

## WHY PRAY?

**2 Chronicles 7:14**-...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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (NIV)

The biggest word in this verse is the first and is the most challenging ... **IF**

- Meaning: We might not pray...not supposed to be optional but there is a choice
- Also Meaning: If we follow through and take up the directive of this verse to Humble, pray, seek and turn... He will hear forgive and heal

**TCC -The whole world can be healed... IF**

Is it really that cut and dry? Is the church really that instrumental...

**If so... why wouldn't we?**

## Sovereignty of God

**Sovereignty -God has supreme reign...**Not God can do whatever He wants... vast difference

- As the supreme ruler God -delegated His earthly authority to human kind...
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**God as the supreme ruler** ... has vested His authority on the earth to **His** people

- Those who have the same characteristics ... **those called by His name...**
  - possessing the keys of the kingdom... binding and loosing

**The stewardship is ours...** if my people... the ones I have delegated earthly authority

**TCC- Why pray? We have been given the authority to call on the supreme ruler in the universe ... to bind and loose... to use the keys of His kingdom!!**

- To put into motion His plan and will on the earth in the earth

He said about His people ... **if we would humble ourselves and pray** that he would hear from heaven

## Immutability-

- To mutate meant to change *immutability is* something never changes  
M/U- God can never change His mind...

**The immutability** is not about God never changing His mind... **TCC - it's about His unchanging character**

**God absolutely can and does change His mind.... And TCC ...that's exactly why we should be praying**

**Deut 9:18** – Then once again I fell prostrate before the LORD for forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water, because of all the sin you had committed, doing what was evil in the LORD's sight and so arousing his anger. <sup>19</sup> ***I feared the anger and wrath of the LORD, for he was angry enough with you to destroy you. But again the LORD listened to me.*** (NIV)

**Exodus 32:9-14** <sup>9</sup>“I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”...<sup>11</sup> ***But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,”...<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.*** (NIV)

**God sends Jonah to the wicked city of Nineveh...** in 40 days I am going to destroy your city ... but after the people heard Jonah's message they repented... God changed His mind ... Jonah was not happy

**Jonah 4:2** – He prayed to the LORD, “Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. **I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.** (NIV)

- He said He would destroy the City in 40 days...**The people repented... He relented**

Why? He changed His mind... When he saw the change of Heart...

TCC- Why pray? ... because God who' character IS UNCHANGING... He listens and changes His mind based on the people seeking Him!!

### **We Pray Because God Sovereign... Because God is immutable...Changeless**

- God cannot and will not change His character. He is who He is. God listens and cares. ... this is why we should pray

Rom 12:1... *in view of Gods mercy (unchanging character)... offer your bodies as living sacrifices*

TCC- The world is in the middle of a pandemic... **Q** What if we prayed?... **Q** what if the church of the most sovereign called on His name.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

**Q.** Why don't we pray?

**Q.** What does God's immutability (His unchanging character) mean for you personally?

**Q.** What do we do when our prayers are not answered the way we prayed?