselves cannot be proud. — John Flavel

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Revelation 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

B. Prayer that _____

2 Chronicles 7:14 ...and pray, and seek my face...

A humble heart will know its desperate need for God and so it will pray.

Definition—Seek His Face: presence; the presence or proximity of someone understood in terms of the face; with the implication of being before or in front of them.

Psalms 27:8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

C. Repentance that _____

2 Chronicles 7:14and turn from their wicked ways...

Definition—Turn: to repent; return, to turn away from sin, conceived of as returning to God or returning from a location.

3. God's _____ of Restoration ⁽¹⁴⁾

A. Restoration of _____

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

2 Chronicles 7:14 ...then will I hear from heaven...

Psalms 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear me:

B. Restoration of _____

2 Chronicles 7:14 ...and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

FORGIVE THEIR SIN

Definition—Forgive: to stop blaming or taking an offense into account; to forgive graciously, to pardon, to blot out

HEAL THEIR LAND (BLESSING)

Definition—Heal: to repair something, conceived of in terms of healing it.

Psalms 103:1–3 Bless the Lord, O my soul: And all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases;

Conclusion

Psalms 139:23–24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting

