

Nehemiah 9:1-37

His Mercy is More

Context of the prayer

Israel's returned exiles: Feasting and joy (8:9) then fasting and confession (9:1-3)

1. The Bible reminds us that God is mighty and merciful

- God's word does God's work (8:2,9:3)
- Creator (v.5,6)
- Promise Maker/Keeper (v.7,8)
- Rescuer and Leader (v.9-12)
- Lawgiver and Provider (v.13-15)
- Forgiving, gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in love (v.17)
- Spirit giver (v.20)
- Kingdom provider (v.22-25)
- Delivered, Disciplined, Rescued them (v.27, 28)
- Patient, gracious, compassionate (v.30,31)
- Great, Mighty, Awe-Inspiring, Covenant-Keeping (v.32)

2. Therefore we confess our sins with honest humility

Past sin

- Arrogant, stiff necked (v.16)
- Idol worship, terrible blasphemies (v.18)
- Disobedient, rebellious, murderous (v.26)
- Did evil, arrogant and disobedient (v.28,29)

Present sin

- Acted wickedly, disobedient (v.33,34)
- Because of our sins we are in distress (v.37)

Law increases sin, Grace abounds even more in Christ
(Romans 5:17-21)

Be real about sin (James 4:8-10)

Confess your sin (1 John 1:9)