

## **God's Favor to Abram**

Nehemiah 9:7, 8

### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. The recital of God's gracious dealings with Israel began with their great ancestor, Abram.
2. "The Lord, the God" is the One Who distinguished Abram and his descendants.

### **DISCUSSION: God...**

- I. **Chose Abram** (v. 7; cf. Gen. 12:1-3; 18:19; Acts 7:2, 3).
- II. **Led him from Ur of the Chaldeans** (v. 7; Acts 7:2-4).
- III. **Changed his name to Abraham** (v. 7; Gen. 17:5).
- IV. **Recognized his faithfulness** (v. 8; cf. Gen. 18:19; Rom. 4:19; Heb. 11:17-19).
- V. **Made a covenant with him** (v. 8; cf. Gen. 15:18, 19).
- VI. **Kept the promise He made** (v. 8; cf. Josh. 21:43-45; 24:13).

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. All of our blessings have their origin in the grace of God.
2. Yet, God's treatment of us is based on our faithfulness.
3. God keeps all of His promises.
4. We, as well as the Jews, have reason to thank God for the grace shown to Abram (cf. Rom. 4:11, 16).