

### The Spiritual Revival of God's People

Nehemiah 9:1 – 10:39

Key Verse 10:29

“all these now join their fellow Israelites the nobles, and bind themselves with a curse and an oath to follow the Law of God given through Moses the servant of God and to obey carefully all the commands, regulations and decrees of the LORD our Lord.”

#### \* THE PRAYER OF REPENTANCE OF THE PEOPLE (9:1-37)

1. Why did the Israelites gather and how did they respond to Bible study? (1-3) How did the Levites lead the people to praise God? (4-5a) What does this tell us about the Bible study?
2. Read the prayer carefully (5b-37). Who is God who chose Abraham? (5b-8) What are God's characters revealed in the history of Israel (8-15; 19-25)? (cf. righteousness, faithfulness, goodness, mercy, etc.) Why did the Israelites become unthankful, stiff-necked and rebellious repeatedly? (16-18; 26-31) What did they confess about God and about themselves (32-34)? What did they realize the consequence of their sins (36-37)?

#### \* THE DECISION OF FAITH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD (9:38 - 10:39)

3. “In view of all this,” what decisions did they make? (9:38; 10:29) Who signed on and sealed the binding agreement (10:1-29)? Why did they do so together? What does it tell us about their repentance and decision of faith?
4. What did they promise to refrain from? (30-31) What did they decide to do for God and the house of God? (32-39) Think about your “Responsibility” and “Negligence.” What brought the spiritual revival among them? What binding agreement are you making with God?