

# GETTING CONCERNED ABOUT SIN

Nehemiah 9:1-37



**INTRODUCTION:** Most of this long section of Scripture (**verses 5-37**) consists of a beautiful prayer recounting the grace of God in Israel's history.

**I. THEY \_\_\_\_\_ IN A SPIRIT OF \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**II. THEY \_\_\_\_\_ UPON THEIR \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**III. THEY \_\_\_\_\_ THEIR \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**CONCLUSION:** Don't miss the significance of the interplay between God's faithfulness and man's failures.

In his book **VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN SERVICE**, Alan Redpath noted a list of questions that are simply but piercing when it comes to dealing with sin in our lives. He gave these self-examination questions:

What about my relationship with men? -

Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am a better than I really am?

Is there the least suspicion of hypocrisy in my life?

Am I honest in all my words and acts? Do I exaggerate?

Am I reliable? Can I be trusted?

Do I confidentially pass on what was told to me in confidence?

Do I grumble and complain in the church?

Am I jealous, impure, irritable, touchy, distrustful?

Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying? Am I proud?

Do I thank God I am not as other people?

Is there anyone I fear, or dislike, or criticize, or resent?

If so, what am I doing about it?

What about my devotion to God?

Does the Bible live to me? Do I give it time to speak to me?

Do I go to bed in time and do I get up in time?

Am I enjoying my prayer life today? Did I enjoy it this morning?

When I am involved in a problem in life, do I talk about it or pray about it?

Am I disobeying God in anything, or insisting upon doing something about which my conscience is very uneasy?

When did I last speak to someone else with the object of trying to win him for Christ?

Am I a slave to books, (music) dress, friends, work, or what others think?

How do I spend my spare time?

These are good questions to ask. When there is conviction over sin, confess it and ask God to forgive you. Then ask Him for the power of the Spirit to walk in the newness of life.