

EZRA’S CHALLENGE  
(Ezra 9:1-15)

I. Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Ezra 9:1-5)

A. “The princes” reported to Ezra widespread \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ (9:1-2; cf. Ex. 34:12-16; Deut. 7:1-4)

1. Those guilty included the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_
2. The issue was not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_
3. Foremost in this \_\_\_\_\_ were the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

B. Ezra responded with a display of \_\_\_\_\_ (9:3-5)

1. He tore both his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ garments
2. He pulled some of the \_\_\_\_\_ from his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
3. He sat \_\_\_\_\_ until the evening offering
4. He was \_\_\_\_\_ by those who \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word and were ready to \_\_\_\_\_
5. He turned to the LORD in \_\_\_\_\_

II. Ezra’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Ezra 9:6-15)

A. He confessed the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ (9:6-7a)

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ with their \_\_\_\_\_

2. He described it as \_\_\_\_\_
  3. He describe it as \_\_\_\_\_
- B. He summarized previous \_\_\_\_\_ (9:7b)
- C. He acknowledged God's current \_\_\_\_\_ toward them (9:8-9)
1. God had brought an \_\_\_\_\_ home
  2. God had brought them \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_
  3. God had caused the \_\_\_\_\_ to favor them
- D. He confessed the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ (9:10-12)
1. They had married \_\_\_\_\_
  2. They had \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_
- E. He confessed the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ (9:13-14)
1. God had \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ than they deserved
  2. It would be \_\_\_\_\_ for God to \_\_\_\_\_ them all
- F. He proclaimed God's \_\_\_\_\_ (9:15)

### III. Lessons

- A. Christians must not \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 7:39; 2 Cor. 6:14)
- B. Christians must \_\_\_\_\_ the influence of \_\_\_\_\_ in the culture (James 1:27)
- C. Faithfully teaching the Word can produce \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
- D. We are not \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, but God promises to forgive if we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins (1 John 1:9)