



*“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 heal their land.” 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 7:14*

While the books of 1st and 2nd Kings tell the history of Israel during the 300+ years of the monarchies from the viewpoint of the military, kingly, royal point of view, the books of 1st and 2nd Chronicles tell the same story of the history of the monarchies, but from a religious or priestly point of view. Same story of history but from a different viewpoint.

2nd Chronicles especially tells the story of the numerous times of revival in Israel. After an ungodly king ruled for a period of time and led the nation away from God, a new king would come to power and lead the people back to God through a revival of faith and worship.

The verse quoted above is a message from God (through His prophets) to His people encouraging them to abandon their wicked worship of idols and pagan deities and come back to true worship of our One Creator God. In His grace and mercy, God promised to forgive their sins and heal their land.

While that promise was specifically meant for the Israelite people, it is still relevant and applicable to us Christians today. Notice the four commands in that verse necessary for us to instigate a revival in our time. First is humility, then prayer, then seeking God’s face, and finally turning from our wicked ways.

Are you in a state of continual revival? As a Christian, you should be - at all times. If we are Spirit-filled Christians, we will continually exhibit these four characteristics: humility, prayer, seeking God (through worship and study of God’s Word), and turning from sin. When our own hearts are revived, it will spread to others, and when the Church is revived, we will then have an impact on the culture and world around us. Let revival begin – and let it begin – with you!

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