

Joshua 9:18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

This verse is from Joshua 9 where the heathen kings on the west bank of the Jordan River conspired against Israel after seeing the supernatural defeat of the city of Jericho. They reasoned that if Israel was able to defeat Jericho, then it would be better to become the servants of Israel, rather than to be killed by Israel. So, these heathen kings approached Israel as if they were poor and down trodden, begging Israel for mercy, promising to become Israel's servants, but only if Israel were to swear before their God to spare their lives. Later, when Israel learned that they had been deceived, the leaders of Israel kept their word and spared these deceivers lives. It so angered the general populace of Israel so much that they complained bitterly against their leaders' judgment.

We live in a nation, not unlike Israel. Lately, our leaders have made some very poor decisions. And, some of these decisions were out right deceptions. Regardless of how we voted for these leaders, together, we all are paying a heavy price because of their decisions. As a corporate body, we all stand to reap some kind of dividends because of any decision made by our leaders.

2 Chronicles 7:11-17 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. (12) And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. (13) If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; (14) 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. (15) Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. (16) For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. (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;

The scripture in **blue** (just above) is the Scripture that most people quote to invoke God's blessing upon their homeland. However, the portion that I have highlighted in **red** are the requirements of God to justify His granting those blessings in **verse 14**. Notice **verse 13** describes God's warning system to any way-ward nation. **Verse 14** is what my daddy used to call the **"if's"**. He would say to me, son **"if"** never really got anything done. Now, you know, when we do the deed, it is no longer just a **"if thing"**, but it becomes a **"Done Deed"**. On 911, right after the Trade Towers fell, they say the churches of America were filled with people crying out to God. But, as you can now see, it is no longer that way. America had, what most preachers call, a "death bed profession of faith". Now we want Big Government grant our every wish. But surely you can see that, **Big Government does not have the last word**. **ONLY** God has the Last word!

Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

According to 2 Chronicles 7:15-16 God may be still listening to hear His people. These are those of us, who are called by His name. Revival is only in the hands of God's people — not the hands of the sinner. Christians better get off their "pity pot" and get down to business with God!

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