



DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE PAROV OF HIS READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAY 9

NEHEMIAH 9:1-3

We don't see an for what it is by looking at ourselves or others. We see an for what it is by looking at God. The people opened God's Word and read about Him and His good commands. In His light, they saw their darkness. In His love, they saw their filthiness. The Lord clothed fasting and prayer on their heads with outer actions from an inner attitude. On every of the Word of God and the God of the Word help to see ourselves rightly.

WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU KNOW TO BE TRUE ABOUT GOD FROM STUDYING HIS WORD?

WHAT'S AN AREA OF YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU NEED GOD'S TRANSFORMING POWER TO MAKE YOU MORE LIKE HIM?

Pray. Praise God for who He is in His Word. Ask God to make you more like Him through His Spirit. Commit to follow Him today and be led by His Word and His Spirit.

DAY 02

NEHEMIAH 9:5-8,30-31

LIST ALL THE TRUTHS YOU FIND ABOUT GOD'S CHARACTER IN TODAY'S VERSES.

WHAT IS SOMETHING TRUE ABOUT GOD THAT ENCOURAGES AND STRENGTHENS YOU?

The people then said highlights of their history with God. If God is strong enough to create the universe to be with us, He's strong enough to forgive and cleanse us. If God was faithful to Abraham's family in Canaan, Egypt, and the wilderness, He'll be faithful to us today. When we confess who God is and what God has done, we know we trust, and can be forgiven. Who God is always shapes what we do next.

Pray: Thank God for who He is and what He has done for those who trust in Him. Ask His Holy Spirit to continue to teach you more about God's will and ways.

DAY 03

NEHEMIAH 9:16-18

Before we're born again, confessing sin is salvational (see Luke 24:47; Rom. 10:9-10)—it's part of God's process of saving us. After we're born again, confessing sin is relational (see 1 John 1:7-9). Sin harms our relationship with God and our neighbors. We don't talk about our sin to feel bad about ourselves, we talk about it to turn from it and confess it to be cleansed of it. Confessing sin helps us walk closer with Christ. We forsake sin for deeper fellowship with God and each other.

HOW DO WE KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEELINGS OF CONDEMNATION OVER OUR SIN AND FEELINGS OF GOD'S CONVICTION?

WHAT SIN DO YOU NEED TO CONFESS TO GOD TODAY?

Pray: Ask God's Holy Spirit to reveal to you any unconfessed sin in your life. Confess each sin to God. Receive God's loving forgiveness and His cleansing from unrighteousness.

DAY 02

NEHEMIAH 9:32-35

WHAT IS AN EXAMPLE IN THE BIBLE OF GOD RESTORING SOMEONE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM?

ARE THERE ANY WAYS YOU FEEL YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD NEEDS RESTORING? EXPLAIN.

God's people didn't seek restoration because they thought they deserved it. They deserved Babylon. They sought it because they believed they could find it. They believed they could find it because God is willing to give it. God is willing to give it because God is a restorer. The people called God "awe-inspiring" for not giving up on them. Forgiveness and restoration are gifts God gladly gives to those that ask.

Pray: Ask God's Holy Spirit to reveal any ways your relationship with God needs restoring right now. Repent for anything He reveals to you, and ask God to restore your relationship with Him.

DAY 05

ACTS 2:37-41

Our motivation for confessing sin mustn't be to try to impress God or try to be hard on our selves. The motivation for confessing sin is cleanliness and closeness with Christ. Confessing sin allows us to give Jesus what He paid for: intimate fellowship with us. Like a loving spouse, seeks to correct and apologize to their spouse until reconciliation. We confess sin to remove all barriers between Christ and Jesus.

WHY DOES JESUS WANT TO SAVE US, FORGIVE US, AND BE CLOSE TO US? EXPLAIN.

WHY MIGHT WE BE TEMPTED TO SIMPLY FEEL BAD ABOUT OUR SIN INSTEAD OF COMING TO GOD TO BE FORGIVEN AND CLEANSSED?

Pray: Confess your sin to the Lord and ask for His loving forgiveness and cleansing. Thank Jesus for paying the price for your sins so you could be cleansed by Him to be close with Him.