

# A NATION UNDER GOD - Nehemiah 9:1-37

## Lesson 13

### I. The magnitude of God

- A. He receives our worship.

*"The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him." A. W. Tozer*

1. What is **true** worship?
  - a. **Hearing** the Word of God
  - b. **Confession** and seeking **forgiveness**
2. What is the **result**?
  - a. **Separation** from the world
  - b. **Drawing** near to God

- B. He is uniquely God.

<sup>4</sup> *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

<sup>5</sup> *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul*

- C. He is the Creator.

*"Thus does the world forget You, its Creator, and falls in love with what You have created instead of with You."*

*Augustine*

1. The **foolishness** of worshipping the **creation**
2. The **encouragement** of worshipping the **Creator**

- D. He cares for His creation.

- E. He is worshipped by the hosts of Heaven.

### II. The goodness of God

- A. Developing the nation

- B. Guiding the nation

*"Israel was a people who lived beneath their privileges and failed to accept fully God's will for their lives."*

*Warren Wiersbe*

1. God never **forsakes** His people.
2. The people "**forgot**" their God.

- C. Disciplining the nation

*"For every one hundred men who can stand adversity, there is only one who can stand prosperity."*

*Thomas Carlyle*

1. The continual **disobedience** of God's people
2. The continual **chastening** of our loving God

### III. The mercy of God

- A. Acknowledgment of guilt

- B. Asking for God's grace

1. Declaring a solemn **covenant**
2. Becoming a part of the faithful **remnant**

### IV. Who is our God?

*"The prayer of the Levites in Jerusalem in the days of Nehemiah is a model confession. It shows how to find spiritual blessing again." James Montgomery Boice*