

**Study 7**

**Nehemiah 9:1-10:39**

**Responding to God according to His Word**

Do you recall the people being instructed not to mourn or weep, in response to God's Word—but to remember that the joy of the Lord is their strength (see Neh. 8:9-12)? The right time for mourning had not yet come. In Nehemiah 9–10, that time has arrived. It is the same month; this scene of confession takes place a few days after the people celebrated the Feast of Booths (see 8:13-18).

It is important to keep in mind the chapters that came before. What leads us into repentance? Too often, we are not moved to repent until either our wrong is uncovered or our situation has become hopeless. Here the repentance is a direct response to hearing and understanding the Word of God. It is repentance according to the Word of God. In fact, the prayer of confession here overflows with the Word!

We're watching a revival among God's people, as the Word, by the Spirit declares truth, convicts hearts, and reforms both doctrine and practice. Our own prayers for revival can be well informed by the story of Nehemiah.

**Questions:**

**1. What is the purpose for gathering this time? (9:1-3)**

**2. Why do they separate themselves from other nations? Aren't they supposed to evangelize them? (1:2)**

a.)

b.)

c.)

d.)

e.)

**3. In verses 6-15, notice how every sentence begins. Notice what God is praised for. What value is there in praising God and remembering His mighty faithful deeds in order to bring His people to repentance?**

Each sentence begins with, 'You'.

a) (vs.6)

b) (vs.8)

c) (vs.9)

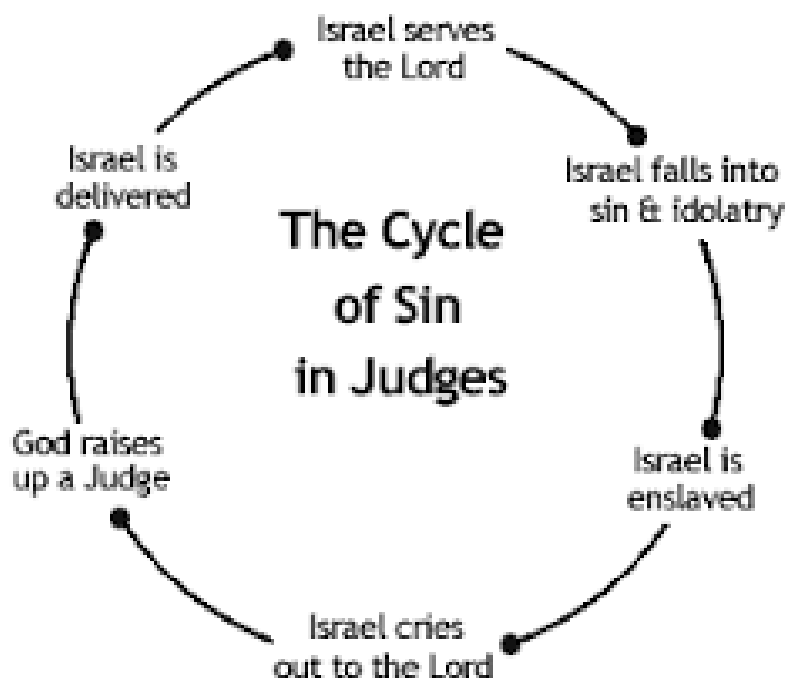
d) (vss.11-12, 15,..)

e) (vs.13)

4. Chapter 9 is passages alternating between God's faithfulness and Israel's sinfulness. What sins are highlighted in Nehemiah 9:16-21?

6. How had God provided for them in Nehemiah 9:22-25?

7. In Nehemiah 9:26-31, notice the pattern of how God deals with His people (This pattern is common in the Books of Judges and Kings)



**8. What does 9:32-38 teach us about confession and repentance?**

**9. The people move from confession to covenanting: They promise God to turn from their sin and “do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord and His rules and His statutes” (10:29). In what specific areas of their lives have they been convicted to change (Nehemiah 10:30-39)?**

- a.)
- b.)
- c.)
- d.)
- e.)

**Taking it to Jesus:**

**How are these 5 areas from question 9 still relevant to us today as believers in Jesus Christ?**

- a.)
- b.)
- c.)
- d.)
- e.)

**Where is God challenging your heart in these 5 areas?**

**Think it through**

**a) How does a Christian today show sincerity in one’s confession and repentance of sin?**