

# Nehemiah 9

by Chuck Smith

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*Nehemiah 9 emphasizes God's enduring mercy and faithfulness amidst Israel's shortcomings and calls for repentance and worship.*

**Scripture:** Nehemiah 9:1-3, Nehemiah 9:6, Nehemiah 9:8, Nehemiah 9:17, Nehemiah 9:19-21, Nehemiah 9:27, Nehemiah 9:31, Nehemiah 9:33

**Topics:** "God's Mercy", "Spiritual Revival"

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## Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the character of God as revealed in Nehemiah 9, highlighting His righteousness, mercy, and faithfulness to His people. The chapter recounts the Israelites' solemn assembly, where they confess their sins and acknowledge God's past deliverance and provision. Smith points out that God is gracious, slow to anger, and always ready to pardon, demonstrating His unwavering commitment to His covenant with His people. The sermon reflects on God's continual guidance and sustenance throughout their wilderness journey, showcasing His justice and compassion.

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## Transcript

Nehemiah 9 What does this chapter tell us about God.

What we know from chapter 8. As the result of the reading of the word

there was a spiritual revival, the celebration again of the feast of the

tabernacles. The making of the little booths, and the result was great

gladness. Now on the eighth day of the feast they gathered in a solemn

assembly before the Lord.

vs. 1 They were fasting, were wearing sackcloth, and had ashes on their heads.

vs. 2 They separated themselves from the people of the land, and they had a time of confession of sin and the iniquities of their fathers.

vs. 3 They read out of the book of the law of the Lord for 1/4 of the day, then for another 1/4 of the day they worshipped the Lord.

vs. 4 The priests were leading them in the worship saying, "Bless the Lord your God forever; and blessed be Thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. You are the Lord alone, you made the heaven and the earth. The heavens of heavens with all their hosts, and the earth and all that is in it, the seas and all that is in them. You preserve them all and the hosts of heaven worship You.

vs. 8 God made a covenant with Abraham, and He performed His word, for He is righteous.

vs. 9 He saw the affliction of His people and heard their cry.

vs. 10 He showed signs and wonders upon the Pharaoh and the Egyptians, thus making a name for Himself.

vs. 11 He divided the Red sea so that they may pass on the dry land, but He destroyed their persecutors in the midst of the sea.

vs. 12 He led them with the pillar of fire and the cloud.

vs. 13 From Mt. Sinai He spoke to the people and gave them right judgments.

true laws,

good statutes

and commandments.

vs. 15 Gave them bread from heaven, and water out of the rock, and promised them the land that they were to go into and possess.

vs. 17 He is a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. Thus He did not forsake them.

vs. 19 In His manifold mercy He did not forsake them in the wilderness.

vs. 20 He gave also His good Spirit to instruct them.

vs. 21 He sustained them for 40 years in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.

vs. 22 He gave them kingdoms and nations.

vs. 23 He multiplied their numbers.

vs. 24 They possessed the land as He subdued their enemies before them.

vs. 25 The people delighted in His great goodness.

vs. 27 He heard their cries and sent them deliverers according to His manifold mercies, to save them from their enemies.

vs. 28 Many times He heard them and delivered them from their enemies according to His mercies.

vs. 30 He put up with them for many years sending to them His prophets with words of warning.

vs. 31 For His mercies sake He did not utterly destroy them for He is a gracious and merciful God.

vs. 32 He is a great and mighty and an awesome God.

vs. 33 God is just in all that He did.

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