

**Church of the Valley**  
**How Great is our God- Part 1 Identify our Compromises**  
**July 5, 2020**

**SERMON TEXT - NEHEMIAH 9:32-37**

32 "NOW THEREFORE, OUR GOD, THE GREAT GOD, MIGHTY AND AWESOME, WHO KEEPS HIS COVENANT OF LOVE, DO NOT LET ALL THIS HARDSHIP SEEM TRIFLING IN YOUR EYES—THE HARDSHIP THAT HAS COME ON US, ON OUR KINGS AND LEADERS, ON OUR PRIESTS AND PROPHETS, ON OUR ANCESTORS AND ALL YOUR PEOPLE, FROM THE DAYS OF THE KINGS OF ASSYRIA UNTIL TODAY. 33 IN ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED TO US, YOU HAVE REMAINED RIGHTEOUS; YOU HAVE ACTED FAITHFULLY, WHILE WE ACTED WICKEDLY. 34 OUR KINGS, OUR LEADERS, OUR PRIESTS AND OUR ANCESTORS DID NOT FOLLOW YOUR LAW; THEY DID NOT PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR COMMANDS OR THE STATUTES YOU WARNED THEM TO KEEP. 35 EVEN WHILE THEY WERE IN THEIR KINGDOM, ENJOYING YOUR GREAT GOODNESS TO THEM IN THE SPACIOUS AND FERTILE LAND YOU GAVE THEM, THEY DID NOT SERVE YOU OR TURN FROM THEIR EVIL WAYS.

36 "BUT SEE, WE ARE SLAVES TODAY, SLAVES IN THE LAND YOU GAVE OUR ANCESTORS SO THEY COULD EAT ITS FRUIT AND THE OTHER GOOD THINGS IT PRODUCES. 37 BECAUSE OF OUR SINS, ITS ABUNDANT HARVEST GOES TO THE KINGS YOU HAVE PLACED OVER US. THEY RULE OVER OUR BODIES AND OUR CATTLE AS THEY PLEASE. WE ARE IN GREAT DISTRESS.

**WHAT CAUSES GOD'S CHILDREN TO BECOME GREATLY DISTRESSED?**

**1.) WE ACT WICKEDLY.**

**NEHEMIAH 9:33**

**2.) WE FOLLOW LEADERS THAT DO NOT FOLLOW GOD.**

**NEHEMIAH 9:34**

**3.) WE ABUSE GOD'S GRACE**

**NEHEMIAH 9:35**

**HOW DO WE EXIT THIS STATE?**

**1.) RECOGNIZE THAT YOU ARE A SLAVE IN A LAND THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU TO**

**FLOURISH IN.**

**Nehemiah 9:36**

**2.) COME TOGETHER AS ONE.**

**Nehemiah 8:1**

**3.) HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AS A SPIRITUAL BAROMETER TO EXAM YOUR HEART.**

**Nehemiah 8:10**

## **LIFE QUESTIONS?**

**1.) ARE YOU EXPERIENCING ANYTHING OTHER THAN JOY IN THIS SEASON? EMOTIONALLY, DO YOU FEEL EXHAUSTED, FATIGUED BY EVERYTHING GOING ON? IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES - THAT IS OK, NOW THAT YOU HAVE CALLED IT OUT...TURN YOUR GAZE UPON THE LORD!**

*This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10*

**2.) WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT THE LORD IS ASKING OF YOU? WRITE IT DOWN.**

IT IS IMPORTANT THE COMMITMENT IS IN RESPONSE TO THE LORD. NOT SOMETHING THAT WE MAKE UP. SPEND TIME IN PRAYER, SEEKING HIS WILL FOR YOU AT THIS TIME. THE COMMITMENT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL MADE IS RECORDED IN NEHEMIAH 10:28-39. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY BROKE EVERY COMMITMENT. THE KEY FOR US TODAY....WE ARE RESPONDING TO HIS WILL AND WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO EMPOWER US.