

### A Detour 2 Chronicles 7 (ESV)

# Being A Child Of God Should Affect And Drive The Way We Think, Pray, And Behave.

**2 Chronicles 7:1-5, 12-14** As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. 3 When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." <sup>4</sup> Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before the LORD. <sup>5</sup> King Solomon offered as a sacrifice 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God...<sup>12</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, <sup>14</sup> 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.

### 1. What Is The Context Of This Passage?

#### 2. Let's Focus On Verse 14...

- **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.
  - a. This verse is not **DIRECTED TO US** and has no direct **APPLICATION TO AMERICA**.

- b. In this age of grace Jesus is working **THROUGH INDIVIDUALS**. You and I are to **LIVE FOR JESUS, SPREADING HIS WORD**.
- c. This verse can be applied to each of us as **INDIVIDUALS**.

# 3. What's The Value Of Applying This Verse Individually?

a. It combats our greatest enemies . . . **FEAR, WORRY, AND DOUBT**.

<u>Jesus said Luke 12:32</u> Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**Philippians 4:6** ...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

<u>Jesus said Matthew 21:21</u> And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

## What Fear Worry or Doubts Are You Struggling With These Days?

**How Are You Going To Defeat These Enemies?**