

Starting over when we fail again

Ezra 9

- I. Godly people are appalled by the seriousness of sin (Ezra 9:1-4).
 - A. Influenced: The Jews imitated the sins of their pagan neighbors when they intermarried (9:1-2).
 - B. Shocked: Ezra and other godly people were appalled by the corruption of God's people (9:3-4).

- II. Godly people confess the seriousness of their sin (Ezra 9:5-25).
 - A. Ezra confessed Israel's present sins, which had brought God's discipline before (9:5-7).
 - B. God had graciously allowed them to return and rebuild the temple (9:8-9).
 - C. Israel rejected God's commands protecting them from the influence of pagans (9:10-12).
 - D. Israel was guilty and deserved God's discipline (9:13-15).