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### YouTube Prayer Link

Ezra's prayer of confession

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Chapter 9 Description: 1Familiar with the situation of the person being interceded for, 2Grief over the mistakes made by the intercessor 3.Treat yourself as a mistake and confess your sins in the position of the intercessee.4Thank God for His kindness5.Confess that you have violated God's Word6.Remember God's grace in the midst of punishment.

Ezra's first theological concept, if you have repentance, God will show mercy again, the Israelites were slaves of the king of Persia back then, but God did not forsake them in the dominion, and God has not forsaken you and me today. Even if you are a sinful person, if you are willing to turn back from sin, God still remembers you.

The second theological idea is that no matter how deep your sin is, if you are willing to turn back, God will renew your mercy and give you grace before the king and hope that you will be restored. In fact, throughout the Old Testament, you will see that God wants people to live in prosperity. But people are constantly trapped in sin, and God disciplines them, and after they are

disciplined, God still wants them to be revived and prosperous, and the second point of Ezra's theology is that God has not abandoned us

God's law is spiritual, God's law is a revelation of spiritual mysteries, and we are in the midst of corruption when we act according to human logic. We must have faith in God today. God will not abandon us, and God will always take care of us. Ezekiel says that if you are righteous and you fall into sin, God will abandon you. If you are a sinner and suddenly you wake up and turn back from sin, God is looking after you again.

Today, we live in this capitalist society, which is based on money! Everyone gets into the eyes of money, and they forget what is going on in life, and all they think about every day is to live their daily lives, how much to earn today, how much to lose tomorrow, all these things in their minds, and forget what is going on in life. God's law was not established in the eyes of money, our law was established in the house of the living God, and we are blessed and graced today to eat of the good things of the earth... It is centered on the worship of God, and when we worship with God as the center, we must be strong, live a holy life, we must be strong, and we must know that the temple of God is the beautiful everything in our lives. God has fulfilled some promises in us, but the best promises have not yet come, and the challenge we face is to keep trusting and repenting.

Just because God has accepted us in Jesus Christ does not mean that God has given us over in Jesus Christ. God has given us grace so that we can repent, be holy, and return to Him. We are often negligent and indulgent at this point. We often say that we clothe ourselves with Christ and cover us with the blood of Jesus Christ, only to become doing our own thing under the cloak of Christ and doing evil under the cover of the blood. The Blood of Jesus Christ not only blots out our transgressions, but also cleanses our hearts. Today we have such a wrong zone, that is, as long as we clean ourselves and don't sin, as for how this society or country has little to do with me, let God take care of it. But the Bible tells us that what is right to be done is our sin if we don't do it. Let us confess our sins and pray for this generation together, as Ezra did, and devote ourselves more to the gospel mission of the transformation of the earth, influencing and transforming this generation.

We pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, Lord, please let me stop walking on my own will, no longer be distracted by other things, but only ask for your mercy and forgiveness of sins. Mercy Lord, we always owe Thee before Thee, and have sinned against Thee, because we dwell among an unclean people, and ask the blood of the Lamb to blot out my transgressions, that I may sacrifice before Thee throne, that it may be acceptable to Thee; Pray that a God of abundant grace will shape us into powerful disciples of the Lord for the kingdom of Jesus, fighting that good battle and glorifying the name of the Lord, Lord, make me sensitive to sin and bitter about sin. This crooked and rebellious age needs a holy covenant-keeping people, Lord, please raise up more people among your people who tremble because of the word of God, and use your church to be salt and light for you in this crooked and rebellious generation, and pray for all men until your will is done, until the day of your return.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

## Ezra 9

9:1 When this was done, all the princes came to me and said, Israeli, and the priests, and the Levites, and they have not separated from the Canaanites, the Hittite, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, The Amorites still imitate the people of these lands, and do abominations .

9:2 For they have taken these Gentile daughters for their own sake and for their sons, so that the holy race is mixed with the people of these nations. And the chiefs and officials are the chief offenders in this matter .

9:3 As soon as I heard of this, I tore my robe and my robe, plucked out my hair and my black beard, and sat down in fear and sorrow.

9:4 All those who tremble over the words of Israel have gathered together to me because of the sins of the exiles. And I sat down in fear and sorrow until the time of the evening sacrifice.

9:5 And when I arose at the time of the evening sacrifice, my heart was sorrowful, and I put on my torn robe, and I fell down on my knees and raised my hand to the God of Yahweh.

