

HE REDEEMS US FROM OUR PAST

Nehemiah 9, page 390

- I. Prepare your heart for repentance (Nehemiah 9:1-4).
 - A. They had an attitude of being ready to change (1-2).
 - B. They continued to read God's word and worship (3-4).
- II. Stay God-focused as you assess your past (Nehemiah 9:5-31).
 - A. God is worthy of our worship as our creator (5-6).
 - B. God made and kept his covenant with Abraham (7-8).
 - C. God was gracious during the wilderness years (9-21).
 - He delivered them from slavery in Egypt (9-11).
 - He gave them His law plus food and water (12-15).
 - He showed grace 40 years in spite of their rebellion (16-21).
 - D. God was gracious during Joshua, the judges and kings (22-31).
 - He gave them the promised land (22-25).
 - He showed grace in spite of cycles of rebellion (26-31).
- III. Rest on God's mercy for the future (Nehemiah 9:32-38).
 - A. They prayed for God's mercy in spite their past sins (32-37).
 - Please see our hardship now (32).

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- You were just in your discipline of the past (33-35).
- We are in distress because of our sin (36-37).

B. They wrote out and signed their commitment to change (38).

- Do I confess sin and enjoy God's forgiveness (1 John 1:7-9)?