

“God Uses Fallen People...Who CONFESS”

A Study of Nehemiah – “God Heals Broken Dreams”

Nehemiah 9:1-10:39

Review: What do you remember from past studies?

- A. Several weeks ago we talked about how to read and apply narrative parts of the Bible. We asked the question, “What part of this text is t_____ and what part is t_____ - s_____? That’s another way of differentiating between what is d_____ and what is p_____.
- B. Last week we saw that at least for a brief time God’s people were consumed with three inseparable passions: Passion for G_____ W_____, Passion for G_____ H_____, and Passion for O_____ to God.

Today’s text: Nehemiah 9:1-10:39

We saw last week that the first half of Nehemiah focuses on the broken w_____, and the second half focuses on the broken p_____.

A. Reading and Responding to God’s Word Always Involves Confronting P_____ S_____. (9:1-38)

But wait: Doesn’t God love me *just the way I am*? Why would God want to point out my flaws?

1. God is our great C_____ (9:5-6)
2. God is always f_____ to His people (9:7-15)
3. God’s people are like s_____ that go a_____ (9:16-35)(Isaiah 53:6)
4. God’s people must constantly *return* (9:36-38)

B. Addressing Personal Sin Involves More Than G_____ I_____. ()

In this text, God’s people employed several helpful tools:

1. A_____ – they put their names on a public list.
2. A S_____ – they looked to God’s Word as a measuring tool.
3. A_____ steps – they agreed on specific details.

Big Issue: What’s the deal in Ezra (9-10) and Nehemiah (10:30; 13:23) about intermarriage with “outsiders”? Does God ***not like*** certain people?

Applying God’s Word: Let’s Talk!

- In light of the gospel, should God’s people still confess sin? If so, what sins should I confess? What happens if I “forget a sin” and don’t confess it...am I still forgiven or is God mad at me until I can think of *all* my daily sins? READ I John 1:5-10
- Being a Christian is about more than agreeing to a doctrinal position or possessing “private faith.”