

**January 17, 2021**

**Scripture lessons: Matthew 12:23-25; 2 Chronicles 7:14-15**

**Title: "Pray and Seek His Face"**

**Introduction:** Matthew 12:25-26, "Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Every kingdom divided against itself will come to waste, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand."

2 Chronicles 7:14, "if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

The Lord's instructions during this time, was for his chosen people to do as follows:

- Humble Themselves
- Cry Out through Prayer
- Seek God's Face
- Repent from Ungodliness

As a gracious response, the Lord would hear, forgive, and heal the nation.

**Why does God give this prescription?**

At the time He spoke the words to Solomon, Israel was about to become the most powerful nation in the world.

**Conclusion:** God says, if my people humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and repent, then he will do these things.

1. I will hear
2. I will forgive their sin
3. I will heal their land