

Nehemiah 9

Help me Yahweh, You're my Only Hope

(1-4) separate for a reason

- grieving their sin & their fathers sins & their losses & lost "future"
- separated from foreigners (seems insensitive)
- for a purpose
 - Yahweh had called them to a relationship with him to reveal himself to the world
 - their "differentness" was in their law (clothing, diet, hygiene, worship) meant to draw people to Yahweh
- 3 hrs reading, 3 hrs confession & worship

(5-6) reset perspective \Rightarrow Yahweh focus! (name = reputation)

- existing one
- singular
- creative
- life sharing
- revered

[Stand & Read]

yes, at home, too

(7-38) a desperate cry for help

- Yahweh's purpose for Abram & company... land & relationship
- His patience, mercy, grace, forgiveness & rescue
- Their persistent disobedience
- A hopeful application of history
 - Ps 71:1-6
 - Jn 6:66-69

Application

- Separate for a reason

- 1 Sam 8:5 ~ like the nations
- We have taken up the gods of our Country

- success
- leisure
- entertainment
- pleasure
- self-sufficiency

we must separate ourselves
from our culture - not by
distance, but by practice

- Abide first, everything else second
- live thoughtfully
- eat, drink, dress, celebrate, drive

- Reset Perspective

- Reinsage vs 5-6
[stand & repeat]

↳ we are a display people,
meant to draw people
to Yahweh

we all need an perspective reset
"not more than 107 times a day"

- Cry out for help

- never turned to God ~ today is the day $\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{Good Life} \\ \text{Hard Life} \end{array} \right\rangle$ Judgment is coming - cry out for help

- maybe living half-hearted, rarely connected/abiding - cry out for help

- super-victorious christian life? You should recognize more than
the rest of us how desperately
we need God to rescue us -
how desperately we need him
every moment!

- not just people having
it hard...
"Oh, you exist? You
should cry out to
God for rescue"