

# BETHANY BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION



## NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 10 PART-10

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### LONGEST PRAYER (CONTD.): REVIVAL THROUGH WORSHIP & CONFESSION

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS & MAN'S UNFAITHFULNESS (16-36):** How did God display his faithfulness? How did the people respond? Did God forgive or abandon? Did people continue to repeat the same mistakes? How does God respond to repeated failures?

**THE DECISION (37):** What did Israelites decide at the end of their prayer of reflection & confession?

*REFLECTION*

# REPAIR + REBUILDING + RESTORATION

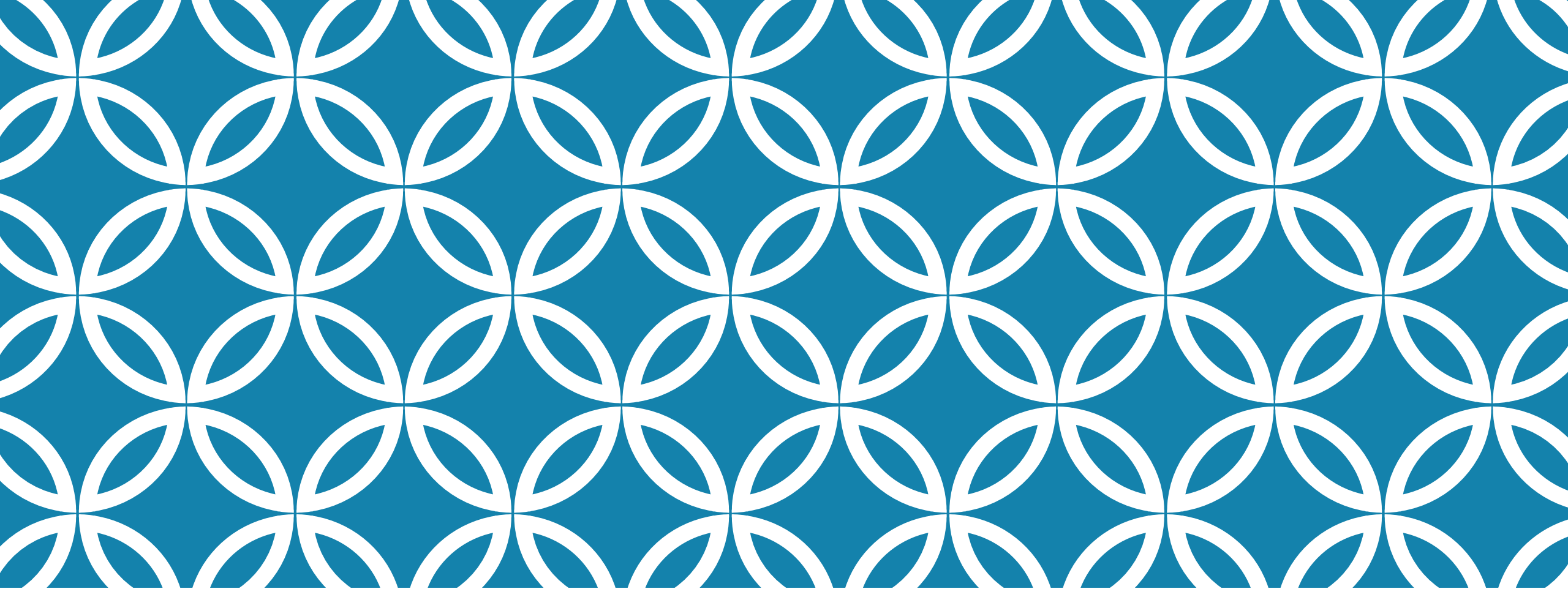
1-6: Repair & Rebuilding of the wall & gates  
(POWER OF PRAYER)

7: Populating the city

8-13: Spiritual Rebuilding & Restoration  
(POWER OF GOD'S WORD)

## Ch.8 ... GOD'S WORD WILL IMPACT OUR LIFE





# LONGEST PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nehemiah

Chapter 9, Part-10

September 17, 2025

# GATHERED TO READ & WORSHIP

(1-4)

NOW IN THE TWENTY AND  
FOURTH DAY OF THIS MONTH  
THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL  
WERE ASSEMBLED WITH  
FASTING, AND WITH  
SACKCLOTHES, AND EARTH  
UPON THEM.

