



The Lion of Judah



“Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

(Revelation 5:5)

Prayers That Birth Revival

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**. (2Chronicles 7:14)

The above verse, 2Chronicles 7:14, gives the **formula for revival**.

- ⇒ However, we need to do more than **just recite** the words in prayer
- ⇒ We need to actually **do what it says**

“Humble Themselves”

Bow in **humility** and **submission** before the Lord each day and pray that the **Body of Christ** will do likewise. Ask **forgiveness** for all **personal** and **corporate pride**:

- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to **do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly** with your God? (Micah 6:8)
- ⇒ **Before destruction** the heart of a man is **haughty**, and **before honor is humility**. (Proverbs 18:12)
- ⇒ **Pride** goes before **destruction**, and a **haughty spirit** before a **fall**. Better to be of a **humble spirit** with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the **proud**. (Proverbs 16:18-10)
- ⇒ The LORD **lifts up the humble**; He **casts the wicked** down to the **ground**. (Psalm 147:6)
- ⇒ For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a **contrite** and **humble spirit**, to **revive** the spirit of the **humble**, and to **revive** the heart of the **contrite** ones. (Isaiah 57:15)
- ⇒ Likewise you younger people, **submit yourselves** to your elders. Yes, all of you be **submissive to one another**, and be **clothed with humility**, for
“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

Therefore **humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God, that **He may exalt you in due time**, casting all your care upon Him, for **He cares for you**. (1Peter 5:5-10)

- ⇒ *Remind them to be **subject** to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to **speak evil of no one**, to be **peaceable, gentle**, showing **all humility** to all men. (Titus 3:1)*
- ⇒ *For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The **sacrifices of God** are a **broken spirit**, a **broken** and a **contrite heart**—these, O God, You will **not despise**. (Psalm 51:16-17)*
- ⇒ *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 2:3-8)*

Pray that:

- ⇒ God's people will walk in a spirit of **humility**, as Jesus walked, and "**cleanse their hands**" and "**purify their hearts**"
- ⇒ God's people will **submit** themselves to one another, **esteeming others** more highly than themselves
- ⇒ God's people will assume **responsibility** for the moral and spiritual erosion of our nation and our world and **stand in the gap** before God with a **broken** and **contrite** spirit seeking His **mercy** and **forgiveness** upon us all

“And Pray”

The **second part** of the 2Chronicles 7:14 **prescription for revival** is to pray

- ⇒ All Christians know that they are **supposed to pray**, but most don't realize **how important it really is**
- ⇒ One of the **errors** that Christians make in their prayer life is to only pray about their **own needs** and perhaps those of **others around them**
- ⇒ However, we must learn to **pray big** in order for big things – like **revival** – to happen

In fact, the **Bible** tells us we are to "**pray without ceasing**" (1Thessalonians 5:17)

- ⇒ This means we are to maintain a **prayerful attitude** in **constant contact** with God, so that **all the things of the world** that we see or that the Holy Spirit brings to mind can be **prayed about**
- ⇒ Such prayers do **not have to be spoken out loud**, so that we can indeed pray anywhere at any time

God's Word calls upon all of us to be **intercessors**, to "**stand in the gap**"

- ⇒ *So I sought for a man among them who would **make a wall**, and **stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land**, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. (Ezekiel 22:30)*

- ⇒ 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. (1Timothy 2:1-2)
- ⇒ **Praying always** with **all prayer and supplication** in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with **all perseverance and supplication** for **all** the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)
- ⇒ And shall God not **avenge His own elect** who **cry out day and night** to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that **He will avenge them speedily**. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, **will He really find faith on the earth?**" (Luke 18:7-8)

Moses was a **great example** of someone who "**stood in the gap**" and caused the Lord to **relent** (i.e. change His mind) about the **judgment** He was going to hand down

- ⇒ 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. (Psalm 106:23)
- ⇒ Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? **Turn from Your fierce wrath**, and **relent from this harm** to Your people. **Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel**, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" **So the LORD relented** from the harm which He said He would do to His people. (Exodus 32:12-14)

However, **God will not always relent**:

- ⇒ **You have forsaken Me,**" says the LORD, "You have **gone backward**. Therefore I will stretch out **My hand against you** and destroy you; **I am weary of relenting!** (Jer. 15:6)

"And Seek My Face"

The **third part** of the 2Chronicles 7:14 **formula for revival** is to **seek God's face**

- ⇒ All too often we **seek His hand** instead of **His face**
- ⇒ It is the **hand of God** that **acts** in the world and **moves** to answer our **prayers**
- ⇒ However, it is the **face of God** that we **seek for revival**

There are **many instances** in the Bible where we are told to **seek God's face**

- ⇒ "Oh, **give thanks** to the LORD! **Call upon His name**; make known His deeds among the peoples! **Sing to Him**, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those **rejoice** who seek the LORD! **Seek the LORD** and His strength; **seek His face evermore!**" (1Chronicles 16:8-11 and Psalm 105:1-4)
- ⇒ "He shall **receive blessing** from the LORD, and **righteousness** from the God of his **salvation**. This is Jacob, the generation of **those who seek Him**, who **seek Your face.**" (Psalm 24:5-6)
- ⇒ "The LORD make **His face shine upon you**, and be **gracious to you**; The LORD lift up **His countenance upon you**, and **give you peace.**" (Numbers 6:25-26)

There are also **many verses** stating that God **turns His face away** from us because of our **sins** or because we are **not seeking Him**

- ⇒ “Then My **anger** shall be **aroused** against them in that day, and I will **forsake them**, and I will **hide My face** from them, and they shall be **devoured**.” (Deuteronomy 31:17)
- ⇒ “Then they will **cry** to the LORD, but **He will not hear them**; He will even **hide His face** from them at that time, **because they have been evil** in their deeds.” (Micah 3:4)
- ⇒ “I will **return again to My place** till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will **seek My face**; in their **affliction** they will earnestly seek Me.” (Hosea 5:15)

However, **whenever we turn back** to God and **seek His face**, **He will be there**

- ⇒ “You will **seek the LORD** your God, and **you will find Him** if you seek Him **with all your heart** and with **all your soul**.” (Deuteronomy 4:29)
- ⇒ “I love those who love me, and **those who seek me diligently will find me**.” (Proverbs 8:17)
- ⇒ “**Draw near to God** and **He will draw near to you**.” (James 4:8)

To **seek God’s face** means we desire to be in a **close, intimate relationship with Him**

- ⇒ “Behold, I **stand at the door** and **knock**. If anyone hears My voice and **opens the door**, I will come in to him and **dine with him**, and he with Me.” (Revelation 3:20)

This is the type of **intimate relationship** God **originally wanted** with us as we saw in the **Garden of Eden** where God came down to **fellowship** with Adam & Eve

- ⇒ “And they heard the sound of the LORD God **walking in the garden** in the cool of the day.” (Genesis 3:8)
- ⇒ “Truly **our fellowship** is with the **Father** and with **His Son Jesus Christ**.” (1John 1:3)