

Restoring the Broken
Nehemiah
Chapter 9
Repentance

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Repentance

Metanoia – to change one’s _____.

Belief determines _____.

1. _____ – 1, 2a

Greek word elencho

– to bring to the light, to expose, “to convince someone of the truth.

It is not just academic awareness, a guilty conscience or an anxiety attack of judgement.

It is getting us to see the truth!

Sin makes us delusional and we are deceived by its lure.

But life is changing our perception from our point of view to God’s.

1.1. God is _____ - 1 John 1:5,6

1.1.1. When light shines in on us, it reveals our true nature

God shines truth upon our life – conviction – to show us change to have in our lives.

1.1.2. _____ in the Light – 1 John 1:7

1.1.3. John encourages us to walk in the light and not according to the light.

1.1.3.1. Walking to the light would require sinless perfection and make fellowship with God impossible.

1.1.3.2. Walking in the light suggests that we would respond to God as He exposes truth about us to change.

God never _____ a believer, but the Holy Spirit will _____ for the purpose of repentance that leads to freedom.

Separation without conviction leads to isolation and conviction without separation leads to hypocrisy.

2. _____ – vss. 2-5
Homologeō – to speak the same thing.

2 Cor. 7:1 – Amplified – Therefore since these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God. Clean up your life!

Too often Christians deal with symptoms and not causes.

Position – Our sin has been forgiven once and for all for our relationship.
_____ – Our sin needs to be confessed as it has to do with fellowship.

The purpose of confession:

1. To promote _____ – James 4:6
2. Restores fellowship with God
3. Our consciences are cleansed – we are clean. Eph. 5:26, Heb. 9:25
4. We are free from _____

3. _____! – Vss. 6-39
Do you believe God forgives when you confess?

Names of God

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| • God is Jehovah. | the independent, self-complete being |
| • God is Jehovah-M'Kaddesh. | the God who sanctifies |
| • God is Jehovah-Jireh. | the God who provides |
| • God is Jehovah-Shalom. | the God of peace. |
| • God is Jehovah-Rophe. | God heals |
| • God is Jehovah-Nissi. | God our banner |
| • God is El-Shaddai. | God Almighty |
| • God is Jehovah-Sabaoth | The Lord of angel armies |
| • God is Adonai. | Master and sovereign. |
| • God is Elohim | He is just.... God! |

4. _____ – vs. 38, Chapter 10

- 4.1. Signing a covenant was a very serious commitment.
 - 4.1.1. It was before _____
 - 4.1.2. It was before others
 - 4.1.3. It made an inward thought and outward concept that needed to be forward act.

Making a decision changes direction, it doesn't change a life.

Life change happens when you apply that decision to daily life.

- Separate from evil
- Straighten out our _____
- Obey God's Word
- Invest financially in God's work
- _____ in God's work

Application:

Repentance

1. Conviction

- a. Genuine acceptance of truth
- b. Absence of rationalization

When you repent, excuses become repugnant.

No ifs. Ands or buts.

2. Confession – Agreeing with God about my sin.

But people who are genuinely repentant don't care who knows. The reason is that when one has done the business before the holiness of God, he has no energy to defend it before others sinful people. It's just not there. It's gone.

3. Celebration

How awesome is God to forgive!

It is easier when you have a happy God who sees you through joyful eyes!

4. Change

Repentance is a gift that God wants to give. God wants us to live in an attitude of continuous repentance and brokenness over our sin. He desires that we live our lives free from excuses and rationalizations. Lives are being transformed by God's amazing power.

What God does to a repentor's sins.

Isaiah 43:25; 44:22;

- I will blot out your sins and won't think of them again

Acts 3:19;

- I will wipe your sins away and bring refreshment

Psalms 103:10

- Removed as far as the east is from the west

Hebrews 10:14-18

- I will not remember their sins

This week, allow the Holy Spirit to work on just one of these areas in your life.