



IF MY PEOPLE

God always prepares his people. We are all Esther's, who have come into the kingdom for such a time as this (Esther 4:14). The time is now for Christians to stop living any kind of way and make God our first priority. God is trying to get our attention!

Ephesians 6:10-20

The whole armor of God must be combined with prayer—earnest prayer. Daniel prayed as a way to stay connected to his God even though he lived in a strange land where the people did not know or serve God. We must pray with the same fervency and intention, staying committed to our God no matter the opposition.

- God is not weak. If we stand in the strength of His might, we are not weak, either.
- We have to *keep* putting on the whole armor of God. The enemy uses tricks, schemes, and wiles to stop us from standing. We need to spend time in prayer for God to give us discernment, that we can see and counteract the enemy's works.
- v.13: We have to be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done *all*, to stand. God will give us His strength if we ask for it. Don't give up.
- The Word of God is truth (John 17:17). Righteousness comes by faith, not us trying to do right on our own. We have to start winning these battles that have tripped us up for so long. God has given you strength and power to overcome; trust Him by faith!
- God is holding us (Christians) to a higher standard. We can't let the world around us influence our thoughts, behaviors, and actions, like the Israelites did in the wilderness. As Christians, we have to get back on our game.

2 Chronicles 7:12-14

- We desire God to heal the land. God is trying to get the attention of His people. The world does as the world does. But God's promise is, if *my* people—those who are called by my name—pray, humble themselves, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land. As Christians, we must seek God's face. Pray, "Lord, what do you want?" We have to turn from our wicked ways—the ways that don't follow God. *Then* will He hear, forgive, and heal!