Fasted and mourned

Stood & Read God's word, 6 hours

Confessed and worshipped, 6 hours

## LAST WEEK/ REASONS TO WORSHIP (5,6)

Eternal God



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graph TD; A[Eternal God] --> B[Exalted God]; B --> C[Creator and giver of life]; C --> D[Preserver of life]; D --> E[Worshipped by heavenly hosts];
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Exalted God

Creator and giver of life

Preserver of life

Worshipped by heavenly hosts

# LAST WEEK/ HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE (7-15)

1. God's covenant with Abraham (7,8)

2. God who delivers (9)

3. God who does miracles & gives victory (10-11)

4. God who guides (12)

5. God who gave laws and Sabbath (13-14)

6. God who provides (15)

# GOD WAS GOOD TO ISRAELITES

How did Israelites  
**Respond ?**



(SHOCKING)  
RESPONSE TO  
GOD'S  
KINDNESS

(16-18)

<sup>16</sup> But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

<sup>17</sup> And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage:

but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. <sup>18</sup> Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;

# (SHOCKING) RESPONSE TO GOD'S KINDNESS

Pride

Hardened hearts

Disobedience

Rebellion

Indifference to the wonders

Appointed a leader to replace Moses (and return to bondage)

Made a molten calf

BUT GOD,

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slow to anger,

and of great kindness,

and forsook them not.

# GOD'S GOODNESS

(19-25)

<sup>19</sup> Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go. <sup>20</sup> Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. <sup>21</sup> Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. <sup>22</sup> Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. <sup>23</sup> Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. <sup>24</sup> So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would. <sup>25</sup> And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and **delighted themselves in thy great goodness.**

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**THEMSELVES IN THY GREAT GOODNESS**

PROTECTED THEM IN WILDERNESS

PROVIDED FOR THEM (MANNA & WATER)

GUIDED THEM (PILLAR OF CLOUD AND FIRE)

SUSTAINED THEM for 40 YEARS (**lacked nothing**)

INSTRUCTED THEM BY THE SPIRIT

GAVE THEM LAND

GAVE VICTORY OVER ENEMIES

GAVE ABUNDANT POSSESSIONS (land, homes)

