



2021

What Does God Require of Us?

## 2 Timothy 3:1-5

1. But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.
2. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,
3. heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,
4. treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
5. having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

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What does God require of us at this time?

**2 Chronicles 7:14** (Amplified Bible)

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



## IF ...

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- \* Is a conditional choice
- \* Good consequences **IF** you do these things
- \* Bad consequences **IF** you do not follow God's instructions

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## My people - called by My Name ...

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- \* Set apart: **Deuteronomy 14:2**
- \* Born-again: **John 3**
- \* Bought with a price: **1 Corinthians 6:20**
- \* Love the LORD your God with all your heart: **Mark 12:30**
- \* Counted the cost to follow Jesus: **Luke 14: 25-33**
- \* Diligently seek Him: **Hebrews 11:6 & Jeremiah 29:13**

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## **Jeremiah 24:7**

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I will give them a heart to know 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.

## **Jeremiah 31:33**

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For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.



## Shall humble themselves...

A determined attitude of our own hearts  
that results in Godly humility

Micah 6:8

1 Peter 5: 5-6

Philippians 2: 3-8



## Jesus is ALWAYS our Example ...

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- \* began in very humble circumstances
- \* never sought to make a name for Himself
- \* took authority and action ONLY in obedience to His Father
- \* lived a life characterised by humility and prayer
- \* **It is HE whom we want to be like!**



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## God's stunning promises for the humble ...

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- \* salvation: 2 Samuel 22:28 & Psalm 149:4
- \* He leads & teaches: Psalm 25:9
- \* He lifts up & takes pleasure: Psalm 147:6 & Psalm 149:4
- \* favour, grace & wisdom: Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6, Proverbs 11:2

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## **Isaiah 66:2**

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But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word.

And in due time ...

## **James 4:10**

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Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.



... and pray and seek My face ...

God instructs us to pray and seek His face  
because He wants to be found!

Deuteronomy 4:29

Proverbs 8:17

Jeremiah 29:12-13



## What can we learn from Jesus' prayers?

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- \* He intercedes for us: Romans 8:34 & Hebrews 7:25
- \* He withdrew frequently to a quiet place: John 6:15 etc.
- \* what & who He prayed for: John 17

Matthew 6: 6-13



... and turn from their wicked ways ...

**Psalm 139:23-24** (Amplified Bible)

23. Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!
24. And see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

No excuses - God won't accept our excuses  
for our wicked ways and neither must we!

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**...then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land**

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- \* genuine Holy Spirit repentance, revival, refreshing, and restoration
- \* an awakening of the church to a deeper relationship with God
- \* when our Holy God visits us to impart a fresh vision of His power & grace, it simultaneously reveals our sinfulness, inadequacy & our desperate need of His mercy
- \* the overflow of a revived church is hearts turning to God for salvation
- \* people who have a hunger for holiness and for more of Jesus



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