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Volume: 17 Issue 03 We want to take our Scripture text today from 2ND Chronicles 7:14-15,"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. Now mine eyes shall be opened, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. In my lifetime I'm expecting one of the greatest moves of God that this nation has ever witnessed. Many Christians regretfully, are castigating President Donald J. Trump at this present time which shows their lack of spiritual insight. God has touched America on behalf of the blood-bought redeemed Saints of God who have plead with him for grace and mercy. The world never has and never will make a positive impact on our nation spiritually. It has always been the redeemed, the blood bought church that has made a difference in any nation, its direction, and its destiny. I never once have expected the world to make a difference in America! I do, however, expect the church to make a difference in our nation. Solomon had just dedicated this magnificent Temple unto Jehovah and Jehovah was responding to Solomon's prayer in our Scripture text. He begins by saying that if my people: not those of the world but rather those who go by my name. For quite some time as a nation we have struggled with moral and spiritual chaos that has characterized our nation as we witness it today. The promise that God will bring healing to the land is

not based upon the world but upon the Christian and their Christian values. The fact that the church enjoys a special covenant relationship with the Lord God of Abraham gives us an opportunity to petition God and receive special blessings from him or a lack of them. The choice of life and of death is not based upon the world, but rather upon the church and its relationship with Jehovah. There are 1522 ifs in the Word of God. The point being, they are many conditions upon God's willingness to bless America or not bless our nation. God has always placed conditions upon His divine blessings. The first condition is solely based upon humility. If the people of God do not possess humility then God will resist them and refuse to bless them. Do not ever expect the world to be humble before our God. The Christians are the ones who must possess humility. We read in James 4:6,"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Reading from James 4:10," Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Humility is a prerequisite for the blessings of God upon any nation. Without humility God can in no wise bless a nation. Secondly, the church must embrace prayer and seek God's face. How many purported Christian websites do you ever see speaking of Jesus Christ, prayer, fasting, and seeking the counsel and wisdom of God at this present hour? Here at The Voice of Evangelism, we are constantly admonishing the people of God to seek him diligently. We do not

have time for trivial rhetoric and jargon and being involved in slanderous innuendos, and accusations because that is the work of Satan. Regretfully, too many professing Christians are doing the work of Satan according to Revelation 12:10,"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." People who are deceived never promote righteousness neither the need in seeking God coupled with repentance. They are too busy defaming, demeaning, and castigating whoever Satan puts on their heart at that present time. We are told in James 5: 16,"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." If the church does not pray and seek God's face then our Lord has nothing to bless. Jesus wants to build our faith through our efforts in prayer according to *Mark* 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." If you're ever going to receive anything from Jehovah, you must believe that He is God and you must believe without wavering. The apostle Paul declared in Hebrews 11:6,"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." You may ask the question, how can I increase my

faith? The way to increase your faith is to immerse yourself in the holy writ. The apostle Paul declared in Romans 10:17,"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." The more Scriptures that you get into your spirit the greater your faith will become in trusting God for the impossible! Our faith can become so great Jesus said we could move mountains: praise God! Too often as Christians we seek God's hand rather than His face. You may ask, what do I mean by that? When we seek God's hand we are asking God to just do things for us, such as, help us, bless us, do this, or do that which is to be expected from these poor earthen creatures. However, when someone seeks God's face they are desirous to be in His divine presence embracing His intimacy and worshiping Him in spirit and in truth? Jesus said in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." If as a believer you are ever going to be intimate with Christ, you must yield to the Holy Ghost, which will bring you into His divine presence. The psalmist declared in *Psalms 105:3-4,"Glory ye* in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore." Seeking His face lets him know you had rather be in his most holy presence than merely receiving temporal or physical blessings. There is nothing more enriching and strengthening than to be in prayer and sense the presence of God as He lifts us up into heavenly places and edifies our bodies, our mind, and our spirit: Amen! If ministers would return and preach uncompromising messages and become wholly yielded to the Holy Ghost then we would witness Holy Ghost revival throughout the churches in America. That is why every pastor and every shepherd

should spend intimate time in the presence of God to know God's will. When men go into their prayer closet or prayer chamber and cry out to God, they will come out of that prayer closet with a word from God, with the heartbeat of God, and they will then preach the will of God. No one can ascertain the mind of God until they spend time in God's holy presence. Thirdly, the Lord told Solomon, the people must turn from their wicked ways. Let me say boldly and unashamedly: if it is not God's way it is a wicked way. Regretfully, each and every one of us have within us a wicked way, and if it is not God's way, then it is a wicked way. We are warned in Proverbs 14:12,"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Over the last decade we have witnessed a tremendous demise in our nation and its values. The underlying reason behind all of this is because we have taken God out of our hearts, out of our churches, out of our homes, and even out of our schools. Any time you take God out of the equation death will quickly set in. Regretfully, the church today has embraced sodomy, transgenderism, and same-sex marriage. The Word of God declares unequivocally that every one of these sins is damnable to the souls of men. Too many preachers are afraid to use such words as sin, wickedness, iniquity, adultery, sodomy, lesbianism, fornication, drunkenness, vile affections, and a plethora of other sins. For the sake of being politically correct they don't want to offend anyone. But the Word of God is like a sharp two-edged sword it will pierce the very souls of mankind if preached. We are told in Hebrews 4:12,"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any to edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and

marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." When men preach the Word of God uncompromisingly it will discern the very thoughts and intents of those who are hearing the Word of God. I am profusely excited about the coming days. Revival is about to break forth but trial and hardship always comes with revival. Satan fights every move of God untiringly so be prepared for great battles as well. Revival broke out in Thessalonica and listen to the words of the apostle found here in Acts 17:5-7,"But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus." I am more determined than ever before to turn this world upside down because of this open door through this past election. I pray you are with me and will continue to support us as we seek to preach uncompromisingly the Word of Almighty God. It is our hearts desire to have more spirit filled conferences and bring the people of God together where they can be strengthened, edified by the Holy Ghost, and hear the preaching of the Word of God. Please continue to pray and seek the face of God with us. God willing we will not let down in declaring His Word with all spiritual authority. May the Lord God of Abraham forever order your steps faithfully in His most holy Word?

Serving With You All,

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