

Where's Your Chair?

Neh 9 38 - 10 31



For you have said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one'.
Psalm 89:3

Praising:

I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the right,
I would serve thee with all my
might;
therefore to thee I come.

Reading:

Nehemiah 9:38 – 10:31
A moment of covenant

Sins confessed and guilt acknowledged, Israel wants to mark this moment in its spiritual history by committing to a solemn covenant with God. First come the names of the community leaders who are sealing and subscribing to the covenant. This roll call of the great and the good of the returning exiles is followed by a list of everyone else to give the impression that the whole community are signatories. Essentially they are making a

legal undertaking to follow the law of God or face the consequences. Over and above this general commitment, three additional guarantees are included. The people promise not to intermarry with the people of the land; they promise not to trade with the people of the land on the Sabbath; and they promise to observe the seventh year tradition of resting the land and cancelling debts.

Listening:

Praying:

We pray Lord for moments of re-dedication and re-commitment

- that every day we would make the space to re-connect with your word and your Spirit
- that every week we would meet with others for praise and worship, prayer and service
- that every year we would walk again with Christ, from Bethlehem to Calvary and beyond

Father: every time I stop to pray is a time of covenant, a time to re-direct my life and energy, a time to begin all over again in my discovery of Jesus' love – and my task of sharing it. Amen

Doing:

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