

Where's Your Chair?

Nehemiah 9 9-15



'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'

Psalm 81:10

Praising:

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your family,
Lord,
we follow and rejoice.
You satisfy the hungry heart with
gift of finest wheat;
come, give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

Reading:

Nehemiah 9:9-15
God who delivered Israel from
Egypt

Ezra's praise of God picks up the ancient story of Israel. Ezra resumes the narrative from the point where the fleeing Israelite slaves reach the Red Sea. Having opened for them a miraculous escape route from

their Egyptian pursuers, God leads them by day and night through the wilderness. Through Moses, God speaks his will to his people and sets out the way he wants them to live and to worship. When they are hungry and thirsty God feeds and waters them and brings them to the Promised Land. In piecing together these key events of Israel's salvation history, Ezra is praising God not just for who he is but for what he has done. It's not just that God is God and so worship is his automatic due, God has chosen his people and walked with them.

Listening:

Praying:

Root our praise Lord in the ways we have experienced your love

- that we may acknowledge the wonder of your transforming power in our lives
- that we may worship you not as abstract and distant but as real and near
- that we may see your leading and guiding in the past and trust you for the future

Father: pull me back from empty worship and hollow praise, that I may never forget the blessings you have shown me and live in constant gratitude for your watchful hand. Amen

Doing:

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