**“Delighted themselves in thy Great Goodness” (25)**

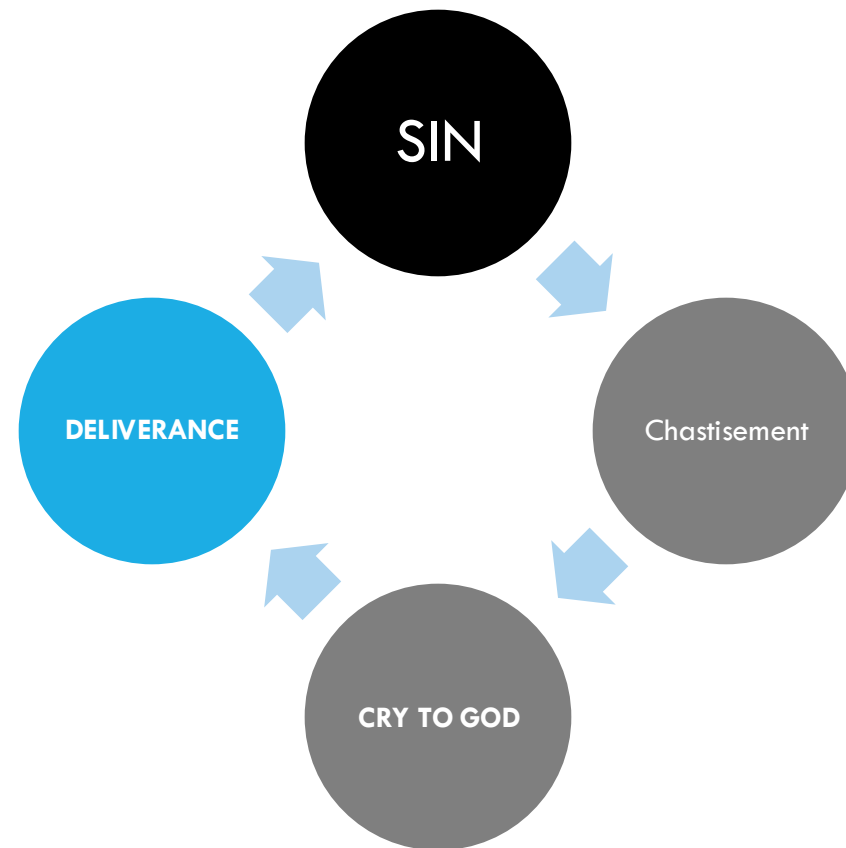
# VICIOUS CYCLE OF SIN

(26-31)

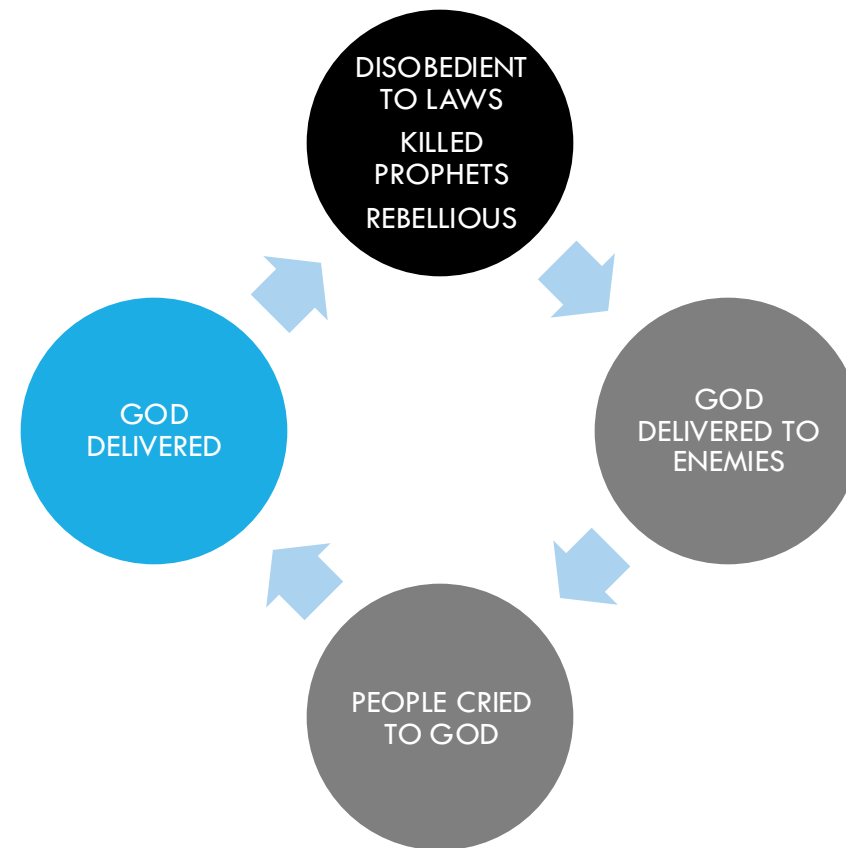
<sup>26</sup> Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations. <sup>27</sup> Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. <sup>28</sup> But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the land of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; <sup>29</sup> And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. <sup>30</sup> Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

