

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

July 19, 2020

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 86:11-17

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

HYMN Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy

HYMN Because He Lives

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN I Give All to You

CLOSING PRAYER

BIBLE MESSAGE: *The Lord is Precious to the Church - 1 Peter 2:1-8*

Why is the Lord precious to us?

1. He gives us a new desire - Verses 1-3
2. He gives us a new foundation - Verses 4, 6-8
3. He gives us a new calling - Verse 5

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. Psalm 86:11-13

Announcement

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

If My People - 2 Chronicles 7:12-22
Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

God's providence and help was with the founding fathers of our nation. They were quick to acknowledge His watch care over the birth of our nation. It is difficult to see the changes that have come over our nation as it has drifted away from its Judeo-Christian heritage.

Do you think there should be separation of church and state? The original purpose of that statement was to prohibit the state from setting up or controlling a church. It was not meant to remove all religion or our Judeo-Christian values from influencing everyday life. These values are the basis for our laws. History has proven that any nation which turns its back on God will lose its freedoms, privileges and wealth. Today we are witnessing and seeing this borne out in many areas of our lives. As we throw God out of society and reject Jesus Christ, we drive out God-given wisdom, truth and, values. The Bible is the book that teaches men responsibility. As a nation gets away from God's Word, it is destined to follow the sinful practices of past nations that have fallen into tyranny and servitude.

In 2 Chronicles 7:12, the Lord appeared to King Solomon telling him that He had heard his prayers and that He had accepted the temple King Solomon had built. In verse 13, God tells Solomon the consequences if the people should turn away from Him. Verse 14 says: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Although this promise was given directly to Israel, the principle remains the same to any nation who will call upon God. What are the people to do?

—Humble themselves. We need to stop the arrogance and pride in our lives. Verse 17, "And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments."

—Pray. Fasting in prayer is when our praying is more important than what we will eat.

—Seek my face. Our families, communities, and nation need to know and follow what God tells us in His Word.

—Turn from their wicked ways. Instead of wallowing in sin and eagerly embracing immorality, we need to turn to God.

God is clear when He tells us to stop embracing sin, if we want His blessing. As a people and a nation, we need to confess and repent of our sin. Only then can God forgive and heal our land. Jesus Christ is the only one who can transform hearts and make changes in the lives of individuals and nations. Only God Himself can bless America. Are we willing to humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways, so God can truly heal our land?