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The Church on Her Knees

Scriptures 2 Chron 7: 1-14
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Text: This Sunday is designated as Penitence and Prayer Sunday. Penitence on part of Church; prayer on part of Church. This is fittingly brought before us in our text. These words are God's promise to Solomon; God's answer to his prayer of dedication of Temple. Read part of prayer in 2 Chron 6: 12 onward.

I. ^{It} My People, Who are called by my name.

1. Are you included? Do you take name of Christ.
2. If not a member of Church - then what do you call yourself? with which group do you wish to be included?
3. It is a fearful responsibility to bear name of Christ.
4. As God's people do, so does nation. God's people, if they stood by their convictions, if they were.

which they profess to be, could mold and make Community after their will. But alas, we who bear his name have been too much like world, and have had no desire to see it transformed.

II. Humble Themselves.

1. we are proud of wrong things. - Our beautiful churches, our numbers, our material success, and we fail to lament our spiritual failures. - To win men; to do some good in our own lives
2. Proud of our own strength. "all things thru him".

III. Pray and Seek my Face

1. we are so prayerless. we are so selfish in our prayers. we are so easily satisfied when we pray. - no response in our own hearts.

2. Seek my face.

1. seek to see God and know his way and go his way. "I want" - not what I want, but what he wills. we so often want to bend him to our wills. ours to his.

IV. Turn from our wicked way^s.

1. Solomon enumerate some of wicked way^s.

1. Verse 22. "If a man sin against his neighbor"

2. "If they be put to the worse before enemy" - v. 24

3. Verse 26. - no rain - ^{penitence}

4. Verse 28 - ^{scarcity, millet, locusts, caterpillars}

2. we need to repent for wicked way^s of our fellow-men.

3. Permitt evil - Eli - Sons did evil and he restrained them ^{not.}

Hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Ch on Her knees. - In penitence for her own sins & for sins of world.