



DAY 18



“IF MY PEOPLE...”

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

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If” is such a minuscule word but has eternal significance. God has granted us free will and that is where “if” becomes so important. Never feel like you are defeated by free will because of your human inclinations, there is hope. Listen to what Spurgeon says about free will... “Perfect freedom yet sacredly guided by the Holy Spirit.” Our scripture today reveals our partnership with the Almighty.

Solomon had cried out to the Lord and this was God’s answer...

“IF my people will” (trust & obey)

- Respect my name & call
- Will become humble servants
- Pray believing
- Seek me alone as their God
- Repent of their evil attitudes & actions

Then I will...(bless my people)

- Erase & forget their sin
- Restore covenant relationship

Can you imagine almighty God calling your family this advent "My People"? His desire & good pleasure awaits your response. Become a life giving "House of prayer for all ethnic peoples gathered together as one."

Oh Lord, teach us to pray, forgive, & repent and make us your shining stars in a dim world. Please transform our "if" to "done"... Thank you Lord Jesus!

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