

INTRODUCTION: REVIVAL! (1Sam.1-6 & 7)

I. DESIRE RESTORATION TO PEACE & PROSPERITY (7:13-17; contrast chp.4)

A. PURSUE RECONCILIATION WITH GOD (7:3f; see 2Cor.5:20f; 1Cor 7:11)

B. ONE & ALL: FELLOWSHIP IN REPENTANCE (7:2,3,5; see Dan.9:1f,5)

C. LAMENT AFTER THE LORD (7:2; see 2Sam.3:16; 2Cor.7:11; see 2Tm.4:2)

D. SUBMIT TO YOUR RULERS (7:6,15; see Jdgs.2:11f; 3:5-11; 1Th.5:12; Heb.13:17)

E. BELIEVE PROMISES PROCLAIMED (7:3; see Dt.30:3,6; Jer.3:7-10; 11,14,22; 2Chr.7:14; Mk.1:15; Acts 2:38)

F. BELIEVE CONDITIONS PROCLAIMED (3; see Dt.30:1-3; 6:5; 10:12; 11:13; 13:3; Mt.6:24; 22:37)

1. turn away from all other gods (7:3a; see Ex.20:2,3; Mt.6:24; see Mk.7:7f; Col.2:20f; 1Tm.4:1f)

2. turn to the one God alone (7:3b; see Dt.13:4; Hosea; Mt.22:37)

G. FULFILL THE CONDITIONS PROCLAIMED (7:4; see Acts 2:41f; 16:14f, 31f)

H. AFTER REPENTANCE, PRAY FOR WHAT GOD PROMISES (7:5,6 /1:15; Lam.2:19 /Ps.66:18; 1Pt.3:7)

1. know that your rulers pray for you (7:5,8,9 /Lk.22:32; Jn.17:1; Heb.7:25 /Eph.1:16; Phil.1:4; Col.1:3,9; 4:12)

2. pray with fasting (7:6; see Mt.6:2,5,16; 9:15; Acts 13:2; 14:23)

3. pray with confession (7:6; see 2Sam.12:13; Ps.32:5; 38:18; 41:4; 51:4; Dan.9:20; Mt.3:6; Jms.5:16; 1Jn.1:9)

I. EXPECT ASSAULT FROM YOUR OPPRESSORS (7:7; see Mt.4:1f; Gal.5:17; Eph.6:12f)

J. FLEE TO CHRIST IN HIS WORD & SACRAMENT, AND PRAYER (7:8,9; see Lk.24:44; 1Cor.11:24f; Jn.14:13f; 15:16; 16:23f)

K. STAND AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD (7:10; see Ex.14:13f; Dt.28:7)

L. PARTICIPATE IN THE VICTORY OF THE LORD (7:11; see Eph.4:22-24; Col.2:12; 3:5,12)

M. MEMORIALIZE THE VICTORY OF THE LORD (7:12; see 1Cor.11:24f; see Ps.66:16; Acts 22:1f; 26:1f)

N. PERSEVERE IN REPENTANCE AND RESTORATION (8:3,5f; see Jdgs. 2:11f; 3:5ff; Dt.17:16; 2Pt.2:20f)

II. CONCLUDING APPLICATIONS

A. ONE & ALL: PERSONAL & CORPORATE IDOLS (7:2,3,5; see Dan.9:1f,5)

B. LAMENT AFTER THE LORD (7:2; see 2Sam.3:16; 2Cor.7:11; see 2Tm.4:2)

C. TURN AWAY FROM OUR BAALS & ASHTAROTH AND SERVE THE LORD ALONE WITH ALL OUR HEART (7:3f; see Rom.1:23,25,26; Mk.4:19; 1Jn.2:16)

D. PICK THREE THINGS FOR IMMEDIATE REPENTANCE (7:4; see Ex.20:1f; Mt.5:13f,17f,21f; Gal.5:13-26; Eph.4:25-32; Col.2:20&3:1; 3:5f&3:12f; 2Tm.3:1f /*The Larger Catechism* on The 10 Comm.,Q.91,etc.)

E. STRENGTHEN YOUR REPENTANCE WITH A PROMISSORY OATH IF WISE (see Heb.6:16; Ps.132:2f; see Eccl.5:4f; note: specific in substance, limited in time; e.g., antibiotics)