

DO YOU REMEMBER?

NEHEMIAH 9:1-38



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Main Idea

We need to remember who God is, what God has done, and examine ourselves in light of that.

Overview

Remember Who God Is (vv. 5b-6, 17, 32)

-In this prayer we see that there is only one God and that God is creator, preserver, faithful, righteous, miraculous, glorious, powerful, gracious, forgiving, merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, just, great, mighty, awesome, righteous.

Remember What God has Done (vv. 7-31)

- “You” or “Your” used in reference to God appears over 70 times in this prayer
- God is the subject of every verse from verses 6-15
- In these verses God chooses people, makes a covenant, sees affliction, hears cries for help, performs miracles, crushes enemies, leads, guides, gives laws, provides bread, gives water, teaches, conquers kingdoms, gives children, subdues inhabitants, gives land, judges sin, hears prayer, answers prayer, delivers from sin. These people are remembering what God has done.

Examine Yourself (vv. 32-38)

- Prayer transitions from “they” and “them” to “us” and “we”
- Verse 33 is a summary of the entire prayer: God’s faithfulness in the face of the Israelite’s continual disobedience and ingratitude
- Throughout the prayer they have called sin presumptuous, stiff-necked, forgetful, ungrateful, idolatrous, blasphemous, fat, disobedient, rebellious, law-breaking, prophet-murdering, evil, stubborn, and wicked
- They understand the magnitude of their rebellion against God

Questions

1. “What comes in our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” What comes into your mind when you think about God? What does the culture around us think about God?
2. How can we be sure our understanding of God is accurate and true? What is wrong with seeking God only through our experience, opinion, or own thought process?
3. What are some practical ways to remember what God has done in your life? What is the importance of remembering what God has done?
4. What happens when we forget who God is and what God has done?
5. What are some ways we minimize sin in our own lives (i.e. blame, defend, hide, compare)?
6. How does this prayer point us to redemption found in Jesus Christ?