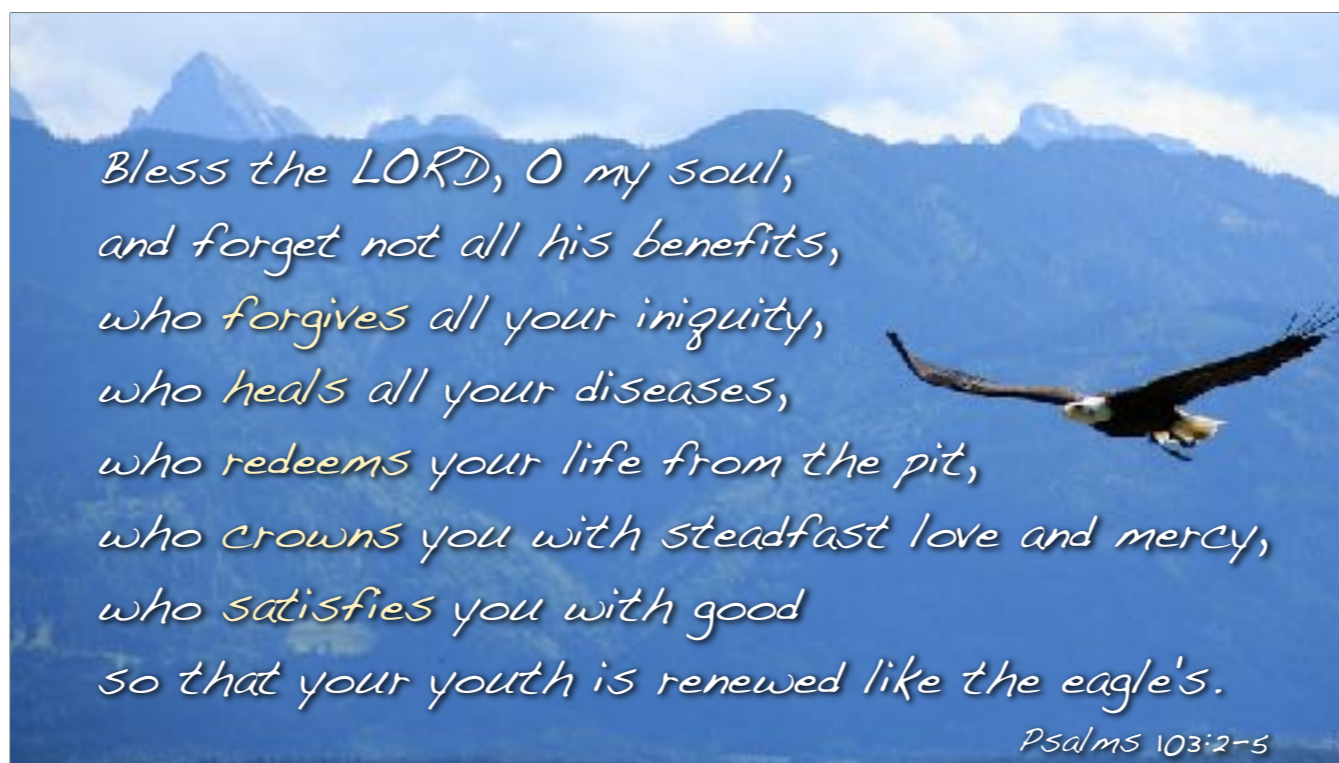




WHEN YOU
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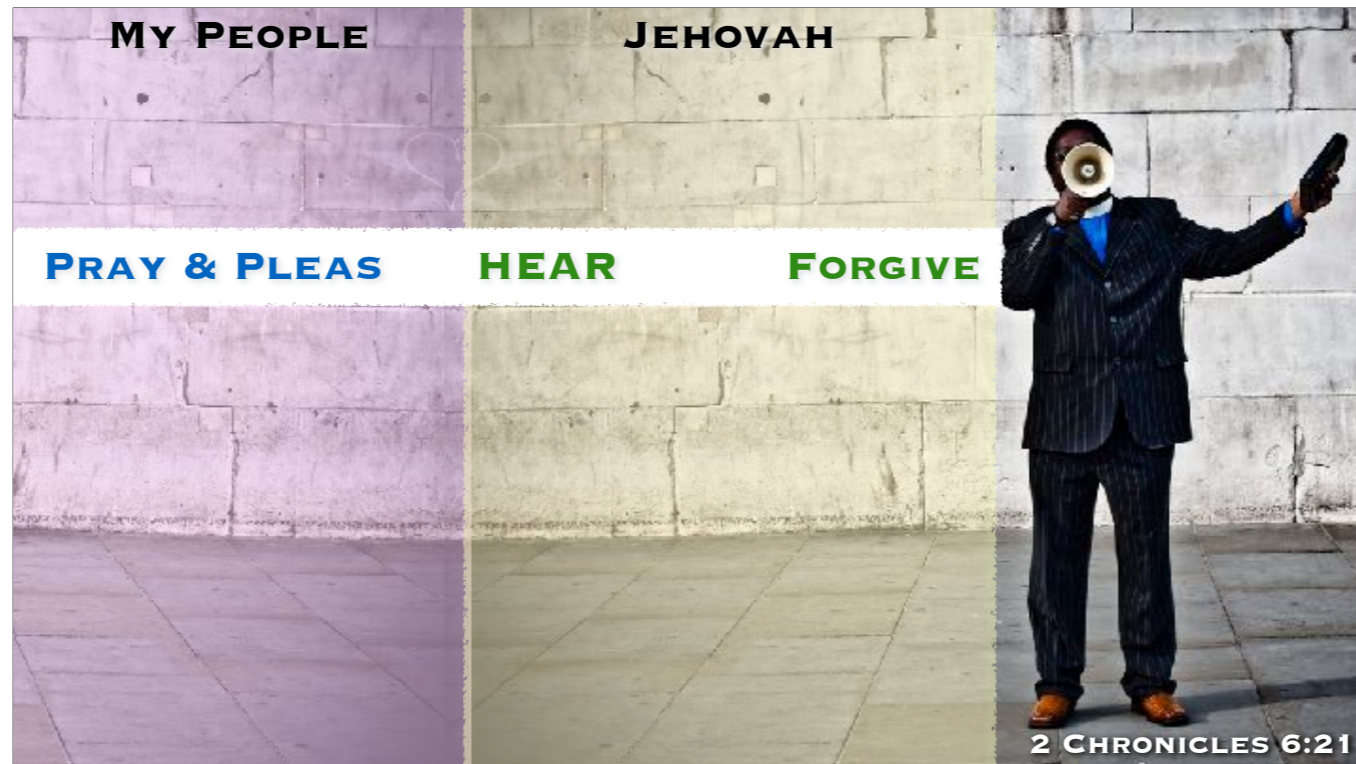
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