

## PREREQUISITE ATTITUDES FOR DELIVERANCE FROM STRONGHOLDS

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** will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land.*

*If my people,*

**Accept that God is in charge.**

*who are called by my name,*

**Know who you are in God's eyes; realize your identity in Christ.**

*will*

**Deliberately choose to embrace each of the following requirements.**

*humble themselves*

**See yourself through God's eyes. Renounce self-centeredness, and subordinate your will to God's.**

*and pray*

**Earnest prayer is essential, not optional. Practice the presence of God, and realize that the "speakerphone" between you and Him is always "on".**

*and seek my face*

**Earnestly desire the freedom necessary for the Lord to fulfill His purpose in your life, and earnestly seek the deliverance that can come only from Him. (If the desire is not there, confess this and ask Him for it.)**

*and turn from their wicked ways,*

**Be genuinely repentant. Confess and renounce any sin ground that God reveals, past or present, on which the stronghold has been built.**

***then** . . . .*

the Lord responds.

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Does this "If...,then..." requirement of God seem harsh, like a very conditional kind of love? If so, realize that the strongholds which remain in your life are a continual declaration to the enemy that part of your life is in tune with Satan's agenda. The acquiescing of your will to this condition gives Satan's kingdom a "license-to-operate". The Lord knows that *you* must exercise your will to reclaim the surrendered ground on which the stronghold is built, and He invites you to do just that.