

# LESSON 9 - LET US BOW BEFORE OUR MAKER

## NEHEMIAH 9:1-37

### DAY 1 - REVIEW

1. What was the most interesting thing that you learned from the commentary notes of last week's lesson?
2. What was the most interesting thing that you learned from listening to last week's lecture?

### DAY 2 - READ NEHEMIAH 9:1-3

READING: Nehemiah 9:1-3; Joel 1:14; Matthew 6:17-18; Acts 13:2-3; 1 John 1:8-9 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

3. What did the Israelites do, as recorded in verse 1?
4. Write down something that you learn about the spiritual discipline of fasting from the following verses:  
  
Joel 1:14  
  
Matthew 6:17-18  
  
Acts 13:2-3
5. **Thought Question:** What is the purpose of fasting?
6. What did the Israelites do, as recorded in verse 2?
7. According to verse 3, how did the Israelites divide their activities for the day?
8. **Thought Question:** Why do you think they confessed not only their own sins, but also the sins of their fathers?
9. **Personal Question:** How should you respond to 1 John 1:8-9?

### DAY 3 - READ NEHEMIAH 9:4-15

READING: Nehemiah 9:4-15 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

10. According to verses 4 & 5, in what activity did the Levites lead the people of Israel?

11. Who is the main focus of this prayer? (*Hint: Note the number of times "you" is mentioned.*)
12. **Personal Question:** Why do you think it is important to be more focused on God than yourself during your prayers?
13. In verses 5b-15, list at least 10 things that you learn about God. (*Hint: Look for things describing His character and His actions.*)
14. **Personal Question:** Take a few moments to reflect on one of the things that you listed about God in Question 13 above. (*Hint: You may want to thank God for demonstrating that particular attribute or action in your own life.*)

## **DAY 4 - READ NEHEMIAH 9:16-25**

READING: Nehemiah 9:16-25; Psalm 119:105; Isaiah 42:16; John 14:26; John 16:13; 1 John 2:27 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

15. Using verses 16-18, note the dramatic contrast between how Israel dealt with God and how God dealt with Israel.
16. **Personal Question:** Have you ever responded to God in a similar way that Israel responded to God, as recorded in verses 16-18? How did that work out for you?
17. According to verses 19-21, how did God direct his people?
18. Write down how God directs His people from each of the following cross references:  
  
Psalm 119:105  
  
Isaiah 42:16  
  
John 14:26  
  
John 16:13  
  
1 John 2:27

## **DAY 5 - READ NEHEMIAH 9:26-31**

READING: Nehemiah 9:26-31; Exodus 32:1; 1 Kings 11:4; Luke 8:13; Luke 9:62; 2 Timothy 4:10 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

19. **Thought Question:** These verses show how inconsistent the nation Israel was in their dealings with their God through the centuries. Why do you think they were so disobedient to God?
20. **Personal Question:** What warning do you receive from the Israelites' disobedience? What do you need to do in order to be more consistent in your relationship with God?
21. From the following cross references, note something from each that might contribute to a person being inconsistent in his devotion to God:
- Exodus 32:1
- 1 Kings 11:4
- Luke 8:13
- Luke 9:62
- 2 Timothy 4:10
22. **Personal Question:** Find a principle from the cross references above that you can practice in your own life. What action do you intend to take?

## **DAY 6 - READ NEHEMIAH 9:32-37**

READING: Nehemiah 9:32-37 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

23. Using verse 33, contrast Israel's position with God's position.
24. **Thought Question:** Why is it so difficult to say "God is right and I am wrong"?
25. Using verse 34, what three things had Israel not done?
26. **Personal Question:** What can you learn from Israel's rebellion, stated in verse 34, that will help you in your relationship with God?

27. Using verse 36, in what condition or state does Israel find themselves?

28. Even though Israel was in great distress because of their sin, why should they still be hopeful in God?  
(*Note: Which is our same hope today.*)