

**Nehemiah:
Out of the Rubble**

Nehemiah 9:1-37

Principles to help us rebuild our lives

Lessons to be learned

Considerations for the week

History. The history of the people of God tells us a lot about the nature of God, as does the personal history of an individual. Relate your thoughts on the histories of old and of the present-day, and how these give us insight into the nature of God.

Sorrow, v. 1-5. Notice particularly how the people expressed sorrow for their sin. They worked at it. Consider each of their inward and outward means of expression. Draw parallels with your own experience and other current-day expressions of sorrow.

Nature of God, v. 6-37. What is said about the nature of God and His character? Attributes mentioned include: creator, covenant-maker, compassionate, law-maker, forgiver, consequence-giver, rescuer, covenant-keeper, provider, faithful.

Prosperity. Discuss how the times of plenty and the times of difficulty affected the spiritual life of Israel and of us.

Are you a thankful person? How do you know you are? How do other people know? How does God know? How might you become more thankful?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.
— Nehemiah 9:6, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

Luke 14:12-14

Psalms 130:7

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude, *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Welcome

Spotlight: Lottie Moon

Call to worship

Hymn, *Ancient of Days*

Hymn, *Hear Our Praises*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Forever*

Hymn, *Mighty to Save*

Offertory

Reading

Hymn, *The Potter's Hand*

Message

Ministry spotlight: music

Hymn of response, *Christ Receiveth Sinful Men*

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: chicken curry, steamed rice, vegetables, salad, dessert

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Men's Bible study, Thursdays, resumes after Christmas

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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We will explain.



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Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 15.

Creativity for Christmas season If you paint, sculpt, write, dance, sew, act or more – please consider sharing your artistry with us for Christmas. Also, culinary fun for Cookies & Coffee after worship. Please contact the church office for details.

Prayer for the persecuted church

Please join our corporate prayer time on Wednesday at 6:30 if you are able.

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