9:6 Say, O my God, I am ashamed and ashamed, and dare not look up to my God, for our iniquity is destroyed, and our iniquity is monstrous. 9:7 From our fathers unto this day, our sins are great, and because of our iniquities we have been delivered into the hands of foreign kings, and we have been killed, and we have taken captivity, and we have robbed, and we have put shame on our faces. Just as it is today. 9:8 And now Yahweh our God is gracious to us, leaving us with some who have escaped, so that we may be as safe as a bolt in his holy place, and our God may shine upon our eyes. that we may recover a little from the dominion.

9:9 We are slaves, and yet in the dominion our God has not forsaken us, but has shown us grace before the sight of King Both, that we may be restored, that we may rebuild the house of our God, and repair their ruins so that we may have walls in Judah and Jerusalem.

9:10 O our God, what more shall we say, O our God? for we have renounced your command,

9:11 By the command of thy servants the prophets, saying, You shall go to the land of your inheritance, a land of filthiness, because of the filthiness of the people of the nations, and the abomination, that the whole earth may go from one side to the other. full of filth. 9:12

Therefore do not give your daughters into marriage to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, and never ask for their peace or their interests, so that you may be strong. Take up the beauty of the land and leave it for your children to inherit forever.

9:13 God, we have suffered all these things because of our wickedness and our great sins, and you have punished us less than we deserve for our sins, and you have kept us with them.

9:14 Shall we disobey thy commandments again and marry the people of this abomination, and if thou doest so, will thou not be angry with us and destroy us, so that there will be no one left who escapes.

9:15 Because you are just, Yahweh, God of Israel, we who are the remnant of us will flee as it is today. Behold, we are guilty before thee, wherefore no one can stand before thee.

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In the chapters that follow, Ezra dealt with these issues with the leaders of the Israelites. They drove their foreign wives and children out of Jerusalem and swore an oath to God to remain pure. Ezra also instituted regulations to ensure that the Israelites would not make the same mistakes again and to make them understand the consequences of violating God's law. Thus, chapter 9 of Ezra focuses on some of the problems that a group led by Ezra discovered after their return to Jerusalem and how they dealt with them. This chapter highlights the importance of repentance, repentance, and obedience to God's law.

Here is an important passage from Ezra 9:

"For our iniquity, O our God, is unto heaven, and our iniquity is high to the zenith. From the days of our fathers to the present day, our sins have been great. Because of our iniquities, we and our kings and priests were delivered into the hands of the kings of the nations, slaughtered, plundered, plundered, and put shamed on our faces, as is the case today. (Ezra 9:6-7)

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In this passage, Ezra confesses and prays to God in the face of the sins of the people and the mistakes of history. He frankly confessed the sins of the people, who had committed many mistakes and sins since ancient times, which had led to the control and enslavement of the kings of the nations. Ezra's prayer expressed his trust and dependence on God, who believed that only God's mercy and grace could save the people.

In addition, this passage emphasizes God's justice and love. Although the sins of the people were great, God did not completely abandon them. Ezra called God "a God of love" in prayer (Ezra 9:8), and he believed that God still cared for and cared for the people and was willing to forgive their sins.

Thus, this passage in Ezra 9 expresses Ezra's repentance and prayer for the sins of his people and the wrongs of history, as well as his trust and dependence on God. At the same time, it also

highlights God's justice and love, and his willingness to forgive the sins of the people and help them get out of their troubles.

Ezra 9 records the grave sin of the Israelite people, the sin of taking Gentile women as wives. The theological centrophism of this chapter deals with repentance and God's mercy, as well as God's faithfulness and faithfulness.

Theological Central Ideas:

Repentance and God's mercy: In Ezra 9, Ezra was so grieved and torn his clothes when he learned of the Israelites' sin of marrying a Gentile woman. On behalf of the people of Israel, he repented of his sins, recognized their transgressions, and prayed to God for mercy and forgiveness.

God's Faithfulness and Faithfulness: In Ezra 9, Ezra prayed for God's faithfulness and faithfulness. He acknowledges that the people of Israel have been delivered to the Gentile nations for their sins since ancient times, but even so, God still retains a remnant from destroying them completely. God is faithful, and He keeps His covenant to show mercy.

Theological gains:

Repent and pray to God: Ezra 9 teaches us to repent and pray to God. When we are aware of our sins and transgressions, we should sincerely repent and ask God for mercy and forgiveness.

Trust in God's Faithfulness and Faithfulness: Ezra 9 reminds us of trusting in God's faithfulness and faithfulness. God is a faithful covenant God, His promises and love are reliable, and we can trust Him in our entirety.

Overall, Ezra 9 teaches us to repent and pray to God and trust in God's faithfulness and faithfulness. These theological ideas will help us grow in our faith, become more obedient to God's will, and rely on His mercy and faithfulness.