



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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. **2 Chronicles 7:14**

➤ **THREE PROMISES FROM GOD IN THIS SINGLE VERSE**

I will hear from heaven. - _____

I will forgive their sin. - _____

I will restore their land. - _____

➤ **MANASSEH'S STORY**

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. ² He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. ³ He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had demolished; he also erected altars to the Baals and made Asherah poles. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. ⁴ He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "My Name will remain in Jerusalem forever." ⁵ In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts. ⁶ He sacrificed his children in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced divination and witchcraft, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, arousing his anger ... ⁹ Manasseh led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the LORD had

destroyed before the Israelites. ¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. ¹¹ So the LORD brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon. ¹² In his distress he sought the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors. ¹³ And when he prayed to him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is God. **2 Chronicles 33:1-6, 9-13 (NIV)**

➤ **RESTORATION REQUIRES _____**

1. Humility leads me to _____.

In his suffering Manasseh became humble, turned to the LORD his God, and begged him for help. **2 Chronicles 33:12 (TEV)**

Because he is proud, that evil person doesn't turn to the LORD. There is no room for God in any of his thoughts. **Psalms 10:4 (NIRV)**

2. Humility allows me to _____.

³¹ Whoever heeds life-giving correction will be at home among the wise.

³² Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding. ³³ Wisdom's instruction is to fear the LORD, and humility comes before honor. **Proverbs 15:31-33 (NIV)**

He shows those who are humble how to do right, and he teaches them his ways. **Psalms 25:9 (NCV)**

...Humbly accept the word that God has placed in you. This word can save you. **James 1:21b (GW)**

3. Humility leads me to _____.

The high and... Holy One, says this: "I live...with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts. **Isaiah 57:15 (NLT)**

Scripture says "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. **James 4:6, 10 (NIV)**

...If you want to be honored, you must be humble. **Proverbs 15:33a (NCV)**