



Prayers that Get God's Attention

Welcome to the NewDay Worship Service today!

READ: Nehemiah 1:4-11

For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

⁵ Then I said: "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.

I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. ⁷ We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. ⁸ "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, ⁹ but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'

¹⁰ "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. ¹¹ Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."
I was cupbearer to the king.

LAST WEEK: We learned that... **Nehemiah was a leader who was not afraid to HURT and FEEL THE PAIN of others.**

When he felt that pain, what did he do with it? *When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days **I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.*** (Nehemiah 1:4)

Q: Why does this kind of prayer get God's attention?

REFLECT: What can we learn from Nehemiah's prayer about how to interact with God. We will use P.R.A.Y. as our acronym to help us remember this pattern of prayer that gets God's attention.

1. PRAISE God...

RECOGNIZE the POWER of the One you are talking to and give Him THANKS

Nehemiah 1:5,10 ⁵"O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God... ¹⁰ They (Israelites) are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand."

¹ *Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!*

² *Sing about the glory of his name!*

Tell the world how glorious he is.

³ *Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!*

Your enemies cringe before your mighty power.

⁴ *Everything on earth will worship you;*

they will sing your praises,

shouting your name in glorious songs."

Psalm 66:1-4

2. REMEMBER the PROMISES ...

Nehemiah 1:5,8-9 "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands... ⁸ "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, ⁹ but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'

Some of God's Promises

He has redeemed you and forgiven you.

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14

He gives strength to the weary. (Isaiah 40:31)

He will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28-30)

His love never fails. (Isaiah 54:10)

He has adopted you. (Ephesians 1:5)

The Lord will fight for you. (Exodus 14:13-14)

God will give you wisdom (James 1:5)

He will never abandon or betray you (Deuteronomy 31:6)

He is preparing a place for you to be with him forever (John 3:16; 14:1-3)

Q: How are God's promises reflected in your conversations with Him?

3. ASK God ...

Nehemiah 1:6a - ⁶ *let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel...*



4. YIELD to God's conviction ...

" I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. ⁷ We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses..."

CONFESS = agreeing with God's viewpoint.

Last thought... **Spending time with God gives you clarity about the action he is inviting you to join him in.**

Nehemiah 1:11 ¹¹ *O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.*

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

Begin the practice of using P.R.A.Y. as a regular part of your time with God. How can this help you experience what Paul reminded the Philippian church?

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

What do you find most fulfilling in your time with God right now?

Revive, Rebuild, Restore: Moving Forward with God's Vision

November 6 – Where Restoration Starts (Nehemiah 1:1-4)

November 13 – Prayers That Get God's Attention (Neh. 1:4-11)

November 20 – Moving Forward with God's Vision (Neh. 2:1-6)

ADVENT (November 27-December 24)

November 27 – Doing God's Work Together (Neh. 2:7-20)

December 4 – When the Vision becomes the Reality (Neh. 3)

December 11 – Faith in the Face of Opposition (Neh. 4)

December 18 – Hope When Misunderstood (Neh. 4-5)

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 pm

NewDay Worship Service Location Update

Thank you for your faithful prayers as the NewDay Leadership Team has discerned God's leading us to continue to meet at Taco Jed on Sunday mornings for Worship until the end of May, 2023.

NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values

- 1. We are a community that has a passion to serve others.**
- 2. We are a community that longs for deeper life relationships With God and others.**
- 3. We are passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**
- 4. We are a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**

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