

You Are a Forgiving God

Nehemiah 9:16-18

As Nehemiah and the nation rebuilt the wall, they remembered God had been faithful, although they continuously sinned. The Lord had made a covenant with Abram, bought him out of the land of Er, changed his name to Abraham, and promised to give his descendants the “promised land.”

He brought them out of Egypt after having been used and abused by Pharaoh and set them free. They were to take the land, but they became stiff-necked and arrogant and disobeyed God.

Sometimes we get scared and resort back to our comfort zone, but we need to declare by faith that we are strong in the Lord. God promises us blessings, but we must be obedient. Much of our testing from God is simply whether we will obey him. He watches us and he also rewards obedience.

Because God is slow to wrath he withholds his anger from us. While we are still in sin mode, God is in planning mode. Don't turn to the left or to the right and serve other Gods. God will fulfill his promise and bless us.

God will set us high above the nations. The blessings he planned will come upon us. We will be blessed in the city and blessed in the field, blessed as we come and as we go. The enemies that rise up against us will be defeated before us. They will flee seven ways. If we just obey the word of God and obey his call, then he will bless everything we put our hands to.

When the elders, priests, leaders and everyone else were summoned together, they spent a quarter of the day just reading the word, a quarter confessing sin, and the other half praising God.

When we decide to obey God we will find out that he is always there. Never will he leave us, never will he forsake us.