



"OUR FORGIVING GOD"

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

LESSON 7: NOVEMBER 9-15, 2019

"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy"
(Proverbs 28:13, NKJV).

H Y M N S F O R W O R S H I P . O R G

RECURRING THEMES IN THIS WEEK'S LESSON & HYMN LIST

A. God's faithfulness inspite of His people's unfaithfulness

- Great Is Thy Faithfulness SDAH 100
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-100-great-thy-faithfulness/>

B. Praying to God in confession and repentance

- Lord, I'm Coming Home SDAH 296
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-296-lord-im-coming-home/>
- I Lay My Sins on Jesus SDAH 298
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-298-lay-sins-jesus/>
- God Be Merciful to Me SDAH 297
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-297-god-merciful/>

C. Praising God for His enduring love, mercy and pardon

- Amazing Grace SDAH 108
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-108-amazing-grace/>
- Marvelous Grace SDAH 109
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-109-marvelous-grace/>
- There's a Wideness SDAH 114
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-114-theres-widness/>
- Let All On Earth Their Voices Raise, SDAH 89
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-089-let-earth-voices-raise/>
- O Love of God How Strong and True SDAH 79
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-079-o-love-of-god-how-strong-and-true/>
- What a Wonderful Savior SDAH 335
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-335-wonderful-savior/>

HYMN NOTES

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, SDAH 100

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-100-great-thy-faithfulness/>
FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. REF.

The prayer recorded in Nehemiah 9 started out with praising God for His faithfulness. It recounts the contrasting unfaithfulness of the Israelites in their Egypt and wilderness experiences then outlines all the different things God gave the Israelites. Starting the prayer like this helped the people to be reminded of who God is: He is the faithful One who has created us, preserves us, and always keeps His promises to us.

I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS, SDAH 298

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-298-lay-sins-jesus/>
BRADLEY 7.6.7.6.

The acknowledgement of human failure and lack of true devotion to God is an important step in confession and repentance. It says in Steps to Christ, p. 41

The humble and broken heart, subdued by genuine repentance, will appreciate something of the love of God and the cost of Calvary; and as a son confesses to a loving father, so will the truly penitent bring all his sins before God. And it is written, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

LORD, I'M COMING HOME, SDAH 296

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-296-lord-im-coming-home/>
8.5.8.5. REF.

The leaders now confessed the ways that they had been unfaithful to God. As they looked through their history, they specifically named transgressions they had committed as a nation. As a people, they looked back at everything they had done as a nation. They are horrified at how badly they had followed God. Moreover, every individual was aware of his or her own insufficiency in walking with God.

HYMNS NOTES

THERE'S A WIDENESS, SDAH 114

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-114-theres-wideness/>

WELLESLEY 8.7.8.7.

AND....

MARVELOUS GRACE, SDAH 109

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-109-marvelous-grace/>

9.9.9.9. REF.

Although the theme of repentance for sin is woven throughout the prayer, the theme of God's mercy is emphasized. The word for mercy is *rakhamim*, meaning "compassion, mercy and pity." It comes from the word *rekhem*, which means a mother's womb. Just as a mother nurtures and has love for her child, so the word *rakhamim* demonstrates that God has love and compassion for His children. The word for mercy is repeated six times in Nehemiah 9 (Neh. 9:17, 19, 27, 28, twice in 31). Additionally, the word *khesed* appears twice (see Neh. 9:17 and 32). *Khesed* usually is translated as steadfast love but also can be translated as kindness or mercy.

As Nehemiah 9:17 states: "But thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and forsookest them not." Our God is always ready to forgive and to transform our lives.

WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOR, SDAH 335

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-335-wonderful-savior/>

8.7.8.7. REF.

Whenever the people cried to God, He always heard them. God waits for us to call on Him. Whenever we do, He hears. He does not ignore our tears or pleas. It may sometimes seem to us that God is silent because we do not have the answers we want; however, He stops every time we call. Why does God pursue us so endlessly? It is because He longs to be close to us. The Israelites claimed the promise that God always hears us. Because He heard their ancestors, they have faith that He now also will hear them and answer. And He does.

LET ALL ON EARTH THEIR VOICES RAISE, SDAH 89

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-089-let-earth-voices-raise/>

OLD 113TH 8.8.6.D.

The "goodness of God" brings us to repentance. This "goodness," then, should evoke praise that is due to Him!