"Unwilling to Fumble the Vision"

Nehemiah 9:6-24





- A. Sovereign God "You are the Lord, You alone You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them;"
- B. Active God "...and You preserve all of them;"
- C. Glorious God "...and the host of heaven worships You."

II. What God Says (7-8)

- A. God assigns our identity to us (7) "You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham."
- B. God affirms us (8a) "You found his heart faithful before You..."
- C. God makes promises to us (8b) "...and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And You have kept your promise, for You are righteous."

III. What God Does (9-15)

- A. God defends His people (9-10a) "And You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea, 10 and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for You knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers."
- B. God prioritizes His own name (10b) "And <u>You made a name for Yourself</u>, as it is to this day."
- C. God deals with our obstacles (11) "And <u>You divided the sea</u> before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and You cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters."

- D. God intentionally leads us (12-14) "By a pillar of cloud You led them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go. 13 You came down on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven and gave them right rules and true laws, good statutes and commandments, 14 and You made known to them your holy Sabbath and commanded them commandments and statutes and a law by Moses Your servant."
- E. God discloses His plans for us (15) "You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and You told them to go in to possess the land that You had sworn to give them."

IV. What God Offers (16-24)

- A. He gives patience, grace & mercy (16-19) "But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey Your commandments. 17 They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that You performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. 18 Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies, 19 You in Your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness..."
- B. He offers provision, protection & progress (20) "You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. 21 Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing... 22 "And You gave them kingdoms and peoples and allotted to them every corner..."
- C. He offers wisdom to the next generation (23-24) "You multiplied their children as the stars of heaven, and <u>You brought them into the land that You had told their fathers to enter and possess. 24 So the descendants went in and possessed the land</u>, and You subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hand, with their kings and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would."