

Precious Memories

(Nehemiah 9:1-38)

Introduction:

1. Memories flood our lives with great moments, great times and great pictures.
2. Memories make us laugh, smile, cry, and enjoy every waking moment.

I. Setting the Scene

- A. The Israelites were allowed back into their land.
- B. Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of the city (Nehemiah 2-7:3).
- C. Ezra read from the law of Moses (Nehemiah 8:1-8).
- D. The Feast of Tabernacles or Booths was practiced (Nehemiah 8:13-18).

II. The Memories of the Nation of Israel (Nehemiah 9:6-38)

- A. The creator God (verses 5-15).
- B. The patient and caring God (verses 16-25).
 1. God provided for the people's needs (verses 19-21).
 2. The Lord provided them all good things (verse 25).
- C. The God who warns and disciplines (verses 26-31).
 1. After prosperity, they cast God aside and killed His prophets (verse 26).
 2. Due to their rebellion, they were punished (verses 27-31).
- D. The results (verses 32-37).
 1. The children of Israel are now slaves in the land that was promised their fathers (verse 36).

III. Our Memories of God's Wonderful Actions

- A. "The memory of the righteous is blessed..." (Proverbs 10:7)
- B. Some trust in material things, but we will remember the name of the Lord (Psalm 20:7).
- C. Remember your Creator (Ecclesiastes 12:1).
- D. Remember Lot's wife (Luke 17:32).
- E. (2 Timothy 2:8)

Conclusion:

1. What memories do you have of what Christ has done for you?
2. The greatest thing we can call to remembrance is the resurrected Christ.
3. The question for you is, after this life will Christ remember you?