

Outline:

I. Doing a Great Work (1-6)

- A. Calling - Nehemiah led to (1)
- B. Opportunity - A Door Opened (2)
- C. Cooperation - An Involved People (3)
- D. Opposition - Dealing with (4)
- E. Strife - Internal Problems (5)
- F. Overcoming to Accomplishing (6)

II. Revival Work (7-10)

- A. A People Organized (7)
- B. Revival - the Word proclaimed (8)
- C. Revival - confession of sin (9)
- D. Revival - a covenant work (10)

III. Maintained Work (11-13)

- A. Recruiting (11)
- B. Celebrating (12)
- C. Reforming (13)

Helpful Online Sources:

Precept Austin - Amazing online resource with many commentaries and helps: including David Guzik, Chuck Smith, John MacArthur, Ray Stedman, C.H. Spurgeon, John Piper and many more!

http://preceptaustin.org/Nehemiah_commentaries.htm

You Version - with multiple translations. You can get this online or with a mobile device. They even have audio files of the Bible that you can listen to.

<http://www.youversion.com/>

Calvary Roswell - Previous messages and overview studies by Pastor Jim:

<http://www.calvaryroswell.com/biblestudies/WednesdayBibleStudies/Nehemiah/Index.htm>

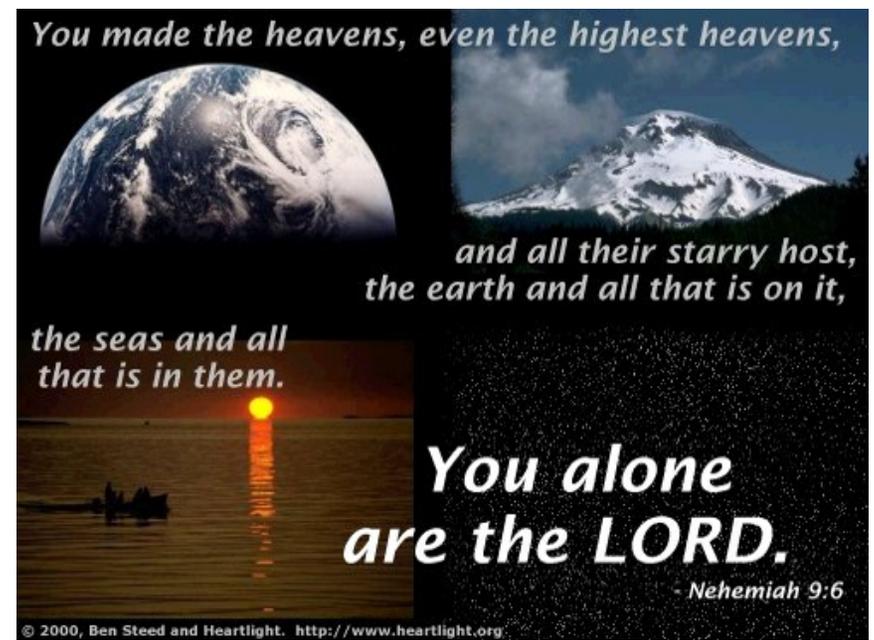
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Sowing the Word



Nehemiah 9

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*So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God;
and they gave the sense, and
helped them to understand the reading.
(Nehemiah 8:8)*

NEHEMIAH 9

The Feast of Tabernacles was a time of joy, but when it ended, the people took an extra day for hearing the Word, confessing sin, and worshiping the Lord. This is a balanced ministry: the Word reveals our sin and God's forgiveness; confession brings forgiveness; and forgiveness should lead to praise.

The people stood up to hear the Word (8:5), and the choir encouraged them to stand up and praise the Lord (v. 5)! He is the God of creation (v. 6), the God of the covenant (vv. 7–8), and the God of redemption (vv. 9–15). He is long-suffering with His people and meets their needs even when they do not obey His commands (vv. 16–31). The song ended with the people entering into a covenant with the Lord (vv. 32–38).

It is a beautiful summary of God's ministry to Israel. He brought them out (v. 7), brought them through (v. 11), brought them in (v. 23), and saved them from their enemies (v. 27). But what a record of Israel's sins! However, God invites His people to make new beginnings and to let Him bury the past.

1. What were some specific things the people did when they assembled together on the 24th day? What is the significance of these acts? Why was it important that they separate themselves from foreigners?
2. How long was the Book of the Law read to them? What was their response to that reading? How long did *that* take? What can we learn from this example?
3. What did Israel do after God so blessed them? Describe the punishment God gave them for their disobedience? Why did God not automatically destroy Israel?
4. How did the people compare the conduct of Israel to God's conduct? How did the Jews summarize their current circumstances? What did they intend to do about this?
5. What sin have you grieved and repented of that still needs you to respond with renewed faithfulness? What one step can you take this week to not merely stop sinning but start obeying?