

Nehemiah: Servant to The King

“Reality and the Responses of Revival” (Nehemiah 9)

Pastor Stephen Schultze Sunday, July 22, 2012



Review:

Chapter 1: Brokenness: *Nehemiah fasted, prayed and planned in response to the news of the broken city.*

Chapter 2: Boldness & Blessing: *Nehemiah’s boldness before the King was in his commissioning.*

Chapter 3: Building: *Everyone had their part and did their part.*

Chapter 4: Bullying: *Taunts, threats and terrorism from the outside.*

Chapter 5: Brotherhood: *Reaffirmed unity after internal dissension.*

Chapter 6: Built: *The wall was completed in 52 days! The gates were incomplete.*

Chapter 7: Bigger: *The mission was bigger than a city, it was about the glory of God!*

Chapter 8: Belief: *The Word of God was proclaimed and the people believed & obeyed.*

Introduction: God’s Servant(s) are to live in light of _____.

My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things;
That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior.

John Newton

REALITY #1: God is a _____ . (Nehemiah 9:5b-15, 31-33)

The recounting of Israel’s past is not “old history.”

It is through this history that they come to realize one of the greatest truths about God—

“God has never _____ with his people as they _____.”

The proper responses to the reality of GOD’S GRACIOUS SAVING WORK are _____ and _____.

1) One part of a proper response to God’s great goodness is _____.

Scripture: Luke 7:47; Psalms 107:43; 1 Samuel 12:24

Note the mercy of God interwoven in the story of Israel’s rebellion.

Scripture: Nehemiah 9:17b, 19a, 20-25, 28b-29a, 30a (1 Timothy 1:15)

God is not merely looking for a church full of “doers.”

God wants “delighters.”

2) Another part of a proper response to God’s great goodness is _____.

Gratitude which is mere feelings is hardly gratitude at all.

REALITY #2: We are _____ . (Nehemiah 9:16-38)

**The proper responses to the reality of our GREAT SINFULNESS
are _____ and _____..**

- 1) Understanding the reality of our great sin and his great goodness should bring us to
broken _____ . . (v. 33-35)**

**Only when we see the reality of the depths of our sin
can we then fully rejoice in the GOOD NEWS of God!**

(Ephesians 2:1-7; James 4:6-10)

- 2) Understanding the reality of our great sin and his great goodness should produce
_____ by gratitude . (v. 38 and Chapter 10)**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 7:10-11

Godly grief demands action and the appropriate action

**is to run _____ our _____
and to run _____ our great _____!**

Conclusion:

May the Spirit of God through the Word of God bring you to full understanding of your great sinfulness and God's great, indescribable grace...and may you respond to these realities in ADORATION, GRATITUDE, REPENTANCE and OBEDIENCE!

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Introduction: God’s Servant(s) are to live in light of **FULL REALITY**.

My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things;
That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior.

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REALITY #1: God is a GRACIOUS SAVIOR. (Nehemiah 9:5b-15, 31-33)

The recounting of Israel’s past is not “old history.” It is through this history that they come to realize one of the greatest truths about God—“God has never dealt with his people as they deserved.”

The proper responses to the reality of God’s Gracious Saving Work are ADORATION and GRATITUDE.

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REALITY #2: We are GREAT SINNERS. (Nehemiah 9:16-38)

The proper responses to the reality of our GREAT SINFULNESS are REPENTANCE and OBEDIENCE.

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is to run FROM our sin and to run TO our GREAT SAVIOR!**

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