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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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A Needed Revival

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 NIV – (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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Many people are after prosperity. Unfortunately, these same people are not after spiritual prosperity. Most people are seeking monetary prosperity, prestige, status, and wisdom of the world. They live their lives believing that their actions honor God, not realizing that they missed the mark by a long shot! They ignore the teachings of the leaders of the church, convinced they are on the right path. Eventually they come around in need of revival. Not realizing that the revitalization they seek is a result of the life they have trained for. A life that cannot help them on the spiritual level. They go back to doing what is considered "normal" and the cycle continues, as they once again seek out a spiritual revival.

So what is the key to getting that spiritual revival we need to get on top and establish that relationship with God that was not there? Ezra explains God's position from his writings in **2 CHRONICLES 7:14**:

- 1) **If my people, who are called by my name** – Make sure you are crying out, calling and addressing the true and living God.
- 2) **Will humble themselves** – Deny yourselves, repent and stop talking when God is talking. Listen and hear what says the Lord!
- 3) **Pray – Tell God** how you really feel and intercede for others who cannot or are not as strong as you.
- 4) **Seek my face** – Make God the true priority! Submit as He says. Commit to His ways and be consistent in your ways. Idolatry is out!
- 5) **Turn from their wicked ways** - Confess **all** of your wrong ways and doings. Repent!!!!

Verse 14 may very well be the golden text of this entire book. Though originally addressed to the chosen nation of Israel, it has rightly been applied to those nations which have a biblical heritage. It is the sure road to restoration and revival for all times. If the conditions are met as described above), the promises are sure of fulfillment. Complacency is not the answer.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 39:4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In all literature there is nothing that compares with the bible.

SOHL's mission is to sow God's word into the hearts of men and women that will propel them to their God-given destiny.

