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**Nehemiah 9:1-18: Turn and He is Ready to Forgive**

Intro Verses: Nehemiah 8:18-9:3

The people were reading God's Word and the Holy Spirit was making it take root in their lives. This led them to repenting, humbling themselves, confessing their sins, and asking God for forgiveness.

And it leads to one of the longest written prayers in the Bible...

Nehemiah 9:5b-38

Praying Tacos (Thanksgiving, Adoration, Confession, Others, Self)

Starting in Nehemiah 9:5b:

*...Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting...*

(5b-6)

The prayer starts in creation - praising God for making them fearfully and wonderfully.

(7-8)

They then thank God for choosing them through Abraham and Sarah. God made them His possession.

(9-18)

God rescued them out of slavery in Egypt. Even though they didn't thank Him or follow His laws, God helped them.

*But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them...*

*(Nehemiah 9:17)*

What is the repeated definition of the Lord in these passages?

1. The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation. (Exodus 34:6)
2. The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished... (Numbers 14:18)
3. But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. (Psalm 86:15)
4. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. (Psalm 103:8)
5. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. (Psalm 145:8)
6. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. (Joel 2:13)
7. But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. (Jonah 4:1-2)
8. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them... (Nehemiah 9:17)

God is just. He will judge and punish sin.

However,

He is also gracious and \_\_\_\_\_.

He is slow to \_\_\_\_\_.

Abounding in \_\_\_\_\_.

Ready to \_\_\_\_\_ wickedness and sin.

The People of Nehemiah 9

1. Read God's Word
2. Humbled Themselves
3. Turned from their wicked ways
4. Sought the Lord through Prayer

# HOME GROUP Questions ...

In Nehemiah 8-9, the people read the Word of God, humbled themselves before God, repented of sins, and sought out the Lord in prayer.

Read John 14:15-27

1. Is there something that sticks out to you in this set of verses? What is Jesus telling the disciples?
2. Is there a time in your life you have felt this sort of peace? How have you sensed the helper/comforter/advocate in your life? How have you felt the indwelling of God in your life?
3. How would you rate your obedience to the Lord? Do you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you often?
4. What would be ways you could grow in these areas?
5. What would hold you back from growth in these areas?

For further study of experiencing the Holy Spirit, spend time in these verses this week.

*We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 16:14). He convicts the world of its guilt (Jn. 16:8; 1 Cor. 2:14). He regenerates sinners (Ezek. 36:25-27; Jn. 3:3, 5; 1 Cor. 12:3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; 1 Thess. 1:4-5; 2 Thess. 2:13; Tit. 3:5; Jms. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:3), and in Him they are baptized (Mk. 1:8; Acts 1:5; 1 Cor. 12:13) into union with Christ (Rom. 3:24; 5:15-21; 12:5; 1 Cor. 1:2; 5:19; 15:22b; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 1:22; 2:17; 3:28; Eph. 1:4; 2:12; 3:6; 4:32; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Thess. 4:16) and adopted as heirs (Rom. 8:15, 23; 9:4; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5; Tit. 3:7) in the family of God (Matt. 12:49-50; 2 Cor. 6:18; Eph. 3:14; 1 Jn. 3:14-18). He also indwells (Jn. 14:17; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:16), illuminates (1 Cor. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4-15; Eph. 1:17-19; Phil. 1:9-11), guides (Jn. 16:13; Acts 15:28; Rom. 8:4, 14; Gal. 5:16, 18), equips (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12: 4-10; Eph. 4: 7-11; 1 Pet. 4:10-11) and empowers (Acts 1:8; 10:38; Rom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:7) believers for Christ-like living and service (Acts 6:8; Rom. 8:4-6, 12-16; 2 Cor. 13:14; Gal. 3:3, 5; 5:22-23, 25; Eph. 2:22; 4:3; Phil. 2:1-2).*