

Lessons from Nehemiah

Lesson 1 of 5

**You**

Nehemiah 9:6

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Thesis: I want to show how we should take notice of how the Lord works on behalf of His servants.

Intro: 1. **Nehemiah 9:6**- There is only one Lord.

*You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.*

(Rev 15:4)

*Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."*

2. How does the action of God in the past and in the future affect our relationship with Him?

I. You have found and performed (**Neh 9:7-8a**)

A. God found the heart of Abram

1. God knew what type of man Abram was and the type he would be (Neh 9:7-8a)

*You are the LORD God, Who chose Abram, And brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans, And gave him the name Abraham; You found his heart faithful before You, And made a covenant with him To give the land of the Canaanites, The Hittites, the Amorites, The Perizzites, the Jebusites, And the Girgashites— To give it to his descendants.*

2. The heart of Abraham was steadfast (loyal) to God (James 2:23).

*And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS." And he was called the friend of God.*

B. God performed all His words to Abraham (Neh 9:8b).

*You have performed Your words, For You are righteous.*

1. God was loyal to Abraham also. The text tells us He performed (carried out) all the words that He spoke to Abraham.

2. Because the Lord found the heart of Abram, because He performed His words (honored or kept his words & promises) He is righteous. A god who doesn't do these things is not a god and isn't even righteous.

II. You saw and showed (**Neh 9:9-10**)

A. The Lord is attentive to those in need (v.9)

*"You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, And heard their cry by the Red Sea.*

1. The Lord heard their cries of despair.

2. He knew fully of their difficulties.

3. God brought a swift end to their persecutions by Pharaoh.

- B. The Lord protects and fights for His people (v.10, Deut 11:1-7)  
***You showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh, Against all his servants, And against all the people of his land. For You knew that they acted proudly against them. So You made a name for Yourself, as it is this day.***
1. He showed His great power to those who sought to harm His special people.
  2. The Lord made sure all would know His name after the things He did in Egypt and against Pharaoh's army.

III. You came, made known, spoke with them, and gave to them (**Neh 9:13-15**)

A. You came down (v.13a)

***You came down also on Mount Sinai....***

1. The Lord didn't stand and watch, the Lord came down to the people (by speaking to them).
2. The Lord didn't abandon the people He was rescuing, He had a new life planned for them.

B. And spoke with them from heaven & You made known (v.13b-14)

***And spoke with them from heaven, And gave them just ordinances and true laws, Good statutes and commandments. You made known to them Your holy Sabbath, And commanded them precepts, statutes and laws, By the hand of Moses Your servant.***

1. There was no doubting God's interest in giving these people a better life! Why would He speak to them if He did not care about them!? (Ps 8:3-4)  
***When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him...***
2. God gave them just (right or righteous) ordinances and true (honest and helpful) laws, Good statutes and commandments. God's message was one designed to help mankind, not to burden or harm, but to free them from sin and death.
3. God made these things known to them. There were not hidden or difficult to understand. He made them known to them by using Moses ("***by the hand of Moses***").

C. You gave them (v.15)

***You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger, And brought them water out of the rock for their thirst, And told them to go in to possess the land Which You had sworn to give them.***

1. Notice what Christ says in John 4:34  
***Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.*** His food was what? To follow His Father's command.
2. In Nehemiah it's clear that (though the people were feed physically) God was also feeding them spiritually (v.13-14).

Application & Conclusion:

1. How does this apply to us today? God provided spiritual food for these people for a reason.

2. He had a lifestyle in mind for them that would lead others to them and together the faithful would gain eternal life. Do we always see what God has and is doing for us today? As we continue through our series we'll see that not everyone follows God, not even after hearing His voice.
3. Are you ready to follow God? You have seen glimpses of His plan for man, are you ready to follow it and gain eternal life?
4. Full Invitation