

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015

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MINI-SERIES

“DEVOTED TO PRAYER... DEPENDENT ON HIS SPIRIT”

“The Relentless Passion and Resolute Posture of the People of God”

PART 3

“A Prayer for Revival & A Call for Radical Repentance”

“The Penitent Prayer of a Humble Priest at the Evening Offering”

(Ezra 9:1-10:17)

INTRODUCTION:

*“But now for a brief moment grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and **grant us a little reviving** in our bondage.”*

—Ezra 9:8

THE BACKSTORY:

- The _____ and _____ of the Man God Uses:

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

—Ezra 7:10

“So we fasted and sought our God concerning this matter, and He listened to our entreaty.”

—Ezra 8:23

1A. A REMNANT ON THE _____ OF _____:

- 1B. It is the Story of the Failure of Leadership and _____. (9:1-2a)

“Now when these things had been completed, the princes approached me, saying, “The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, according to their abominations,... For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy race has intermingled with the peoples of the lands...”

- 2B. It is the Story of the Failure of Leadership and _____. (9:2b)

“... indeed, the hands of the princes and the rulers have been foremost in this unfaithfulness.”

3B. It is the Story of the Failure of Leadership and _____ . (9:1-2)

2A. A REMNANT ON THE _____ OF _____ :

1B. It is the Story of the Restoration of Leadership and _____ . (9:3-4)

“When I heard about this matter, I tore my garment and my robe, and pulled some of the hair from my head and my beard, and sat down appalled. Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel on account of the unfaithfulness of the exiles gathered to me, and I sat appalled until the evening offering.”

2B. It is the Story of the Restoration of Leadership and _____ . (9:5-15)

“But at the evening offering I arose from my humiliation, even with my garment and my robe torn, and I fell on my knees and stretched out my hands to the LORD my God; and I said, ‘O my God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift up my face to You, my God, for our iniquities have risen above our heads and our guilt has grown even to the heavens.’”

—Ezra 9:5, 6

“O LORD God of Israel, You are righteous, for we have been left an escaped remnant, as it is this day; behold, we are before You in our guilt, for no one can stand before You because of this.”

—Ezra 9:15

3B. It is the Story of the Restoration of Leadership and _____ . (10:1-17)

“Now while Ezra was praying and making confession, weeping and prostrating himself before the house of God, a very large assembly, men, women and children, gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept bitterly. Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, said to Ezra, ‘We have been unfaithful to our God... yet now there is hope for Israel in spite of this. So now let us make a covenant with our God ... Arise! For this matter is your responsibility, but we will be with you; be courageous and act.’”

—Ezra 10:1-5

CONCLUSION: