

The Nature of God

The Bible is a rich document that provides us details and ideas into who God is. Three New Testament descriptions say that He is something: Spirit (John 4:24), Light (1 John 1:5), and Love (1 John 4:8). Yet, the Bible from cover to cover shows us much more about who God is. We really want to know who God is because after all we are His Children and we are called to be like Him. He is the reason we can assemble together to Worship. He is the reason we can gather together to Pray. He is the reason we can live! In **Nehemiah 9**, eight Levites led Judah in a "praise service." That is, these priests exhorted God's people to praise God for His Nature. Read **Nehemiah 9** and notice how they are encouraging these people.

His Exalted Nature (Nehemiah 9:5-6): Notice God's attributes, as mentioned here. He is the Exalted One. He is Lord. He is the Creator. He is the Sustainer. He is the only subject Worthy of Worship.

His Extending Nature (Nehemiah 9:7-8): His Extending Nature is illustrated by Abraham and the covenant made with him. For Abraham, He chose (7), brought out (7), named him (7), found his heart faithful (8), made a covenant with him (8), gave him Canaan (8), and preformed His words (8).

His Expressed Nature (Nehemiah 9:9-15): His activity is noted from Egypt to the Red Sea, from Mount Sinai to the desert. God provided all power and ability with the most remarkable and memorable acts of all history.

His Enduring Nature (Nehemiah 9:16-38): This means that God put up with and was longsuffering toward Israel for what they had done against Him! They disobeyed, ignored, and rebelled. Yet, notice that the priests noticed God's persistent longsuffering from Moses' generation all the way until captivity was over. God was good to them.

Remember that we have access to the longsuffering of God and we can always choose stand upon the side of God!

- Jonathan Burns, Findlay church of Christ, Sparta, TN -
via *The Proclaimer*. Rockwood Church of Christ, Rockwood, TN



"... there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath ..." - 1 Kings 8:23

News Notes

SYMPATHY: To the Groves Family: Vera, Brandon, and extended family members at the recent passing of Leonard "Buck" Groves. He was a former deacon of this congregation prior to serving as minister for the Southern Hills Church of Christ from 1985 to 2022. God bless and comfort the family and all who knew and loved "Buck".

BIBLE BOWL MEETING: Immediately following this morning's worship.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Postponed until further notice.

PANTRY: Pancake mix & syrup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: John Sprout, Peggy Linger, Randy Beagle, Bob McMahan, Scharlotte Jones, Becky McKitrick, Dean Spencer, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Gary & Marlene Evans, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox-Chester:** Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carolyn Carbone, 103 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438. Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

He Will Take Us Through

We are constantly reminded that life can be challenging. Life can be hard.

Sometimes...life can be *very* hard. But we don't go through alone! We don't go through it unnoticed by heaven!

Someone has said: "Since God the Father intends to make you like Jesus, He will take you through the same experiences Jesus went through. That includes loneliness, temptation, stress, criticism, rejection, and many other problems.

Hard? Yes. But *He will take us through!* God will be with us in our trials and heartache.

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; and your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever" (Psalm 23).

- Bart Warren, South Green Street church of Christ, Glasgow, KY -
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