

## Recipe for Restoration

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7: 11-14, 19-22

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's palace, and successfully completed all that he had planned on doing in the house of the LORD and in his palace.

12 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, 14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

19 "But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, 20 then I will uproot you from My land which I have given you, and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.<sup>21</sup> As for this house, which was exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' 22 And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers who brought them from the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this adversity on them.'"

1. Recognize the problem by looking at what is happening around us as God's possible affliction.
  - a. His affliction doesn't lead to our destruction.
  - b. His affliction is for the purpose of purification.
  - c. His affliction brings about transformation.
2. Respond to the fundamentals, meaning our response to God should start with our faith in Him and our obedience toward Him.
  - a. Humble yourself.
  - b. Pray.
  - c. Seek the Lord.
  - d. Repent.
3. Receive the Promise God has given when we respond correctly.
  - a. God will hear from Heaven.

b. God will forgive our sins.

c. God will heal our land.