<sup>31</sup> **Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.**

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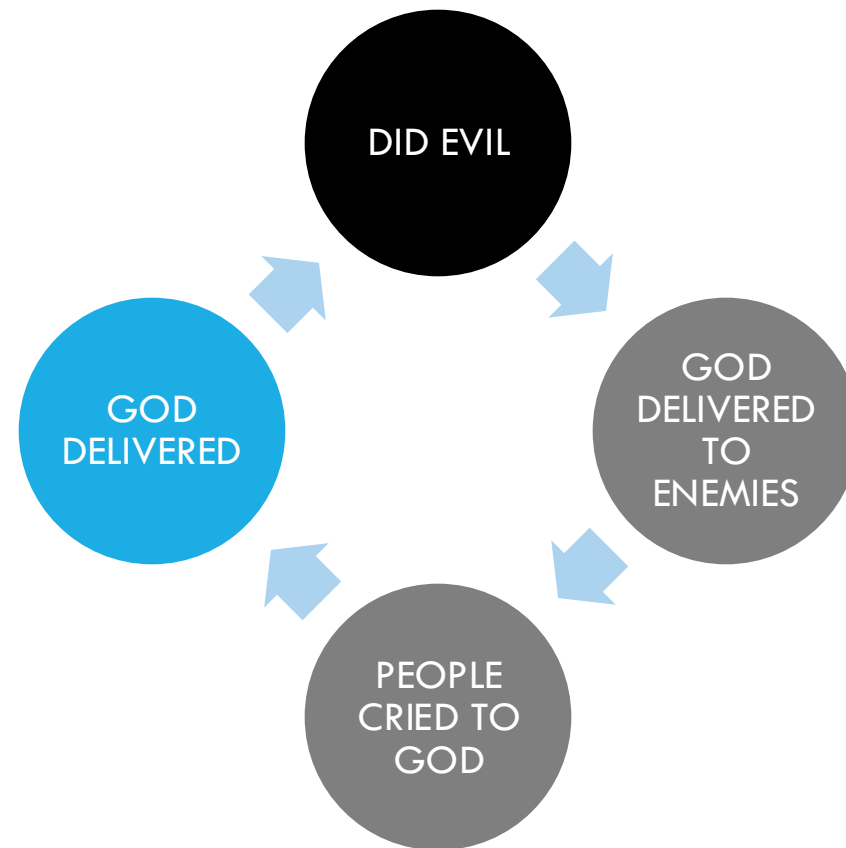


# THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF **SIN** (26-27)





# THE CYCLE OF **SIN** CONTINUES (28)



# THE CYCLE OF SIN CONTINUES (29-31)

Rejected prophets call to return to God.

They continued in sin (29).

But God was patient for many years (30).

He did not forsake them (31)

**We must not give up on sinners! God will intervene in His time.**

Every testimony is a unique work of God and a miracle!

... quickened us when we were dead in sins (Ephesians 2:5)

ARE WE CAUGHT IN  
VICIOUS CYCLE OF SIN  
... IS THERE A WAY  
OUT?

# GOD'S GRACE & MAN'S SIN

Man abounds  
in sin,  
and God abounds  
in Grace

ROMANS 5:20  
where sin abounded,  
grace did much  
more abound:

# PLEA FOR MERCY & DELIVERANCE FROM OPPRESSION

<sup>32</sup> Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. <sup>33</sup> Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:

<sup>34</sup> Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. <sup>35</sup> For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. <sup>36</sup> Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it:

<sup>37</sup> And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

# CONTINUING TROUBLE PROMPTS CRY TO GOD

**Trouble affected all** – kings, princes, priests, prophets, and all people

**Troubled for Long - Since** Assyrian and Babylonian captivities. While returned to promised land, still under the subjection of Persian empire and subject to their taxes.

