

# **The Path to Restoration**

## **Salvation Exalts God's Glory**

### **Nehemiah 9**

#### **Introduction**

In Nehemiah chapter 8, the people listened to God's Word read and wept in repentance as they realized how seriously they had sinned. But it was a time for a feast, so Nehemiah urged the people not to weep but to rejoice because "the joy of the Lord is your strength" (8:10).

1. Two days after the end of the Feast of Booths, the people gather again. But this time, they gathered with fasting, sackcloth to express grief over their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Along with Ezra 9 and Daniel 9, Nehemiah 9 is one of the great prayers of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible.

#### **I. Sin Is a Problem For Us**

3. In Nehemiah 9, the nation gathers in an assembly of \_\_\_\_\_ repentance.
4. They called an assembly and agreed together to \_\_\_\_\_ and seek God.
5. They put on \_\_\_\_\_, a rough fabric (like a burlap bag), and wore it to show their humility before God.
6. The people address not only their sins but the sins of the \_\_\_\_\_ generations as well.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God revealed the condition of their hearts.
8. Sin \_\_\_\_\_ us. But the Bible lays bare the real condition of our hearts.

9. The people separate themselves from their worldly friends and begin to take a good hard look at \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The people also confessed the sin of their \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Repentance grows as \_\_\_\_\_ grows.
12. The gathering of God's people took place only two days after the end of the joyful celebration of the feast of \_\_\_\_\_.
13. God doesn't show us our sin just so we will humbly confess it, but so that we can walk in what is \_\_\_\_\_ before Him.
14. A first step toward restoration is a \_\_\_\_\_ and humble heart.
15. Nehemiah 9 records the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible.

## **II. God's Shows Us Mercy**

16. After the encouragement to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, Ezra gave the people a reason to praise - because our God is the great God who made everything.
17. The prayer of \_\_\_\_\_ causes us to cry out for God's mercy and grace!
18. Restoration can occur when we begin to reflect on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
19. God had been so good to Israel, and still, their \_\_\_\_\_ led them back into sin.
20. You definitely step forward in restoration when you begin to recognize your own \_\_\_\_\_.

21. God's attitude towards Israel was gracious even though they became \_\_\_\_\_.
22. God is always ready to \_\_\_\_\_ you if you are ready to receive it.
23. It's incredible how patient God is with us as sinners and how He holds back His terrible \_\_\_\_\_ against us even though we deserve it.
24. God never gives up on us, and He never turns away the \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
25. God's mercy may benefit us, but its primary purpose is to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
26. God is the only one who truly knows the \_\_\_\_\_ of a person.
27. Salvation focuses upon God's \_\_\_\_\_ plan, not merely man's need to be saved.
28. God saves us because of His divine nature, not because he \_\_\_\_\_ us.
29. The Bible teaches that our faith and works are contingent on God's \_\_\_\_\_ and grace.
30. Saving faith is God's gift to us. Salvation is entirely by God's \_\_\_\_\_ which only exalts His glory.
31. \_\_\_\_\_ restores God's work in us.

### **III. Repentance Restores God's Work In Us**

32. In verses 32-37, the people plead for God to \_\_\_\_\_ and glorify himself through his people and his covenant.
33. Ongoing repentance marks God's \_\_\_\_\_ work in your lives.

34. Real confession recognizes that God is right, and we are \_\_\_\_\_.
35. A repentant person accepts \_\_\_\_\_ for sin and does not blame God.
36. They believed God was rich in mercy, and they appealed to His great \_\_\_\_\_ and grace
37. A sure sign you are on the path to restoration is when you follow-through with your \_\_\_\_\_.

## Conclusion

I pray whenever you're overwhelmed by guilt because of your sins, you realize God is abundant in mercy, and His great love will draw you to the cross of Christ for forgiveness and refuge.

Salvation is God's great gift to us. It came by special delivery through Jesus Christ. But you must receive it and sign for it!

## ANSWERS

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|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Sins         | 17. Repentance | 33. Continuing     |
| 2. Confession   | 18. Goodness   | 34. Wrong          |
| 3. Humble       | 19. Pride      | 35. Responsibility |
| 4. Fast         | 20. Sinfulness | 36. Compassion     |
| 5. Sackcloth    | 21. Rebellious | 37. commitment     |
| 6. Preceding    | 22. Forgive    |                    |
| 7. Word         | 23. Judgment   |                    |
| 8. Blinds       | 24. Repentant  |                    |
| 9. Themselves   | 25. Exalt      |                    |
| 10. Nation      | 26. Heart      |                    |
| 11. Faith       | 27. Redemptive |                    |
| 12. Tabernacles | 28. Pities     |                    |
| 13. Right       | 29. Mercy      |                    |
| 14. Brokenness  | 30. Grace      |                    |
| 15. Longest     | 31. Restores   |                    |
| 16. Praise      | 32. Intervene  |                    |