

Nehemiah – Rebuild

Chapter 9 “Read, Confess, Worship”

Review

Chapter 7-8: Reconstruction to Reinstruction

- If we want to experience God and His transforming power in our lives, we must commit to hearing, knowing, and obeying His Word.
 - Obey the Word of God
 - John 14:15 (NLT) 15 “If you love me, obey my commandments.

Chapter 9

BIG IDEA: You are not saved by works, but by the grace and mercy of our Heavenly Father.

Reading God’s Word (vv.1-5)

- The only way to know God is to read, dwell on, and obey what His word says.

2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV) — All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV) — For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Joshua 1:8 (ESV) — This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Confessing to God (vv.1-5)

- Authentic relationship with God needs honesty and confession.
 - How can you be close to God if you aren’t willing to be real with Him?

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) — If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

1 John 1:9 (NIV) — If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Proverbs 28:13 (NIV) — Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Worshiping God (vv.6-36)

- It’s not about you, it’s about Him.

Isaiah 25:1 (NIV) — Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Psalms 150:6 (NIV) — Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Revelation 4:8 (ESV) — And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

Jesus, God the Son

- The gift of salvation.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) — For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.

Luke 19:10 (NIV) — For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

John 3:16-17 (NIV) — For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

Application

Three questions to consider as you reflect on today's message.

1. Are you actively pursuing God through His word?
 - a. Reading
 - b. Reflecting
2. Is something keeping you from growing in your relationship with God?
 - a. Confession/Repentance
3. Have you given God the reigns?
 - a. He is the only way.

John 14:6 (NIV) — Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Nehemiah 9:31 (NIV) — But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.