**CALLED BY MY NAME**

**2 Chronicles 7:12 – 16**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. The Apostle Paul stressed the Old Testament Scriptures to the early Christians (Rom 15:4).

1. With his words embedded in our mind, can God’s Word be important (2 Chr 7:12 – 16)?

2. Notice how God appeared to Solomon to inform how his prayer was heard being offered.

1. In speaking to Solomon, God points out several things if incorporated into their lives, as

the children of God, their sins would be forgiven and their land healed.

1. It is important to look at ourselves and see if He is **NOT** making similar requests of [us]

**BODY:**

**1. HUMBLE ONESELF**

 A. God has never been, nor will He ever be, pleased with His Children when they do **NOT**

 possess the quality of humility (Pro 16:18).

1. The New Testament shows God's Displeasure with the proud and approval of the humble.

 1. Greatness within the kingdom of God will only come through humility (Mt 18:4).

 2. Jesus shows the difference between humility and self-exaltation (Lk 18:9 – 14).

 A. No doubt [we] can see which attitude God approves of from this parable.

 3. From the book of James, [we] easily see if [we] desire the grace of God, [we] must

 humble ourselves in order to accept it (Jas 4:6, 10).

 4. To show us the way up or the way to be exalted is down (Mt 23:12).

 1. The road to genuine greatness is the road to surrender to the Lord and only the

 humble will find themselves willing and able to do so.

**2. UTILIZE PRAYER DAILY**

 A. PRAYER is on the part of God's Children **NOT** for approval through for salvation.

 B. God said to His Children, if they wanted their sins forgiven they would PRAY (Mt 6:7)!!

 1. Today, the New Testament deals with the subject of PRAYER for His Children.

 A. Note: Jesus’ Words concerning PRAYER…

 1. **NOT**, “If you pray, do not use vain repetitions…” **BUT** “…when you pray...”

 2. Contained within Paul’s words is the thought [we] pray continually (1 The 5:17).

 A. PRAYER must be an important part of God’s Children daily walk (1 Tim 2:8).

**3. SEEK THE FACE OF GOD**

 A. To seek the “face of the Lord” was to seek out His Will and OBEY it (Mt 7:21).

 1. Found within both the Old and New Testaments are clear indications of this matter.

 A. 2 Chr 14:4; Psa 105:4; Ac 17:27

 B. As Christians [we] desperately need to be “seeking the face of the Lord.”

**4. TURN FROM WICKED WAYS**

 A. Several things needs to be thoroughly understood:

 1. It was/is possible for God's Children to be found involved in wickedness.

 2. It was/is **NOT** pleasing to the Lord for His Children to be involved in wickedness.

 3. God issued/issues a command to turn to be saved.

 A. This clearly indicates repentance demanding a change (or a turning from wicked).

 B. True [Biblical] repentance will bring about conversion (Ac 3:19).

 B. [We] have to understand in order to…

 1. Truly repent, become converted and be forgiven of our sins

 A. [We] must [quickly] turn from them.

 1. To fail to do so will bring about eternal destruction (Lk 13:3, 5).