

**April 21, 2024**

Called By My Name

2 Chronicles 7:11-22

Every first Thursday of May since 1988, is the National Day of Prayer. That day many people will recite 2 Chronicles 7:14, “if my people who are called by my name 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,” as a promise to heal America. That is not a promise America can claim. That verse does teach what God desires of His people.

**Additional Verses:**

Genesis 12:1-3      Isaiah 14:12-15      Matthew 5:6, 6:33, 28:19-20

Galatians 3:3-9      Philippians 2:8-9      1 Timothy 2:1-3

James 4:10      1 Peter 5:6-8      Revelation 7:7

**Outline:**

1. God desires a humble people.

2. God desires a hungry people.

3. God desires a holy people.

4. God desires a blessed people.

**Study Questions:**

1. Why is it easy to claim 2 Chronicles 7:14 is a promise to America? What does that say about our desire?

2. How does God’s desires in 2 Chronicles 7:14 align with the beatitudes in Matthew 5? What do we learn about God’s nature from those two passages? How does that provide assurance for believers?

3. Why does God want a holy people? How do we reflect His holiness in our lives today?

4. How does God ultimately bless people? How is this traced through scripture from Genesis to Revelation?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?