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¹ On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and putting dust on their heads. ² Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors.

Nehemiah 9:1-2 (NIV 2011)

³ They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshiping the LORD their God.

Nehemiah 9:3 (NIV 2011)

¹⁶ But they, our ancestors, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and they did not obey your commands.

¹⁷ They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery.

Nehemiah 9:16-17a (NIV 2011)

But you are a forgiving God, gracious and
compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in
love. Therefore you did not desert them.

Nehemiah 9:17b (NIV 2011)

¹⁸ even when they cast for themselves an image of a calf and said, 'This is your god, who brought you up out of Egypt,' or when they committed awful blasphemies. ¹⁹ Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness.

Nehemiah 9:18-19 (NIV 2011)

²⁶ But they were disobedient and rebelled against you; they turned their backs on your law... ²⁷ But when they were oppressed they cried out to you. From heaven you heard them, and in your great compassion you gave them deliverers, who rescued them from the hand of their enemies.

Nehemiah 9:26-27 (NIV 2011)

²⁸ But as soon as they were at rest, they again did what was evil in your sight... And when they cried out to you again, you heard from heaven, and in your compassion you delivered them time after time.

Nehemiah 9:28 (NIV 2011)

²⁹ ... but they became arrogant and disobeyed your commands. They sinned against your ordinances... Stubbornly they turned their backs on you, became stiff-necked and refused to listen. ³⁰ For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you warned them through your prophets.

Nehemiah 9:29b-30a (NIV 2011)

³⁰ ... Yet they paid no attention.... ³¹ But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

Nehemiah 9:30b-31 (NIV 2011)

³³ In all that has happened to us, you have remained righteous; you have acted faithfully, while we acted wickedly.

Nehemiah 9:33 (NIV 2011)

² Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. **They stood in their places and confessed their sins...**

Nehemiah 9:2a (NIV 2011)

² ... They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors.

Nehemiah 9:2b (NIV 2011)

⁹ If we confess our sins, **He is faithful** and just and **will forgive us** our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV 2011)