



— *God Bless* —

AMERICA

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

I. THE PRINCIPLE

2 Chronicles 7:13-14 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; ¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

A. THE COVENANT NATION.

- Nations can be blessed if the people of the nation are righteous.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Proverbs 11:10-11 When it goeth well with **the righteous**, the city rejoiceth: and when **the wicked** perish, there is shouting.

¹¹ By the blessing of **the upright** the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of **the wicked**.

- The coming judgment of the nations is a judgment of people.

Matthew 25:31-32 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³² And before him shall be gathered all **nations**: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: [Nations / *ethnos*: “ethnic: gentiles, races, tribes, a tribe, nation, people group.]

B. THE COVENANT CHURCH.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

C. THE COVENANT WITH THE CONSTITUTION OR THE SCRIPTURES?

Proverbs 28:4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

II. THE PRAYER.

A. THE PLAN.

1 Timothy 2:1-2a I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; ² For kings, and for all that are in authority;

B. THE PURPOSE.

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Hebrews 13:14 For here have we no **continuing** city, but we seek one to come.

Philippians 3:20 For our **conversation** is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

B. THERE IS A CONFESSION TO BE MADE.

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1 Peter 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your **sojourning** here in fear:

1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as **strangers** and **pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

C. THERE IS A CONCENTRATION TO BE MAINTAINED.

Hebrews 11:15 And truly, if they had been **mindful** of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Acts 7:39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts **turned back again** into Egypt,

2 Timothy 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this **present world**, and is departed unto Thessalonica;