

II Chronicles 7:14

And My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Throughout my life, I have heard this scripture quoted and preached many times. Yet it is a scripture that is never outdated as well. Today, more than ever the church in America needs to humble themselves and seek their Maker! I tell you the truth, if we don't humble ourselves as we are exhorted here, we will be humbled by someone else!! History has proven what happens when people deny their God; they end up in ruin, are conquered, and endure total financial collapse. Church do we have to wait until all of this happens before we get serious with God? Time and time again, I have seen people who are facing traumatic situations in their lives cross the threshold of local churches I have attended. They were there every time the door opened. Their passion and fervor often exceeded many of the mature believers in the congregation. Yet, once they received what ever breakthrough they were looking for, they were gone! Never to be seen again, unless they faced another situation beyond their ability.

I am quite certain that America is on borrowed time! No longer can we allow lethargy and complacency to rule our lives. If there is to be any kind of a future for our children, then we must get serious with our God. We need to seek Him for more than five minutes a day. We need to do more than make supplications when we pray. We need to get real!! It is imperative that Jesus Christ become first in our lives! For that to happen, we must die to our flesh. We need to stop making excuses, and start repenting. We serve an absolutely awesome God! But, He is far from stupid. He knows when we are playing a game to get something we want, just like a parent knows when their children are trying to pull the wool over their eyes to get what they want. The main difference is that the Lord knows our heart.

Folks, we are in great and dire need of our Lord hearing our prayers in heaven, we need Him to forgive our sin, and our land is in desperate need of His healing power. But before this wonderful promise can take effect, we need to fulfill His conditions. We must humble ourselves, seek His face and repent not only for our personal sins, but the sins of our nation. You see, God's promises come at a cost. The question is, "Are you willing to pay it?" This world has seen plenty of hypocrisy in the church. They have heard a lot of dialect, but very little deeds. If our land has any chance of renewal, of revival, of hope; then you and I must do our part. It is non-negotiable!

One of the very many things that I love so much about our Lord, is that he doesn't expect us to do, what we can't. He simply says, "I'll make you strong where you are weak." But church, the first step is to humble yourself, the second is to ask Him to help you do what needs to be done. Only then, will the breakthroughs take place in each of our lives, and our nation!