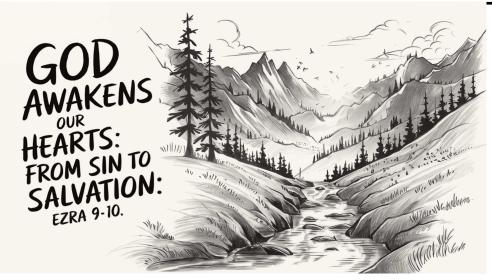
God Awakens Our Hearts: From Sin to Salvation

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Observations from Ezra 9-10:

What is happening in these verses?

Ezra 9: Ezra's Prayer of Repentance

- v1-2: The Sin of Intermarriage
 - · Compromising God's Promise | Mixing the Bloodline | Disobeying God
 - Ezra 9:1-2, Deuteronomy 7:3-4 and Ezra 9:12
- v3-5: The Repentance of Ezra
 - Tearing the Cloak
 - Symbolism of what breaks one's heart, sorrow, and grief: Ex: Joel 2:13
- v6-15: The Prayer of Ezra
 - We are guilty like our fathers | You have given us revival | You are good even when we do not deserve it | We are slaves, yet You offer love. | We confess our sins

Ezra 10: The People's Response to Repentance

v1-17: The People of God Respond – (From leaders to everyday people)

- v1: Recognition of Sin (The breaking of God's intention)
- v2-5: The Need for Rededication
- v6-8: Ezra Calls for the Assembly to Gather
- v9-11: Ezra Calls for the Assembly to Repent
- v12-17: The Ending of Intermarriage (return to God)
- v18-44: The List of Sinners / Intermarriage (the record)

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Lessons from Ezra 9-10

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- 1. The people of God were called to Separate themselves from Sin
 - a. This allowed for the cominginheritance of Christ.
 - b. A similar call is found in 2 Corinthians 6:14
- 2. Ezra prayed to God and used his leadership to stand for righteousness
 - a. This is similar to David's prayer found in Psalm 51:10-13
- 3. God's Goodness Remains Even During Sin
 - a. Romans 5:8 Despite being sinners, Christ died for us.
 - b. God allowed for revival in kings and everyday people.
- 4. The People of God Responded in Unity
 - a. Just like what happened in Jonah 3:5-10, the people responded together.
 - b. Today, we are called to respond to God's call together.

Application from Ezra 9-10

How can I apply / live out these verses?

- 1. Respond to God's Call for Salvation through Belief in Christ
 - a. John 6:29 Belive in the Lord and be saved.
- 2. Put Away Sin, the Former Life. Put on the New Self
 - a. Ephesians 4:22-24 Put away the former and put on the new!
- 3. Follow God's Specific Call for Your Life
 - a. Ephesians 2:10 Be saved in faith first! We are saved for good works.
- 4. Step Up and Call for Others to Respond to God's Call
 - a. Matthew 5:14-16 Let the light of Christ shine for others to see.
- 5. Pray for Revival in the Land and in Hearts
 - a. 2 Chronicles 7:14 God can heal our land much as he has done before.

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