Revive us again! - 2 Chron. 7:13 -14

**Focal Truth: God promises to hear, forgive & heal His people who repent & pray**

Dedication of the Temple of Solomon

*Rom. 15:4 – for whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

Do you believe that God sent this pandemic because of the sinfulness of the church?

Why would God send this global pandemic to the world?

How can God bring His church back to revival in this time of pandemic?

**Observations**

1. **The righteous man prays to God - 6:13**

 *And Solomon made a bronze platform…he stood on it, knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out His hands toward heaven…*

1. James 5:16 – the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much
2. 1 Tim. 2:8 – I want men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath & dissension
3. **God’s glorious presence & power answer the righteous man’s prayer – 7:1-2**

 *When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven & consumed the burnt offering & the sacrifices & the glory of the Lord filled the house*. And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because of the glory of the Lord filled the Lord’s house

1. God answers prayer with fire & glory
2. Fire of God – consuming fire – God sets us on fire in the Spirit
3. Glory of God – God’s glory is present in the Spirit

b. Acts 2: 1 – 4 – when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one

 place. & suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, &

 it filled the whole house where they were sitting. & there appeared to them

 tongues as of fire, distributing themselves & they rested on each of them. & they

 were all filled with the Holy Spirit & began

1. 1Pet. 3:12 – for the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil
2. **God’s people worship in holy awe experiencing the presence & power of God – 7: 6, 10**

 *& the priests stood at their posts…with the musical instruments of music to the Lord, which King David had made for giving praise to the Lord –* ***for His lovingkindness is everlasting****…then on the 23 day of the seventh month he sent the people to their tents****, rejoicing and happy of heart*** *because of the goodness that the Lord had shown to David & to Solomon & to the people of Israel*

1. They worshipped in the glory of God!
2. Ps. 85:9 that glory may dwell in our land
3. John 1:14 – we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace & truth
4. 2Cor. 4:6 – God who said, light shall shine out of darkness, is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
5. **God’s promise to hear, forgive & heal if God’s people repent of their sin – 7:14**

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

 a. God reminds Solomon that He sends natural catastrophes when His people sin - *If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people – 7:13*

b. Solomon had prayed asking God’s to hear & forgive on the sin if the people of God would repent– 2 Chron. 6:24 -31

**Things to Remember**

1. God hears the prayers of the righteous – this is where revival begins!
2. God’s glorious presence coming on His people is an act of revival!
3. God’s revived people live, worship & serve in the glory of God!
4. Trials are sent by for God’s people when they persist in sin against Him
5. God’s forgiveness & healing come in repentance & prayer

**Daily Use**

1. Humble yourself & turn from wicked ways for revival
2. Draw near to God in prayer for revival
3. Seek God’s favor in prayer for revival
4. Watch how God will answer your prayers for revival