

Prayer 4 - Healing Our Land

I. Introduction

1. How many had big goals your parents wanted you to accomplish or live out?
2. How many believe that if God does not intervene, America is doomed?
3. Do you believe that America would NOT be in its current dire situation if Christians prayed for it more?

II. Scripture

1. **1Ti. 2:1-4**—*"1-I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2-For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3-For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4-Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."*
2. **2Ch. 7:14**—*"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*
3. **2 Chronicles 1-7:13** context.
 1. **2Ch. 1:1**—The Lord was with Solomon, the nation of Israel, greatly blessing him.
 2. **2Ch. 1:3-5**—*"The Ark of God"* was in a tent (Tabernacle before he built Temple).
 3. **2Ch. 1:6**—Solomon publicly gave God 1,000s of burnt offerings for sin.
 4. **2Ch. 1:7**—God appears to Solomon and grants him a wish/request (cf. **Joh. 16:24**).
 5. **2Ch. 1:8-10**—Solomon only prays for wisdom to lead the nation.
 6. **2Ch. 1:11-12**—God grants Solomon wisdom + riches, wealth, honor...
 7. **2Ch. 2:1**—Solomon determines to build God and himself a house.
 8. **2Ch. 2:5-8**—The Temple (house of God) must be great since God is greater.
 9. **2Ch. 3:1**—Temple building starts on Mt. Moriah where Abraham/David worshiped.
 10. **2Ch. 4**—Numerous Temple materials and furnishings are described.
 11. **2Ch. 5:1**—Temple finished and dedicated things were brought into Temple.
 12. **2Ch. 5:2f**—Leaders assembled; *"the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD"* brought in.
 13. **2Ch. 5:11**—Priests were sanctified and made holy, and came out of the Holy Place.
 14. **2Ch. 5:13-14**—Unified musicians were praising God; God's Glory fills God's house.
 15. **2Ch. 6:1f**—Solomon's sermon blesses God and Israel; God fulfilled His promise to David.
 16. **2Ch. 6:7-8**—David's good heart to build God a House/Temple.
 17. **2Ch. 6:10**—God's will and promise RE: David, Solomon, the throne, and Temple.
 18. **2Ch. 6:11**—*"The Ark of the covenant of the LORD"* was placed inside the Temple.

19. **2Ch. 6:12f**—Solomon’s prayer/request (publicly spread his hands and on knees).
20. **2Ch. 6:14**—No God like God, Who keeps promises and shows mercy.
21. **2Ch. 6:18-42**—Solomon humbles himself praying to God to hear Temple prayers, to vindicate the righteous, to judge wicked, to forgive confessing sinners, to set free the captive nation, and to restore the economic prosperity when God’s people repent with all their hearts—So that the people, priests, and king will trust and obey God.
22. **2Ch. 7:1-3**—God clearly answers prayer by His coming Glory and consuming fire; the people recognize God’s answer, goodness, and mercy, and worship Him.
23. **2Ch. 7:12-13**—God appears and grants him his prayer request and reiterates the conditions for His blessings upon him and the nation.

III. Application

1. Will you humble yourself, pray, seek God’s face, and turn from your wicked ways, so God can forgive and bless you and our country?

2. Do you have a prayer closet (a primary place to resort to pray)?

3. Do you want to seek God with all your heart and be blessed for all eternity? How will you?

4. What are some big prayers we should pray for our country and ourselves?