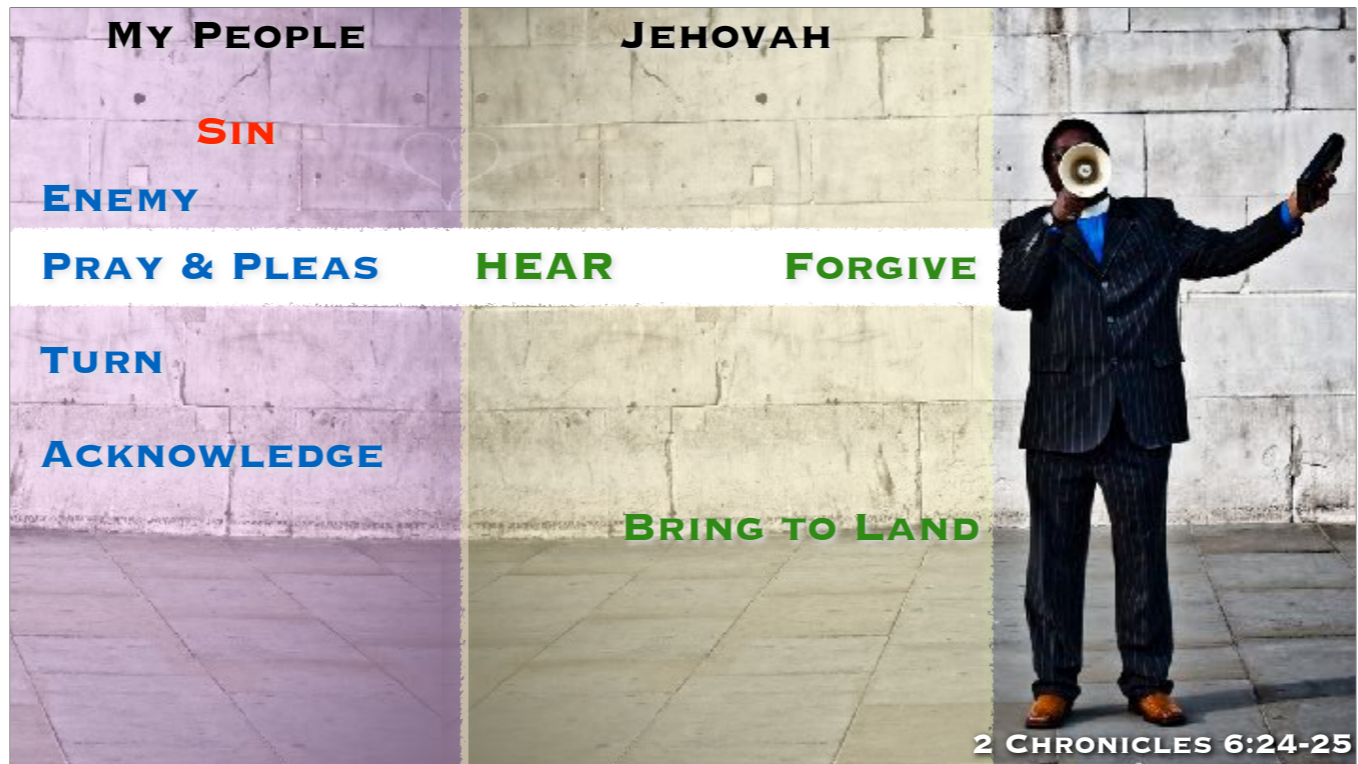
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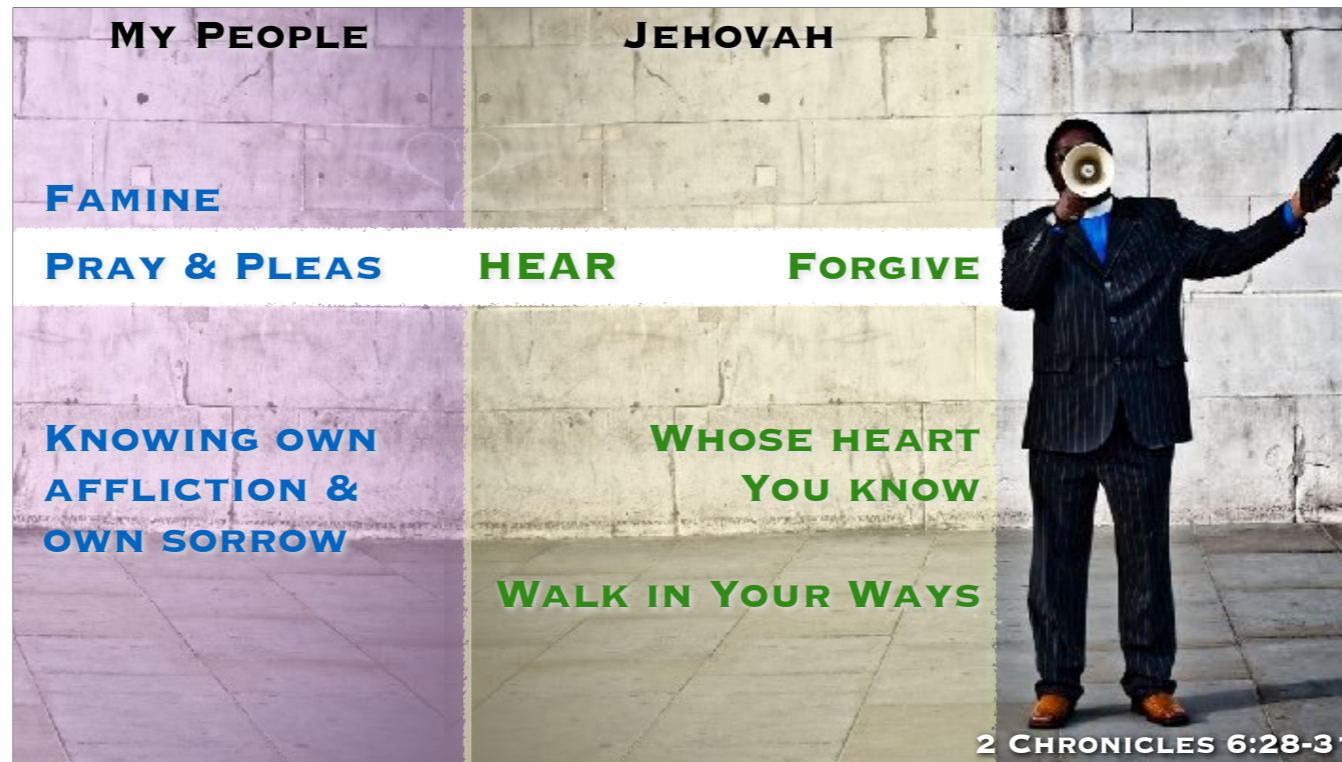
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