

God's Prescription – 05 Jun 2005

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Foremost in my heart and thoughts has been the prescriptions which god gave for all calamities. Today, when you go to your doctor you don't walk away without the prescription and you cannot get the needed medicine from the pharmacist without the prescription given to you by your doctor.

Now let us turn to 2nd chronicles, but this is a scripture which is speaking to my heart afresh and I have been asking myself, Lord, where are the areas in which I need to humble myself? I never found it easy to humble myself folks. Being very proud in nature as a foolish young fellow I found it very hard to humble myself even in simple matters and that is how one of the restitutions I had to make which is returning some money to my tailor took me a good long while to go to my family tailor and say I cheated you then remind you of what you had forgotten to put in my bill and therefore here is the money and to go to an enemy of mine, a classmate, just hardly a 100 yards from where I lived was a grievous hardship. Why? Too proud! Now if you look at the 14th verse, if my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray. That's the sequence. They come very close on each other's heels. Humbling ourselves appears to open a flood gate into our souls. Now you know how hard it is for people in business and people in industry to acknowledge that they are wrong, that their methods are outdated. I can't go into the car industry at length but some of you know the most famous models. The most prestigious cars made in the world today. And some of those methods which have been adopted because of their inflexible style of operations. See we know it, their companies are going down. They will never recover. Inflexibility, why can't I learn? Why can't I be humble? Here at this dedication of the temple the lord appeared and told these things. 12th verse: and the lord appeared to Solomon by night and said and to him, I have heard your prayer, I have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there is no rain or if I command the locusts to devour the land or if I send the pestilence among my people, If my people which are called by my name. You know, in a sense, certain nations as you know were called Christians. It cannot be called Christian nation anymore. You can go and lecture about Buddhism, you can talk about Hindu philosophy and Yoga but if you mention the lord Jesus Christ that's illegal. It is as foolish and topsy-turvy as that. But you know there are people who supposedly are Christian church members and you can see how lying has become universal today and the bible says and all liars shall find a part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. Lying and Christ don't go together. Cheating and Christ don't go together. I wonder what

would happen to the finances, you see, you are not supposed to have a deficit budget, that is, you should not spend more than you earn and keep within a limit. And if everybody is living on borrowed money, how can the system work? How long will it work? Now when Jesus comes what happens is there is plain honesty. If I owe the government, it goes to the tax men, it goes. You know what happened after the war, one of the problems that surfaced was the recompense which was given for those that had suffered losses, certain farmers had suffered much loss. So, they put in their claims. You know how it is? When you put in your claim you have a temptation to overstate. So many people put in claims for more, much more. As a matter of fact, one dear old lady said to me: when my city was bombed and the glass panes came down in the big shops, I too went in and stole. I said return that money and industrialist wife was in my meetings and she said I cheated at the customs, I brought in stuff and because I am a big person nobody bothered, she said I am going to return to the customs. You know friends, when people live straight there will not be a deficit budget. How many false claims today, untruth! Now what we see here is, in the 6th chapter of 2nd chronicles, 24th verse: and if thy people Israel, be put to the worse before the enemy because they have sinned against you and shall return and confess your name and pray and make supplication before you in this house. I am supposed to be a student of English language and literature but this word Tsunami I never heard it, Through a grave tragedy. Now how hard it is even in these tragic circumstances for people to acknowledge the name of Jesus, how hard it is. Any name goes today except the name of Jesus. What is the problem for anybody to acknowledge Jesus? Did he harm anybody? The first hospitals, the first T.B asylums, the first leprosarium, the first educational institutions nearly all of them were started in the name of Jesus. The first printing presses, the first books out of the printing presses were all in the name of Jesus and yet today people find it so difficult to acknowledge. You know after the great revival in the 18th century under the Wesley's, a book was written, whence this freedom? How did we get this freedom? You know folks; the coachmen had a vote but not the lady who rode in the coach. But things were brought around by the preaching of God's word and today we are ashamed of it. We are trying desperately to rewrite history and this is happening in many parts of the world. Here, if they acknowledge, if they return and confess my name and pray and make supplication before me in this house then hear thou from heaven and forgive the sin of your people. Forgiveness! You know religion today is divorced from forgiveness. Don't I need the forgiveness of god? What kind of religion that teaches me you are a great man, you are a fine man, you can do almost anything including stopping a Tsunami, what is wrong that we cannot return? If they return and confess my name and pray and make supplication before me in this house then here thou from heaven and forgive the sin of your people.