

Where's Your Chair?

Nehemiah 9 16-25



They did not keep the covenant of God and refused to walk in his law;
They forgot what he had done and the wonders he had shown them.
Psalm 78:10-11

Praising:

And if I tempted am to sin,
and evil powers are strong;
be present, Lord, keep watch
within
and save my soul from wrong.

Reading:

Nehemiah 9:16-25
Israel inherits the promised land

Ezra acknowledges that while God was faithful to Israel, Israel was less than faithful to God. Having freely disobeyed God's commandments, they resolved at one point to return to Egypt. Yet even when they ascribed their deliverance to their own golden calf, God did not abandon them. In cloud by day and fire by night, the Lord led them through the wilderness for 40 years. Wisdom, food, water and clothing were all supplied, and when eventually

Israel reached the promised land God made good on all his original undertakings. Given victory over its foes, Israel not only possessed the land God promised to Abraham, but grew fat on its riches. Suddenly showered with the comforts they had frequently given-up dreaming of in the wilderness, Israel rejoiced in the generous provision of God – or at least they did to begin with.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we see the way we vacillate

- between following your will for us and going our own way
- between seeing your hand in all things and saying it's all down to us
- between counting our blessings and patting ourselves on the back

Father: I blow hot and cold. One minute I'm looking for you, the next I'm trying to shut you out. As it was with Christ's disciples, so it is with me. Yet still, in love, you will not let me go. Amen

Doing:

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