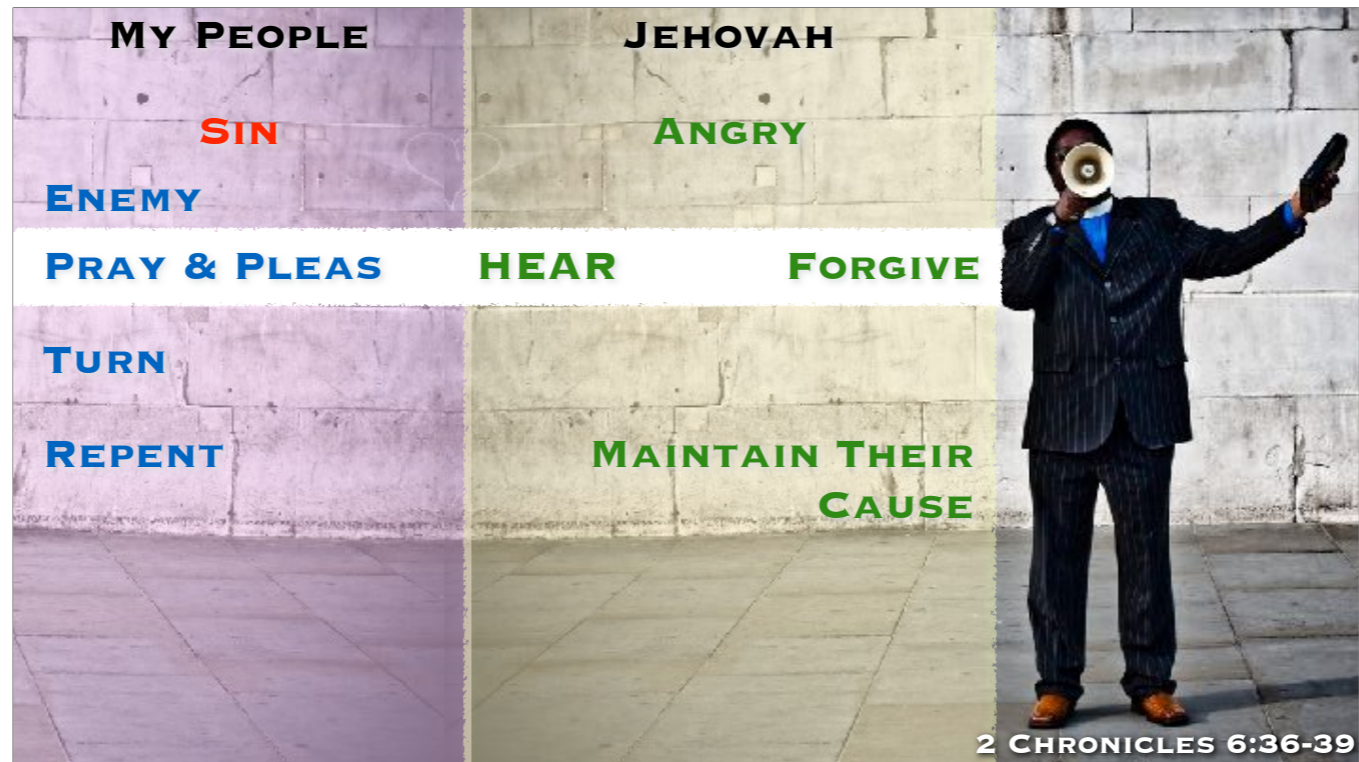
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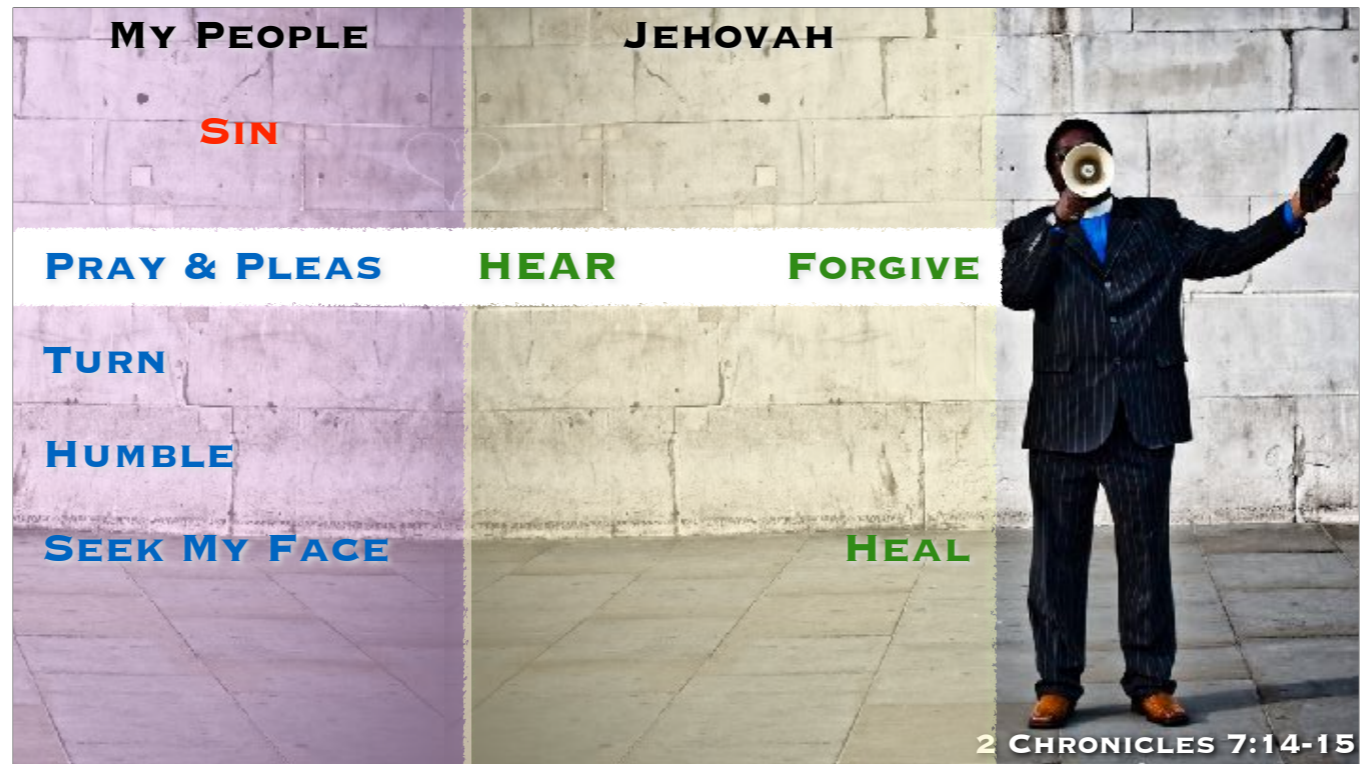
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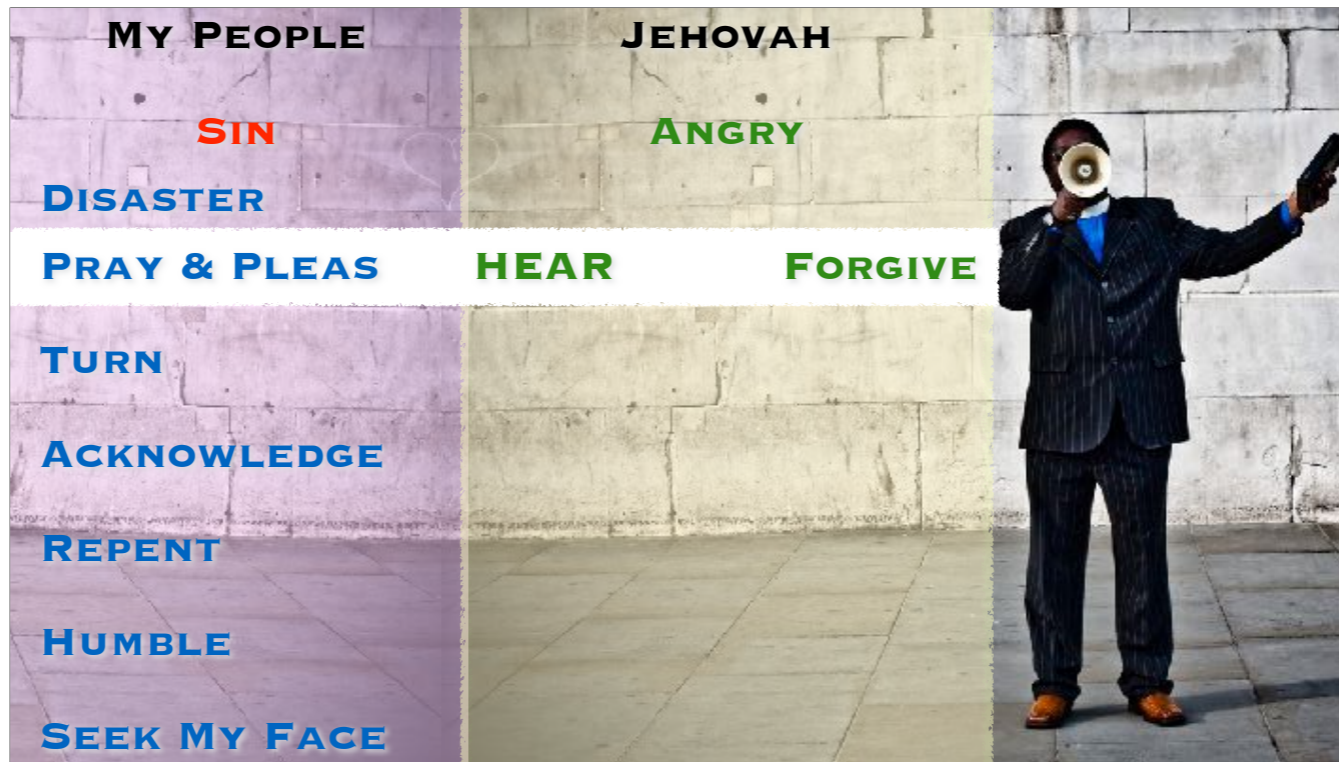
- 2 Chronicles 6:36-39 (ESV) 36 “If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to a land far or near, 37 yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captivity, saying, ‘We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,’ 38 if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity to which they were carried captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, 39 then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you.



- 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (ESV) 14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.



