

“If My People...” (II Chronicles 7:14)

“... 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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (II Chronicles 7:14; NKJV)”

This section is almost all unique to II Chronicles and features the conditions for national forgiveness of Israel’s sins: 1) **humility**; 2) **Prayer**; 3) **longing for God**; and 4) **repentance**.

- 1) **HUMILITY** - “humble themselves...”
- 2) **PRAYER** - “and pray...”
- 3) **LONGING FOR GOD** - “and seek My face...”
- 4) **REPENTANCE** - “and turn from the wicked ways...”

1. **POSSESSION** - (Ownership) *“... if My people who are called by My name...”*

MY people, called by MY name...

A sense of ownership... God can require this commitment from HIS people since HE has a covenant ownership of them!! He has this covenant ownership with anyone from any age and era who sincerely “*names the name of the Lord*”!!!

“Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” (II Timothy 2:19; NKJV)”

2. **CONTRITION** - (Repentance) *“... will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways,”*
 - a. Humble themselves AND pray.
 - b. Turn from THEIR wicked ways.
 - c. Seek MY face.
3. **RESTORATION** (Conditional & Relational forgiveness) *“... then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

Israel was a theocracy... However, God's favor will be evident when God's people, from any era or location in the world, live a sanctified life.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance." (Psalm 33:12; NKJV)

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34; NKJV)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. (Psalm 51:1-13; NKJV)