

How To Heal Our Nation

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Over the past several years our nation has seen deterioration in many ways: economically, morally, spiritually, and in our national security and unity. It is easy for us to say “Why doesn’t someone do something to heal our nation?” or “Why isn’t God helping us?” In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God has laid out a plan to heal nations. As a good parent, God is able and willing to help us, but He expects us to show some responsibility for our deteriorating nation.

For positive change to occur, He expects it to begin with those who truly follow Him: **“If My people who are called by My name... .”** Before God will do His part, He sets as a condition that His people, individually and in unity, must do their part. Once we, His followers, do our part then God says **“I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”** So what exactly is the part that God expects us to do in order to straighten out our nation’s problems?

First, God says that His people are to **“humble themselves”**. We are to realize that we need God and that trying to fix things on our own may be a waste of time. We must accept that God is all-powerful, all-knowing, full of love and fulfills His promises, and we are weak, ignorant and fall far short of His glory.

Next, God says we are to **“pray and seek My face”**. He wants us to talk to Him, to open a line of communication with Him, and develop a personal relationship with Him. To really know God, we must read and study His written word – His revelation to us of what He wants us to know. We are to praise God for who He is – the one and only true living God, our creator and sustainer. And we are to thank Him for all He has already done for us (individually and as a nation and as the human race). To heal our nation, we must pray for guidance, wisdom and protection for each of our leaders – our political and government leaders, our church and mission leaders, our law enforcement and military leaders, business leaders in our communities and leaders who educate our children. We must pray for each person to desire, understand and obey God’s will for them. Each of us too need to continually pray for God’s will to be done and for Him to use us to accomplish it.

Lastly, God says that His people are to **“turn from their wicked ways”**. In other words, we are to not just confess our sin, we are to also repent – turn away or stop doing what is wrong to do and do our best to do what is right. But how do we know what is wrong? We need to differentiate between what is man’s Will versus what is God’s Will. Ask yourself “Does what I believe or what I am doing go against the clear teachings of the Holy Bible?” Be careful though, the Bible does not contradict itself, so don’t take a verse alone or out of context. Research everything the Bible says about the topic. Each of us must be doers of His word and not just hearers. We are to live a life that is pleasing to God.

So when we say “Why doesn’t someone do something to heal our nation?”, we need to say “What am I doing?, Do I believe God is able and willing to help us?, Am I recognizing who God is and what He has already done?, Am I talking to God (praying) as I should?, Am I pleasing to God?, Am I doing God’s will for me?, Am I obeying His laws?” Therefore healing our land begins with us as individual believers in God, doing our part – praising God, communicating with Him (praying and reading His word) and helping others in a way that is pleasing to God. Once His people, as a nation of believers, do their part, then God will do His part as He has promised.