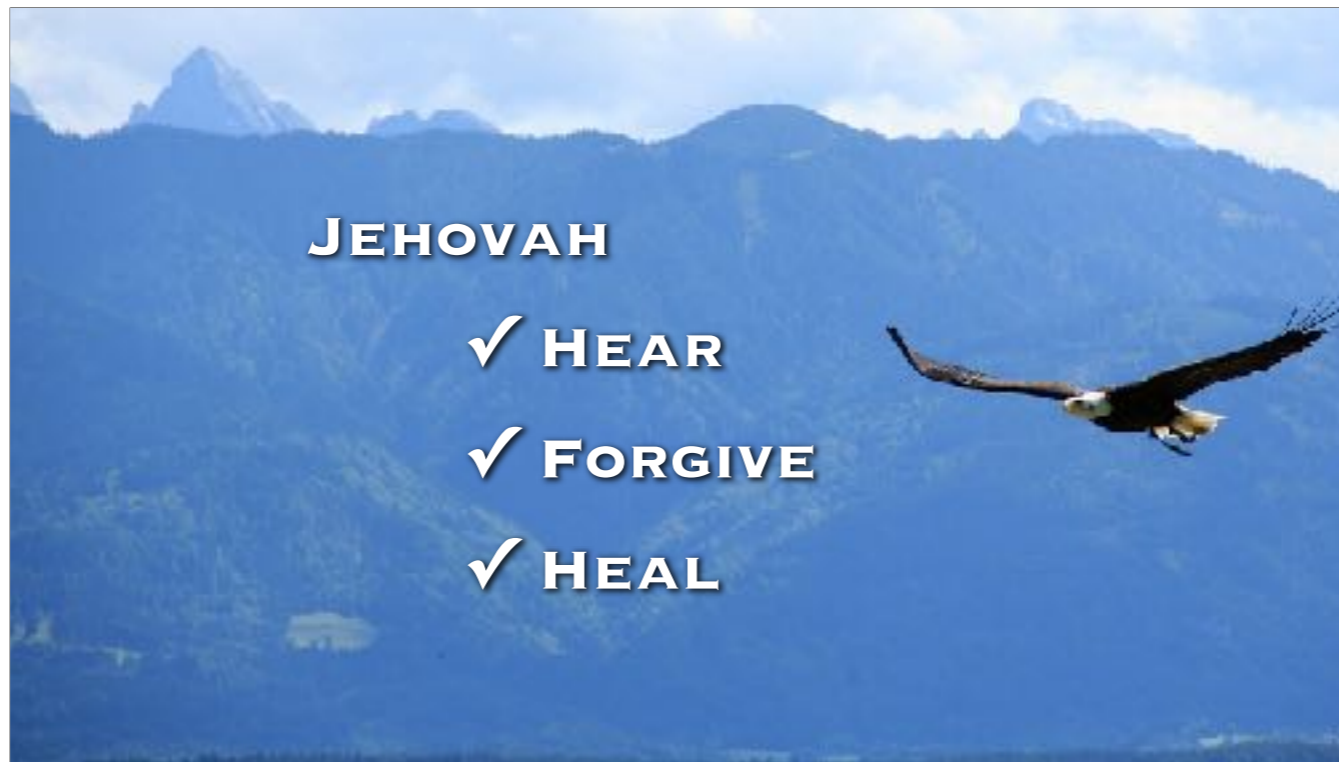
- Jehovah's People Sin
 - Jehovah (may be) angry
 - Disaster allowed
 - People know their own affliction, sorrow
 - Humble, Repent, Turn
 - Plea and Pray
 - 6:37 — 'We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,'



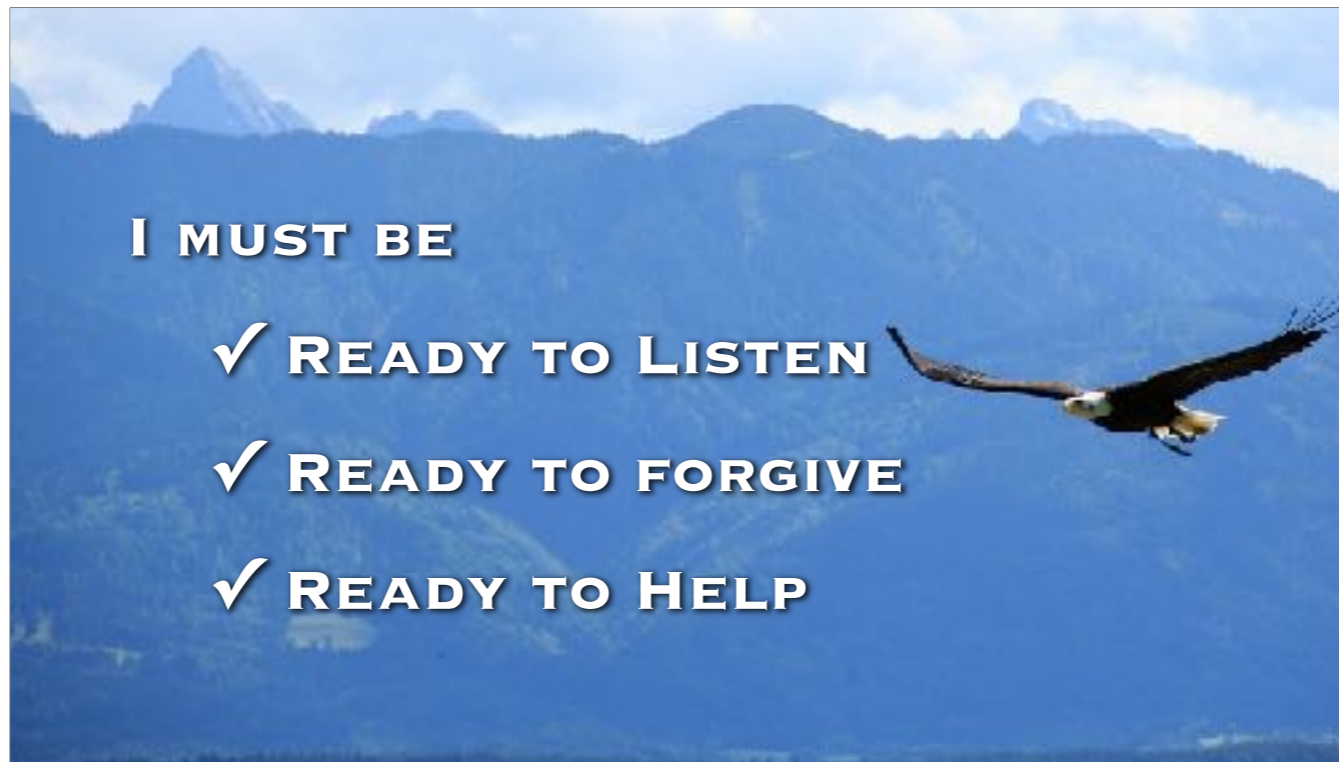
- Jehovah
 - Hear
 - How awesome is it that our Father hears us even when we've sinned, brought low
 - "Whatever" prayer, plea
 - Any man, all people
 - Forgive
 - render to each one — you know their heart
 - Only God can judge our hearts!
 - maintain their cause



- And ...
 - bring to land, teach good way, grant rain, walk in your ways, heal



- Lessons about God's forgiveness
 - God is ready to hear our prayers
 - "whatever"; non specific
 - God is ready to forgive our sins
 - knows our hearts
 - God is also going to restore us and help us.
- Relationship!
 - 2 Chronicles 7:14 — if my people who are called by my name



- If I'm to be like my Father (and I am), what does this teach me about forgiving others
 - Be ready to listen.
 - Don't just hold on to your anger
 - Be ready to forgive.
 - Beware of trying to put yourself in the place of God to judge their hearts
 - "It isn't specific enough"
 - "It isn't genuine/sincere"
 - Whatever their prayer/plea
 - We don't know their heart
 - Knowing their own affliction, sorrow
 - Be ready to restore them, help them ... especially spiritually
- Relationship!

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple includes several pleas for Jehovah to hear the prayers of His people and forgive them. We learn from this lesson that we must be ready to hear, forgive, and help those who seek forgiveness.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”