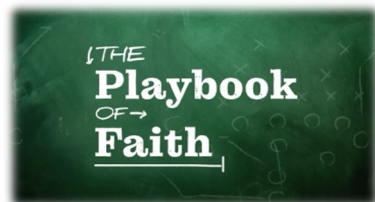


Prayer (and Planning)

Nehemiah 1:4-2:10



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What did Nehemiah confess to God in the prayer from today's Bible passage?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Nehemiah 1:5–11

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

U I O B E Y O Y I L O V E
I N C M L V L N S P C L Y
I S A O S I L O R D P U E
F N R P M L F G A O C V S
R P C A C M A W E S O M E
C A F L E O I P L M M T R
P O E F U L N T I O M R V
R R V H A D H F T S A T A
A T T E N T I V E E N A N
Y C T A N F H N S S D I T
E H T V G A V E G P S K H
R G R E A T N W R M D E E
T H E N D L U T W ' T E A
G U D U U W Y G M U S P R

Then I said:
“**LORD**, the God of **heaven**, the **great** and **awesome** God, who keeps his **covenant** of **love** with those who **love** him and **keep** his commandments, let your ear be **attentive** and your **eyes** open to **hear** the **prayer** your **servant** is praying before you day and night for your servants, the **people** of Israel.

I **confess** the sins we **Israelites**, **including** myself and my **father's family**, have **committed** against you. We have **acted** very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the **commands**, decrees and laws you **gave** your **servant Moses**. “Remember the instruction you **gave** your **servant Moses**, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and **obey** my **commands**, **then** even if your exiled **people** are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my **Name**.’ “They are your **servants** and your **people**, whom you redeemed by your **great** strength and your mighty hand. **Lord**, let your ear be **attentive** to the **prayer** of this your **servant** and to the **prayer** of your servants who delight in revering your **name**. Give your **servant** success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.” I was cupbearer to the king.