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2 Chronicles 7:14

¹⁴ 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 will forgive their sin and heal their land.



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True Humility will find expression through

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Seeking the Face of God
- 3. Turning from sins



Isaiah 59:1-2

¹ Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. ² But your **iniquities** have **separated** you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.



Daniel 9:1-4

- ¹ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—
- ² in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, <u>understood</u> by the books the number of the years *specified* by the <u>word of the Lord through Jeremiah</u> the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.
 - ³ THEN I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by <u>prayer</u> and <u>supplications</u>, with <u>fasting</u>, <u>sackcloth</u>, and <u>ashes</u>.
 - ⁴ And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said,



Daniel 9:4-6, 10

⁴ And I **prayed** to the LORD my God, and made **confession**, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

⁵ we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.



⁶ Neither have we heeded Your servants the PROPHETS, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His <u>LAWS</u>, which He set before us by His servants the <u>PROPHETS</u>.

1. Repentance From The Laodicean Condition

- The Laodicean condition in the church of the last days
- Hear what the Spirit is saying? (vs 22)
- Complacency (vs 15-16)
- Riches, wealth and have need of nothing (vs 17)
- Jesus is wanting to come in and dine with us (Fellowship & intimacy). Is He standing knocking at the door? (vs 20)
- Hear, Open the door, Repent and be zealous (vs 19)
- Heed God's way not our ways. Buy (vs 18)



Revelation 3:14-22

- ¹⁴ "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,
- 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:
- ¹⁵ "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.
 - ¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.



¹⁷ Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

- ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.
- ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.
- ²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
- ²² "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." "

2. Humility In Repentance

- Daniel although righteous before God, sought God in repentance
- Daniel repented first, asked for forgiveness & then calls God to hear his prayer
- Humility is seen in repentance
- Do we recognise the conviction of the Holy Spirit or do we brush it off?

Daniel 9:17-19

¹⁷ Now **therefore**, our God, **hear the prayer** of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.

¹⁸ O my God, **incline Your ear and hear**; **open Your eyes** and **see** our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.

¹⁹ O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

Malachi 1:6

⁶ "A son honors *his* father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name.
Yet you say, 'IN WHAT WAY HAVE WE
DESPISED YOUR NAME?'

Malachi 1:7

 7 "You offer defiled food on My altar, But say,
 'IN WHAT WAY HAVE WE DEFILED YOU?' BY SAYING,

'The table of the LORD is contemptible.'

3. Openness in Repentance

- HOLY SPIRIT search me and Try me in the inner man
- Let us search out and examine what the SPIRIT is searching out in us
- The key: Use the Spirit and not the mind
- Respond to the LORD: Turn from our ways to His everlasting way
- God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours



Psalm 139:23-24

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
 Try me, and know my anxieties;
 ²⁴ And see if there is any wicked way in me,
 And lead me in the way everlasting.

The WAY of ETERNITY WHICH WAY ARE GOING?



Proverbs 14:12

¹² There is a **way** that **seems right** to a **man**, But its **end** is the **way** of **death**.



Proverbs 20:27

²⁷ The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.



1 Corinthians 2:10-12

¹⁰ But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the **Spirit searches all things**, yes, **the deep** things of God.

¹¹ For what man knows the **things of a man** except the **spirit of the man** which is **in him**? Even so no one knows the **things of God** except the **Spirit of God**.

¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit who is from God**, that we **might know the things** that have been **freely given** to us **by God**.



Jeremiah 24:7

⁷Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.



Lamentation 3:39-40

 Why should a living man complain, A man for the punishment of his sins?
 Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the LORD;
 Let us lift our hearts and hands To God in heaven.

Psalm 51:17

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A **broken** and a **contrite heart**—
These, O God, You will not despise.

