

Nehemiah 9:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse within Nehemiah 9 addresses themes of confession, God's faithfulness, corporate prayer, covenant history. Extended corporate prayer recounts God's faithfulness through Israel's history while honestly confessing persistent covenant violations. This passage demonstrates biblical principles applicable across both testaments—God's sovereignty combined with human responsibility, faith expressed through obedient action, and the necessity of both individual and corporate commitment to covenant faithfulness. Nehemiah models leadership that combines vision, prayer, courage, integrity, and perseverance amid sustained opposition.

Historical Context

Nehemiah's account occurs during Persian imperial dominance (539-331 BC), specifically 445-433 BC under Artaxerxes I. The spiritual reforms under Ezra and

Nehemiah shaped Judaism for centuries, establishing Scripture's centrality and patterns of worship continuing into the intertestamental period and beyond. The Persian period was crucial transitional time when Jewish identity shifted from monarchical nationalism to Torah-centered covenantal community. Without political independence, the people's cohesion depended on shared scripture, temple worship, and covenant obedience. This established patterns persisting through the Second Temple period into New Testament times. Understanding this context illuminates Jesus's ministry among a people shaped by these reforms and challenges.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does regular engagement with Scripture transform understanding of God and His will for your life?
2. What specific commitments do you need to make (or renew) regarding Bible reading, worship, and obedience?
3. What balance between spiritual response (prayer) and practical action (wise planning) does this passage model?

Interlinear Text

תַּתִּי	מִיָּד	צָרֵיהֶם:	וְצָרוּ	לָהֶם
Therefore thou deliveredst	them into the hand	of their enemies	who vexed	H0
H5414	H3027	H6862	H6887	
וּבַיָּמֵי ת	צָרָתָם	וְצָעֲקוּ ו	אֶל יָד	וְאֶתָּה
them and in the time	of their trouble	when they cried	H413	H859
H6256	H6869	H6817		
מִשָּׁמַיִם יָם	תִּשְׁמָעַ ע	וּגְבוּחָם יָד		
them from heaven	unto thee thou heardest	mercies		
H8064	H8085	H7356		
וְהַרְבֵּי יָם	תַּתִּי	לָהֶם	וְיֹשִׁיעַ וָם	
and according to thy manifold	Therefore thou deliveredst	H0	them saviours	
H7227	H5414		H3467	
וְיֹשִׁיעַ וָם	מִיָּד	צָרֵיהֶם:		
them saviours	them into the hand	of their enemies		
H3467	H3027	H6862		

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 14:27 (Salvation): And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

2 Kings 13:5 (Salvation): (And the LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime.