

**TIMES OF REFRESHING
NEHEMIAH 9:1-3 / 9-23-18 / AM**

I. FIRST, THERE WERE PREPARATIONS FOR REVIVAL.

- A. First, they gathered for revival—**9:1-- “...the Israelites gathered together...”**
- B. Second, they fasted—**9:1—“...the Israelites gathered together fasting....”**
- C. Third, they humbled themselves—**9:1---“... the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and putting dust on their heads.**

II. SECOND, THERE WERE PREREQUISITES FOR REVIVAL.

- A. Revival requires separation—**9:2a—“Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners....”**
- B. Revival also requires confession—**9:2b—“.... They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors.”**

III. THIRD, THERE WAS PROOF OF REVIVAL.

- A. First, they were hungry for God’s Word—**9:3a—“They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession...”**
- B. Second, they worshipped the Lord—**9:3b—“... and in worshiping the Lord their God.”**