



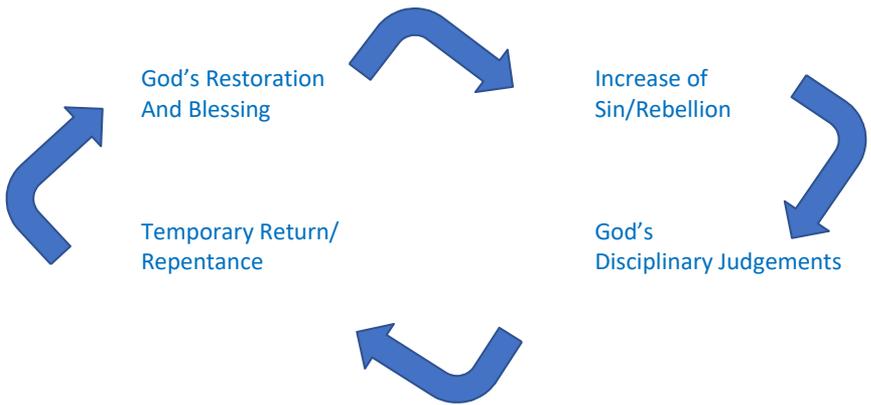
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**November 20, 2022**

**Nehemiah 9:16-38: In Compassion You Deliver  
Time after Time**

*“Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” (C.S. Lewis)*



How did this cycle occur after the Lord rescued the Hebrews out of slavery?

How did the cycle occur after the Lord brought them into the promised land 40 years later?

How did the cycle continue repeatedly throughout the nations' history?

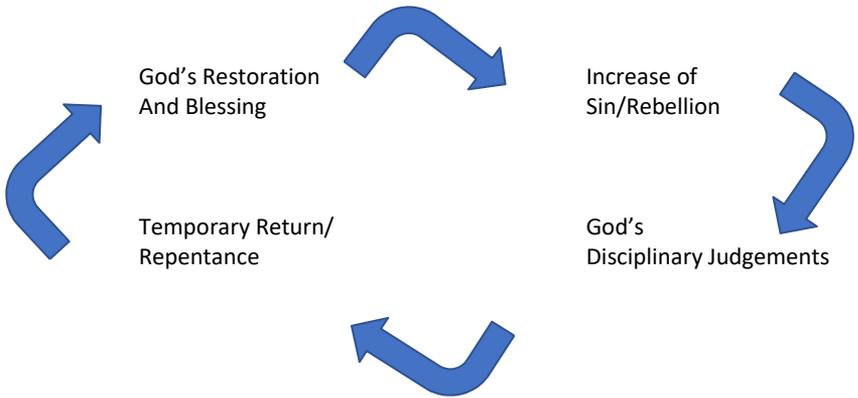
Now, what are the people asking God to do now?

## The Invitation from God:

*“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:13-14)*

1. Humble yourselves.
2. Pray and call out to God.
3. Seek His face – Seek His favor rather than your own favor or the world’s favor.
4. Turn from your wicked ways.

### **Application #1: Your Sin has messed things up.**



Is God available for you to humble yourself, repent, and seek His face as He was for his people Israel?

### **Application #2: You are suffering (not because of sin).**

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Even if your suffering is not because of a sin issue, press into the Lord to know Him like you never have.

# HOME GROUP Questions ...

Read the following verses about repentance together.

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Matthew 11:28-29

Isaiah 55:6-7

Luke 22:46-47

Romans 2:4

Revelation 3:19

## Questions for Discussion:

1. Did you feel a sincere sorrow for sin when you first came to Christ? Can you describe what it felt like?
2. Did it lead you to a genuine commitment to forsake sin? How long was it before you noticed a change in the pattern of your life?
3. Do you think there is a watered-down Gospel taught that does not include repentance?
4. Have faith and repentance remained a continuing part of your Christian life or have those attitudes of heart grown somewhat weak in your life?