



RECOMMITTING GOD'S PEOPLE TO GOD'S GLORY

SERMON SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE | MAY 30, 2021

## The Word of God and Prayer: The Keys to Personal and Corporate Renewal

NEHEMIAH 9

In your walk with God spiritually, think of the Bible and Prayer as your right leg and left leg. Because you want to walk, not crawl, toward heaven, you would never part with either!

In Nehemiah chapter 8, the Word of God read and explained expositionally started a spiritual revival in the hearts of God's covenant people. In this chapter we will see how the Word of God and prayer brings this revival to full bloom, in a way that is instructive to us "on whom the end of the ages has come (1 Cor. 10:11):

## THE WORD OF GOD PREPARES US TO PRAY: Let's become men and women of God's Word. (vv. 1-3)

- Grasping the reality of God and honoring His Word humbles true believers towards confession and repentance.
- Note the order: the Word brings us to repentant prayer, which then leads us to the joy of Worship. God wants His people to be joyful, and getting there in the right way.

# THE PRAYER THAT GOD HONORS IS BASED ON THE WORD OF GOD: Pray in view of God's Character and Purposes. (vv. 4-37)

- Prayer based on the Word of God's <u>content</u>: conscious of God's Character. (vv. 4-31)
- Prayer based on the Word of God's <u>intent</u>: committed to God's Purposes. (vv. 32-37)

THE PRAYER THAT HONORS GOD CONSECRATES THE PETITIONER TO GOD: Make every prayer an affirmation of the faith that made you belong to God and which upholds you in your walk with God. (v. 38)



#### FINAL THOUGHTS

What a tremendous privilege and blessing it is to pray! In prayer, our souls are realigned to God; in prayer our hearts are renewed with the joy that comes from God. As we pray in a way that aligns with God's Word, we become committed to His glory and purposes rather than ours. In that surrender we find our peace in a world that tries to rob us of it at every turn.

Most of all, because we could never save ourselves but Jesus saved us anyway, we must believe He will always love us without reserve or end, and therefore consecrate ourselves anew with every prayer to the Eternal Lover of our souls.

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. How is it true that "repentance isn't a one-time event for a believer, but a lifestyle"? (cf. Nehemiah 9:1-3)
- 2. What is the value of looking at Old Testament history for us today who are New Testament believers? (1 Cor. 10:11)
- 3. Pray together and ask God to make every person in your home/group consecrate themselves anew to God in this time of prayer, and in every personal prayer from hereon.

Download the study guide: bit.ly/NehemiahStudyGuides

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#### 2 Corinthians 9:7

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Wednesdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

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Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | 9 p.m. | via Zoom

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Pre-registration required:

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