

## Litanies and Reflections based on Bible Themes

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Nehemiah 8 (1998)

Gathered together in the square  
young and old  
men and women  
certain and seeking  
slave and free.  
Gathered together in the square  
they opened the book  
read and listened  
talked and prayed.  
They opened the book  
gathered together in the square  
and heard the Word of God.

Let us now gather  
together  
in the square  
to open the book  
and hear the Word of God.

Job 1-2 - "beware the sons of god"

You were one of the sons of God...  
or sons of god...  
or sons of gods?  
Among them  
one of them  
called simply the adversary.  
And I the memory of you.  
So much blame  
I have given you  
so much shame  
is it yours?  
or theirs?  
or mine?

Job's story  
claims that you did  
God's bidding  
the god character ...  
...goaded you on as you challenged  
the comfortable  
and afflicted the suffering  
But what kind of God?  
What kind of God  
would encourage you  
to taunt?  
What kind of God  
would allow you  
to torment the grieving?  
And you.  
You who do the bidding,  
what does that make you?  
And me.  
Me who holds your story,  
what does that make me?

Job 38 (2003)

God beyond our knowing  
Source of the earth's foundation  
Voice of the morning stars  
**Be gentle with us  
as we stumble in the darkness  
wondering where you are.**