Seek His Face with Humility and Supplication – 06 12 05

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2 Chronicle 7:14: If my people pray and seek my face, if they return and confess your name and pray and make supplication. Oh how important that we should learn today how to make supplication. You know we pray for our own needs, if we have suddenly our back begins to cripple you and you are not able to sit up straight and gone crooked in your back and you say no chiropractic is going to help me now? Well, you begin to say hey what is happening? Have I got a cancerous growth? What is happening here? Let me pray. My dear friends there are two kinds of tears, one weeping is well known to the world, what is it? It comes after the event. Anybody can do that after the event. But for spiritual people there should be a prophetic insight which makes us pray before the event. Makes us cry to god before the event. Otherwise we are a blind people. We are playing blind man's bluff. False religion! Personally is it so hard for you to humble yourself. Have you humbled yourself? I don't know what god is teaching you, what god is showing you. I have found a class of people who never rise, you know, in certain societies we still don't have a middle class. It is the rich and it is the poor. It is the very well to do and it is the miserable who have nothing. Now in certain people I have noticed, some of them are tea pluckers, very poor people. My wife and I, we have worked amongst them to lift them and some of them are just servants. 10 or 12 servants serving one man. Well that was how it was and they liked it like that, they had some employment. But in serving their master they were not honest. You see when it came to some excess coffee, excess tea or excess something, the fact that they were not honest resulted in their children suffering and the children would never come out of that hole. There should be a turning to the lord and for that the word of god has to be given. So my first reaction to any calamity is what did we do to take the word of God to this place. Now here in this prayer, Solomon is praying about the calamities and when there is a calamity, I say what did I do? What did we do? Did we give the word of god in this area, to this people? If we have not done it then we have failed. Yeah you can weep, you can send food packets, I don't believe in such things. I believe in something which will permanently lift. That is the way of God. So my dear people when god wanted to deliver his people in the land of Egypt, if you turn to exodus 10th chapter and the 3rd verse: And Moses and Aaron came in unto pharaoh and said unto him thus saith the lord, God of the Hebrews, how long will thou refuse to humble yourself before me? How long will you take to humble yourself before me? Now you know when we humble ourselves before the lord, what do we seek? We seek his face and so we are told in 2 Chronicles 7:14:- if my people pray and seek my face. Can you imagine Mary with baby Jesus, you know I have heard of mothers and soon after they

deliver their baby, they want to see the baby. They want to see the baby's face. Can you think of the Mary turning away from the face of Jesus? I have seen a young man do that. I said to him your wife is in the meeting with your baby, won't you look at the baby? He said No. you know people can have such hard, proud hearts and god says, seek my face. But you know look at all the things that we have sought. I always used to feel because I started preaching among the students, young fellows, they had nothing. So on Christmas day my dad and I, we would have them for dinner because they had no money for the fares to go back home and in some cases, homes were heathen homes. When I dealt with young fellows like that being a student myself, I said, on Christmas day we shouldn't have any offering. I said these boys are so poor. It took me nearly half a century to realize that I am unscriptural. Because the wise men brought their gifts! You want to bring something special to the feet of Jesus. You want to seek his face. If my people humble themselves. I see that many, many people including some very fine people that I know. They can't humble themselves so then lose the blessing. That's it. They receive no blessing. Suppose in every divorce court you see this humbling in operation, I have seen many people including pastors. I saw the pastor in tears, hugging his wife, humbling himself. I have seen people, proud people humbling themselves. Look at the end of this promise. The end of the promise is healing for the land. We don't care! So, today when I look at what is happening, irresponsible entirely selfish immigration. Paul immigrated in a sense but why did he immigrate, why did he spend so much time in Europe? Why did he die in Europe? Because he had a call from God and he was obedient to the heavenly vision. See look at the end of this promise, if my people humble themselves, I will forgive their sin and heal the land. You know my dear friends, judgment can hit at any time. When I see that the consent is coming down and one of these days the parliament may vote, 12 years girls as being legally qualified to say yes to any man on the street. Any stray dog. What kind of sense to those men have who pass such laws? So school boys can become fathers and babies, girls who hardly know how to handle themselves become mothers? Do you build a nation that way? You know we are playing folks, we are playing. These are issues at stake. We are playing. If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face. Oh don't let the face of Jesus Christ become so common place or hateful to this nation. If it does, this nation has signed its own death warrant. I will heal the land. Oh my! What a promise and we can't grab the promise. What's wrong with us? Let us pray