

"TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY"

Nehemiah 9

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Preparing a place and a people for the coming Savior:
 - 1. Rebuilding the place on the outside: *Chapters 1-7*
 - 2. Rebuilding the people on the inside: *Chapters 8-13*
 - a. Ungodliness – "leaving God out of your thinking": (*Rom. 1:18*)
 - b. Unrighteousness – "sinful acts":
- B. The special place for revivals in a country, church, and home: *Chapter 8*
 - 1. The need for revivals among believers: (*Ezek. 20:24*)
 - 2. The basis for any revival: (*Heb. 4:12; Ps. 19:7-11; 1 Jn. 5:3*)
 - 3. What hinders revivals: (*Ezek. 33:30-32*)
- C. Scrutinizing a genuine revival:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

II. THE APPROPRIATE PRAYER FOR COUNTRY, CHURCH, AND FAMILY:

- A. The **greatness** of God: *v. 1-6*
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
- B. The **goodness** of God: *vv. 7-30*
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. The **grace** of God: *vv. 31-38 (See back)*
 - 1.
 - 2.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breath my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

Grace: Grace is God giving us what we cannot earn. Grace is the unmerited favor of God. Grace is God's riches at Christ's expense. Grace must be experienced before it can be more fully comprehended.

"Those who distort grace focus on God's job of 'forgiving' at the expense of their responsibility to 'obey'. The New Testament continually reminds us that living under grace does not relieve us of the obligation of obedience; it **intensifies that obligation – a standard that leads to joy, not misery.** Joy comes from obeying God. While it is true that there is nothing we can do to earn God's love, there are plenty of things we must do to enjoy God's blessings." *Jeffress*

- The point - "Grace does not mean that we serve no master; but that we have the privilege of serving a new Master. When we experience grace, regardless of the circumstances, it is a radical experience that results in revolutionary changes." (See II Cor. 5:17)
- The point – I usually decide how I want to live and then adjust God's Word to suite how I want to live rather than going to God's Word to see how He wants me to live, and then adjusting my life to the Word.
- When my behavior doesn't match my beliefs, I sadly choose to change my beliefs rather than change my behavior.