

sinned against God. Standing where they were, they read the book of the Law of God, their God, a quarter of the day, and for another quarter of the day they confessed their sins and worshiped the Lord their God. The people were sorry for having disobeyed God for so many years. They wanted to change. So together, they made a promise to fulfill the laws that God had given Moses. They promised to obey all the commands that God had given them. This time they were determined to obey God.

(This Bible story is found in Nehemiah 8:1–9:3; 9:38; 10:29-39.)

What does it mean?

TO FAST

To give up something for awhile, often food, so you can dedicate yourself to thinking about God and what he wants you to do. Time set aside for prayer and worshipping God.

The Word of God Teaches Us

See the references below. Look up the verses in your Bible and fill in the missing words. The missing words will tell you more about what God is like, and what He wants you to do.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God _____ the heavens and the earth.

Deuteronomy 4:7b The Lord, _____ God is near us whenever we pray to him.

Deuteronomy 10:17a For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the _____ God, _____ and _____.

Psalms 37:3a _____ in the Lord and do _____.

Daniel 9:9a The Lord our God is _____ and _____.

Psalms 145:13 Your kingdom is an _____ kingdom, and your dominion endures through all _____.

Luke 10:27 _____ the Lord your God with all your _____ and with all your soul and with all your _____ and with all your mind; and, Love your _____ as yourself.