**Troubles are justified** because of their sins (33) God is just.

**Sin found among leaders** also and sins despite God's many blessings (34, 35)

# SAD REALIZATION

<sup>36</sup> BEHOLD, WE ARE SERVANTS  
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Servants in the promised land! (36)

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**Whose servant are we?**

John 8:34 Whoever commits sin is slave to sin

Romans 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the  
servants of righteousness.

SIN BRINGS  
TROUBLE .....  
CONTINUING  
TROUBLE  
PROMPTS CRY  
TO GOD

**WHO IS GOD?** God is recognized as great, mighty, awesome, powerful, covenant keeping God (32)

**FOR SUCCESS IN PRAYERS:**

We must believe who God is

**Psalm 103:8** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

**Deuteronomy 7:9** Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;



DECISION  
POINT:  
MADE A  
COVENANT

<sup>38</sup> And because of all this we make a **sure covenant**, and **write** it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, **seal** unto it.

# CONFESSION & COMMITTMENT

TRUE CONFESSION

MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A  
COMMITMENT TO CHANGE

Written Sealed Covenant!

# CH.9 (LONGEST) PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNCHANGING FAITHFULNESS AND MERCY OF GOD

REPEATED REBELLION OF MAN

JUDGMENT/CHASTISEMENT OF GOD

DISTRESS CRY

REASON TO WORSHIP

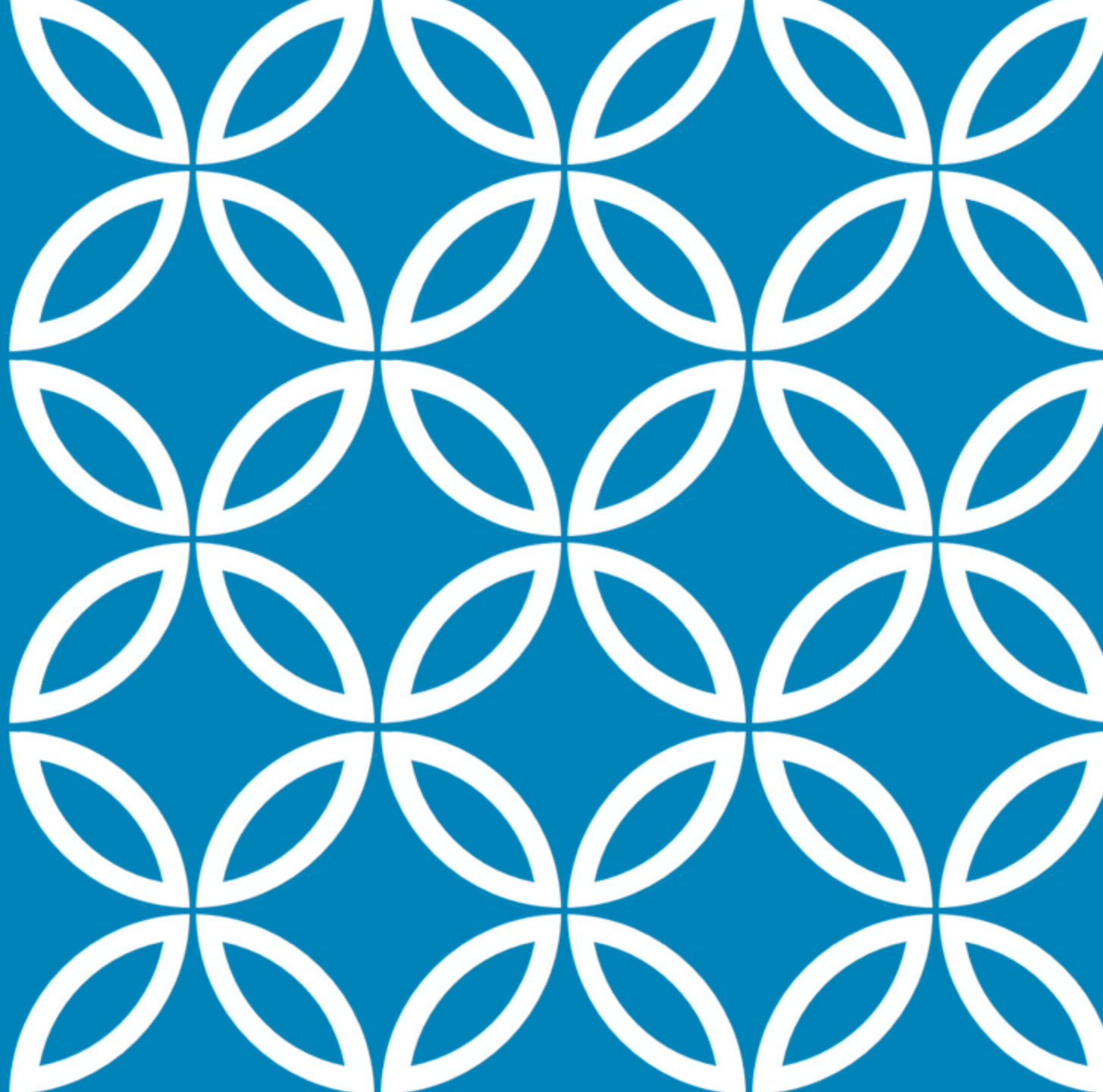
SINCERE CONFESSION

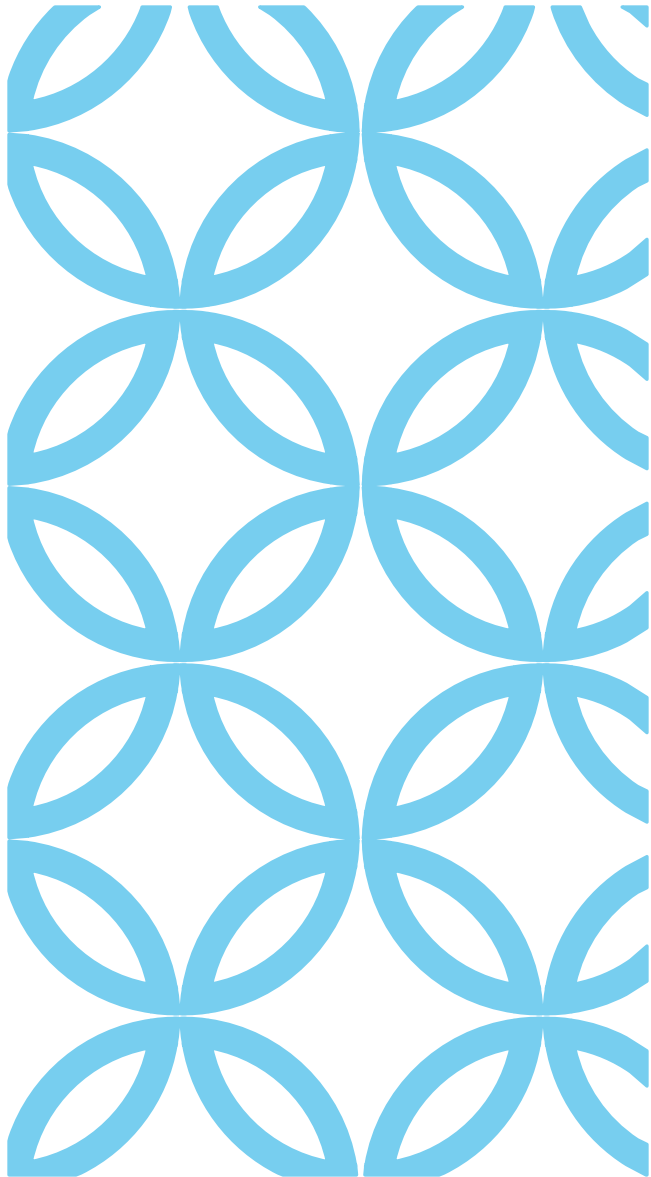
COMMITMENT TO NEW COVENANT

READY FOR RESTORATION

# REFLECTIONS

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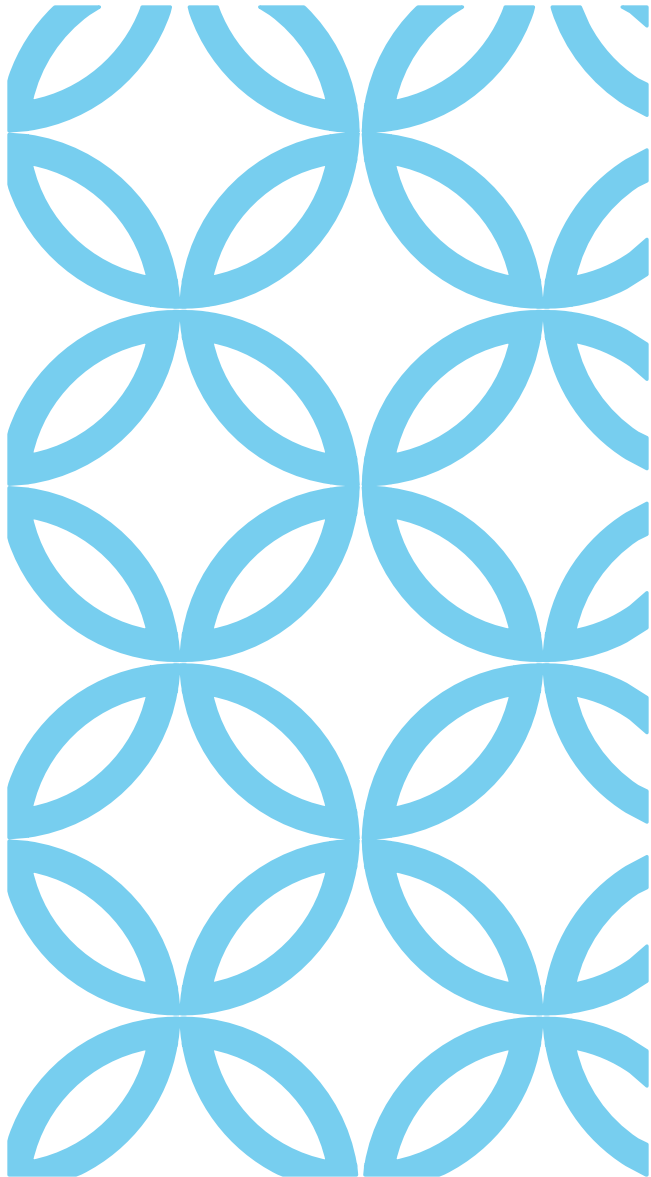
WORSHIP LOOKS UP TO GOD

CONFESSION LOOKS WITHIN

SIN IS CLEANSED WHEN WE LOOK WITHIN AND  
LOOK UP TO A GOD WHO IS MERCIFUL & READY TO FORGIVE

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## #1 WORSHIP & CONFESSION



TRUE CONFESSION

MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMMITMENT TO CHANGE

ENTER INTO A NEW COVENANT!

