

THE FAITHFULNESS AND GRACIOUSNESS OF GOD Pt. 1

(Nehemiah 9:1-31)

I. THE PRAYER OF THE LEVITES

A. REPENTANCE and WORSHIP of the Jewish People (9:1-5a)

1. After hearing hours upon hours of Scripture reading and teaching, all of it had a _____ effect on this congregation; their _____ was demonstrated in their actions. (v. 1)
2. They obeyed the Law of the Lord even when it _____ convenient, and they separated themselves from the Gentiles, _____ their sins and _____ over the rebellion of their forefathers. (v. 2)
3. The _____ of God was once again the primary focus of the day's proceedings, the people stood for _____ hours while listening to the Scriptures being read, and then worshipped the Lord for an additional _____ hours! (v. 3)
4. Several Levites were involved in directing the people's attention to their eternal God—the first group (in v. 4) engaged the people in _____, while the second group (in v. 5) led in _____.

B. A HISTORY of the Jewish People's Rebellion and God's Patience and Grace (9:5b-37)

1. As the Levites prayed on the _____, it is especially helpful to read this prayer through the eyes of the returned exiles.
2. The spiritual leaders praised God for His holy _____ and awesome creation, as well as His wonderful _____ in calling their father Abraham. (vv. 5b-8)

3. THE EXODUS...

- a. God heard their cries and _____ Israel from the Egyptian bondage and He miraculously _____ their enemy's powerful army. (vv. 9-11)
- b. He _____ them, and kept them warm, and _____ to them when He made His covenant with Israel; He also provided for their basic needs. (vv. 12-15)
- c. Unfortunately, the Israelites were _____ and _____, and they ignored God's wonders and provisions. (vv. 16-18)
- d. Yet the Lord, out of abundant _____ provided His _____ for them, along with food, water, and clothing. (vv. 19-21)

4. THE CONQUERING OF CANAAN...

- a. God _____ them victory over many nations in battle (vv. 22-24); He _____ them cities, houses and vineyards. (v. 25)
- b. In spite of all these blessing, the Israelites were _____ and ignored God's Word, and _____ the prophets He sent to them. (v. 26)

5. THE TIME OF THE JUDGES...

- a. God's children would _____, and He would use another nation to chastise them; Israel would then _____, and cry out to God. (v. 27a)
- b. Compassionately, the Lord would _____ them, and _____ them from their oppression, only to watch them repeat the same cycle over and over again. (vv. 27b-31)

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?