

# *The God who Forgives!*

Nehemiah 9:4-37

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## Introduction

- To forgive another is one of the hardest things to do in life.
- What does it mean to “forgive”?
  - Forgiveness is always a gift. Cannot be earned.
  - Forgiveness involves sending away an offense
- Three promises of forgiveness
  - Not bring up the matter to them again.
  - Not bring up the matter to others.
  - Not bring up the matter to oneself
- It takes a great, good, gracious person and God to forgive.
- Sin is ultimately against God—Psalm 51:3-5

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### **A. Exalt the GREATNESS of God—Nehemiah 9:4-6**

1. He alone is God!—Deut. 6:4-5, 13-14
2. He is the creator of everything we see.
3. He is the Source of Life—Gen. 2:7; Ps. 145:13, 15-16; 104:27-30
4. He is worshiped by the heavenly hosts.

### **B. Recall the GOODNESS of God—Nehemiah 9:7-31**

1. **The Founding of the Nation (vv. 7-25)**
  - a. The Beginning with Abraham—vv. 7-8
  - b. The Exodus from Egypt—vv. 9-12
  - c. The Giving of the Law at Sinai—vv. 13-15

(The People’s Response to God’s Goodness—vv. 16-17a)

- d. The Wilderness Wanderings—vv. 19-21
- e. The Conquest of the Land—vv. 22-25

2. **The Foundering of the Nation (vv. 26-31)**
  - a. The “Bad” Cycle
    - 1) Sin—rebelled against God
    - 2) Servitude—oppressed by others
    - 3) Supplication—cried out to God for help
    - 4) Salvation—God sends a deliverer
    - 5) Safety—Enjoys peace for a time
  - b. God demonstrates his “forbearance”
  - c. Forgiveness is unlimited; Forbearance is limited.

### **C. Appeal to the GRACE of God—Nehemiah 9:32-37**