

Day 15, July 19th

Bible Text: Nehemiah 9:29-32

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Reflection:

God's warnings and rebukes are actually a sign of his grace, not his hatred, towards us. They are designed to alert us to our wayward path and get us to turn back to his loving care before. God goes to great lengths in his patient mercy to bring us back into relationship with him, even allowing the Israelites to be handed over to the Babylonians because of their consistent rebellion.

1. What does God's patience towards the Israelites say about his love for you?
2. How do you interpret God's grace and kindness towards your sin: as a chance to turn or permission to continue?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for the love that you have shown us. We are undeserving of your love. We are but tiny specks on a tiny planet in the vastness of the universe you have created. More than that, we are broken, sinful and constantly falling short of your holy standard. Yet your discipline is for our good, your rebuke is a sign of grace that is meant to soften our heart and bring us back in relationship with you. Give us a heart for you, a heart that sees clearly the futility of the pursuits of this world that have no real value in eternity but treasures you and what you have to offer. Eternal life is found in those who trust in you and the death of your son Jesus. Give us a mind to resist the temptations of the world and follow you. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Recommended Song of Reflection: Turn Your Eye

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