



A WORK IN PROGRESS

Sermons from Nehemiah



**THE GRACE OF
GOD**

NEHEMIAH 9

Grace: the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.



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1. My sinful, self-centered heart is constantly tempted to forget God's grace and disregard His word.

God's grace is seen
in how He created
the world and all life,
9:6.

God chose Abraham out of grace, not merit, and kept His promise or covenant with Abraham's descendants out of grace, not because they were entitled to what was promised, 9:7-8.

**God delivered the
Jews from slavery in
Egypt out of grace,
not because they
deserved it, 9:9-11.**

**God's grace
compelled Him to
guide the Jews with
His presence, 9:12.**

**God gave his word,
holy scripture, as
an act of grace,
9:13-14.**

**God fed and
sustained His people
in the wilderness as
an act of grace, 9:15.**

**God brought them to
the land of Promise
and led them to take
possession of it
because of His grace,
9:15, 22-25.**

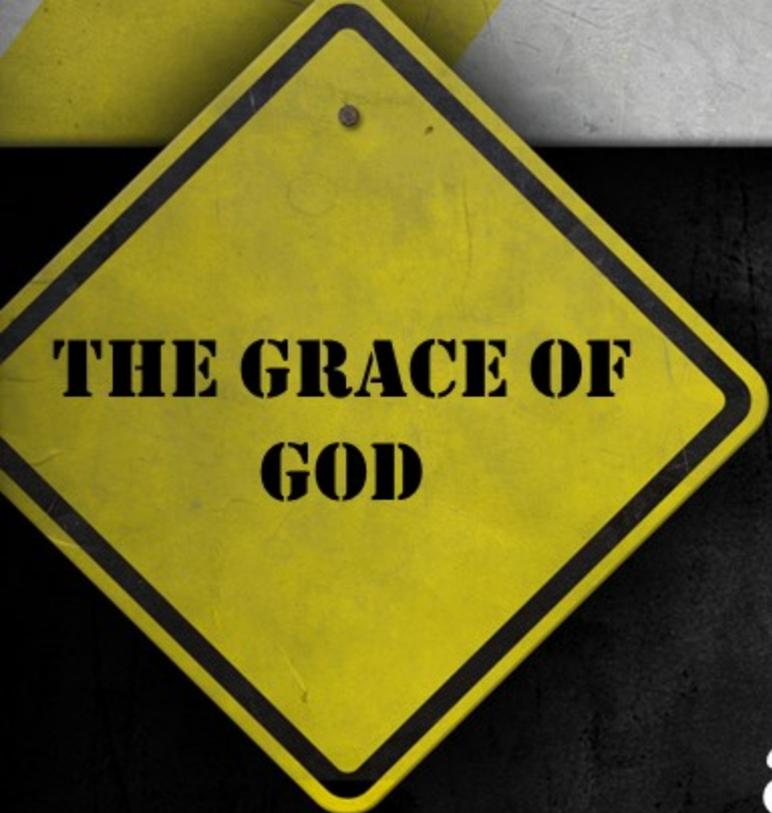
**Despite His grace,
God's people were
arrogant, stiff-
necked and
disobedient, 9:16.**

**Despite His grace,
God's people refused
to listen, and failed to
remember all God had
said and done, 9:17.**

**God's people gave
themselves and their
devotion to things that
were not God, 9:18.**

**God's people rebelled
against God and
insisted on living how
they wanted, 9:26.**

**Have I forgotten God's
grace, leading to rebellion
and disobedience in my
life? Have I turned my
back and gone my own
way?**



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**2. Even though
my sin causes
me to fall short
and not deserve
it, I experience
grace from God.**

The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Romans 5:20-21**

**God's compassion
compelled Him to
remain steadfast in the
face of sin and
rebellion, 9:19-21.**

God would have been right and good by destroying His rebellious people. Instead, He was patient, loving, guiding, and had mercy on them because of His grace, 9:30-31.

God's grace in Christ does not remove the consequences for my sin in this life, but allows me to escape eternal judgment and allows for the possibility of a new start, a new direction, and a different life.