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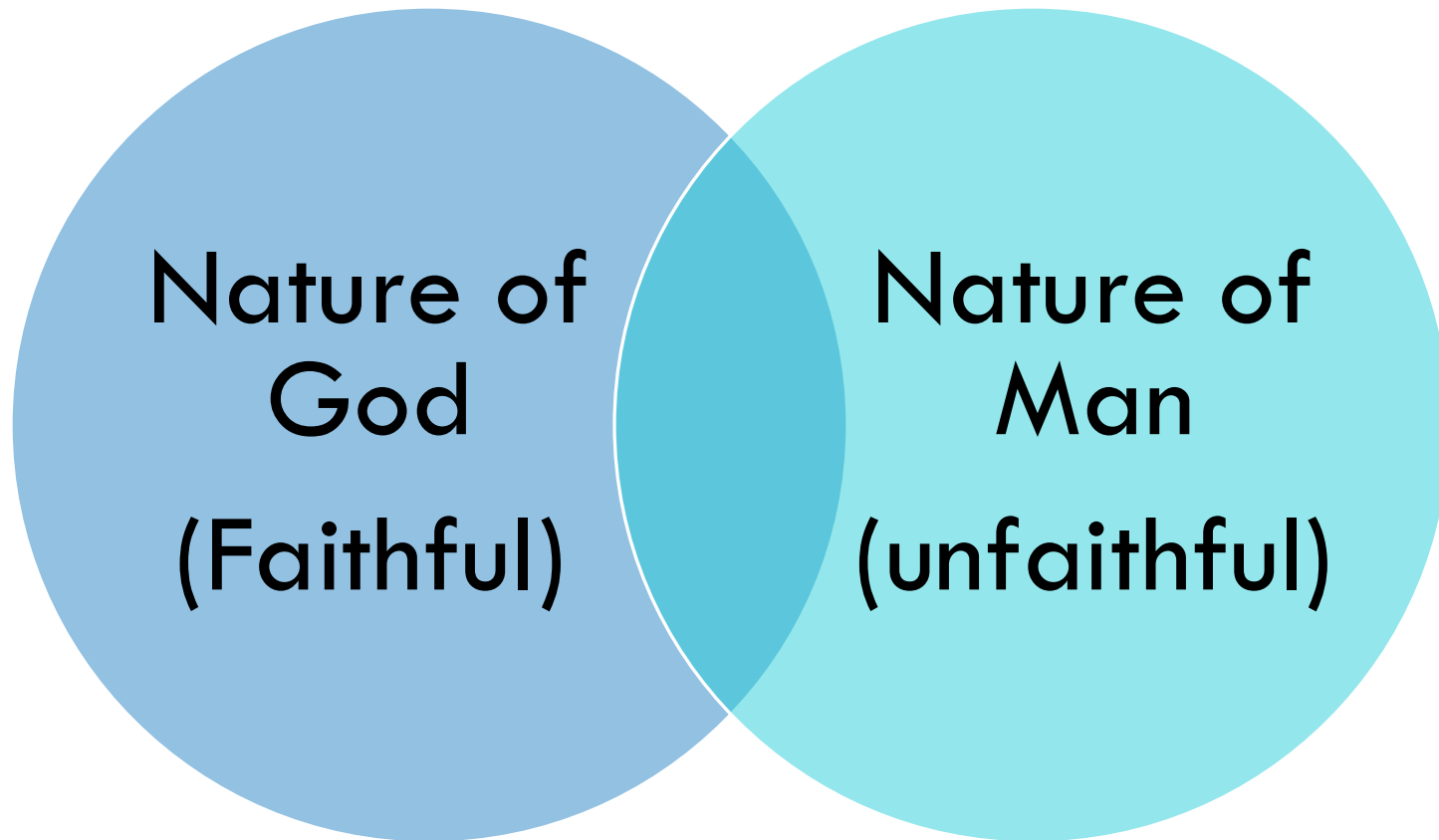
**#2 CONFESSION & COMMITMENT**

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Grace

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grace did much  
more abound:

# #4 GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE ... IMAGE MARRED BY SIN (RESTORATION POSSIBLE)





# #4.1

## RESTORATION POSSIBLE

### TRUE REPENTANCE

Only the blood of Christ can cleanse us from our sins (I John 1:9)

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.



## FORGIVE MANY TIMES!

**EPHESIANS 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, **forgiving** one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**Mathew 18:21-22** Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till **seven times**? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until **seven times**: but, Until **seventy times seven**.

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# #5 FORGIVE AS GOD FORGAVE US