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[0 : 0 0] The 21st of August If God said, 2 Chronicles 7.14 Sometimes, very small words are really important.

The little word, if, is one of these. In 2 Chronicles 6, King Solomon used the word six or seven times in his prayer to God. But now in chapter 7, God uses the word as he answers Solomon's prayer.

Very often we can feel like saying to God, I will do such and such a thing for you if you will do this for me. But we don't lay down conditions to God. It is God's place to lay down conditions to us.

In 2 Chronicles chapter 7, God said to Solomon that when the land would suffer from drought or was attacked by a swarm of locusts, or there was a plague among the people, and all of this was because they had sinned, then if the people prayed, God would hear.

This is a very important lesson for us to learn. We all sin in one way or another. This is true personally, but also true at a national level.

[1 : 2 6] But if we repent and turn from our sin and pray, then God will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land.

How desperately we need to take that to heart at the present time. Our broken society needs to come to God, confess our sin, repent of it, and leave it.

Only then can we expect God to forgive us and bless us. A prayer. Dear Lord, give us a repentant heart, and forgive our sin, we pray.

Amen. Amen. Thank you.