

Freedom that Changes a Nation Independence Day Message

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

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.

1. GOD USES HIS PEOPLE TO BRING FREEDOM.

v. 14a "...if my people, who are called by my name..."

The People of God are People of **CLASS**:

C hosen--1 Peter 2:9-10

L ight--Matthew 5:14-16

A ailable--1 Peter 3:15

S alt--Matthew 5:13

S eparate--2 Corinthians 6:14-18

2. WE CANNOT EXPERIENCE FREEDOM WHILE IN BONDAGE.

v. 14b "...will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways..."

The Process of Repentance

Humility--James 4:9-10

Prayer--Luke 11:9-10

Seeking God--Deuteronomy 4:29-30

Turning from Sin--Isaiah 55:6-7

3. GOD LISTENS BEFORE HE ACTS.

v. 14c "...then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin..."

Three Ways to know that God has heard you.

1. Assurance in Prayer.
2. Answers are Visible.
3. Acceptance by Faith.

4. GOD WANTS TO SET OUR NATION FREE.

v. 14d "...and will heal their land."

Signs of Revival

- Hearts are made right with God.
- Relationships with others are healed.
- Families are put back together.
- Unity and harmony in the fellowship.
- People are saved.

Signs of Healing the Land

- Crime decreases or stops altogether.
- Nation-wide righteousness prevails.
- Sin no longer abounds.
- Harmony among men.
- Harmony among nature.

God wants to bring healing and revival to America, but that process always begins with God's people who are willing to repent and seek the Lord with all their hearts.