

How Revival Transforms God's People Series
"The Requirements Of God's Presence"
2 Chronicles 7:14, 2 Chronicles 5-7

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 NIV

When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. 2 The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it.

3 When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."

2 Chronicles 7:13-15 NIV

13 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 14 if my people, who are called by my name, will 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.

15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. 16 I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

I. The PATTERN of God's Presence. v1-3

- His presence represented in the FLAME and GLORY.
- His presence in the TABERNACLE. Exodus 40:34-38
- His presence in the TEMPLE. v1-2
- His presence through CHRIST JESUS. John 1:14
- His presence through the HOLY SPIRIT. 1 Cor. 6:19

II. The PROMISE of God's Presence. v15-16

- The REQUIREMENTS of God's Presence. v14-16
 - ✓ God requires HUMILITY but resists the PROUD.

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6

Pride is the root of all sin. **PRIDE IS SIN PERSONIFIED.**

- ✓ God requires us to PRAY. v14
Prayer expresses our total dependence upon God.
- ✓ God requires us to SEEK His face. v14
Seeking God's Face expresses our desire for Him not just His blessings.
- ✓ God requires us to REPENT from our sin. v14
Repentance to God expresses our depravity apart from God.

III. The RETURN of God's Presence. v14-16

- If we humble ourselves, God promises to LISTEN.
- If we pray, God promises to FORGIVE.
- If we seek God's face, God promises to HEAL.
- If we repent, God promises to HEAL.
- If we repent, God promises to RESTORE our relationship with Him.