

Series: A THRIVING HEART

Title: Seeking God's Face

Text: (2 Chron 7:14)

IF – God's people must choose to obey God's call for Revival.

My People –

People that have entered into a salvation covenant with God, who have engaged in worship of Him, and enthroned Him as King.

Who are Called by my name – His covenant people who embody the character and nature of Christ.

(1) Shall Humble themselves – Humility is a volitional act of self-lowering of our pride and agreeing with God about His Holiness, our personal Sin, His Power, and our Need of His Grace.

(2) "PRAY"

(Luke 18) The Unjust Judge.

This parable contrasts God as 'apposed to an unjust judge.

The unjust judge had no care, concern, or compassion.

God, is quick to answer the prayers of His own Elect.

God is anxious to respond to the cries of His children.

Prayer is not *The Overcoming of Reluctance* of God.

No need to Strong Arm God (Which is impossible)

God delights in responding to the prayers of His children.

God is anxious to respond to the cries of the humble in need.

-You can ask God to quicken your heart.

- You can ask God to draw near in mercy.

"The only things which lie outside the reach of prayer are the things which lie outside the will of God."

God puts sanctified desires in the hearts of His people so they in turn utter them back to Him in prayer.

(3) "Seek my face"

(Is 44:3) *"I will pour water on him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground"*

(Heb 11:6) *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.*

Stop *"SAYING"* our prayers, start *"PRAYING"* our prayers
Effective prayer is heartfelt, fervent, initiated by Holy Spirit.
Our prayers must move us before they will ever move God.

(Matt 17: 14-21) *"But This Kind, but by Prayer & Fasting."*

(4) "Turn From Their (sin) Wicked Ways"

(Is 59:1-2) Our sins & iniquity hides God's face from us.

Let's get brutally honest with God.

Confess, Repent, Forsake.

"THEN" God promises too.

(a) Hear their Prayer: *"Then will I hear from heaven"*

(b) *"Will Forgive Their Sin"*

(c) *"Will Heal Their Land."*

The latter refers to sending rain and restraining plagues.

The promise was made specifically to Israel.

Principles apply to any people or church, of any age.