

NEHEMIAH

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Nehemiah's Prayers

Neh. 1:4-11 Culmination of four months of fasting and prayer

1. Based on the character of God.
2. Characterized by persistence.
3. Involved intercession. John 17, Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25
4. Involved confession of sins both corporate and personal.
5. On the basis of the promises of God's Word.

Verse 8 Discipline not Destruction

"If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the nations." Leviticus 26:33; Deuteronomy 28:64

Verse 9 Restoration

"Even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather you from there and bring you back." Deuteronomy 30:1-4

Verse 9,10 To Glorify God's Name

"To the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my name." Deuteronomy 12:5-7

"They are your servants and your people."
Deuteronomy 9:25-29

6. Nehemiah utilized prayer partners.
7. Nehemiah prayed a prayer of availability.

2:4	6:14
4:4,5	13:14
4:9	13:22
5:19	13:29
6:9	13:31

Nehemiah 2

1. The months of prayer enabled Nehemiah to speak up even though he was very much afraid.
2. Nehemiah stated his burden clearly and concisely.
3. When given the opportunity, Nehemiah:
 - a. Requested that he be sent to rebuild Jerusalem.
 - b. Was prepared to answer as to how much time would be needed.
 - c. Requested letters of safe passage
 - d. Requested letter to Asaph for timber.
 - e. Received an escort of soldiers.
4. Nehemiah's requests were granted because the hand of God was upon him. 2:8,18
5. Good leadership examines the situation well.
6. Good leadership communicates well.
7. Good leadership unifies and motivates people to the work.

Nehemiah 3

The Gates

3:1
3:3
3:6
3:13
3:14
3:15
3:25
3:28
3:29
3:31

The Villages that Helped

3:2 Jericho
3:5 Tekoa
3:6 Gibeon
3:7 Mizpah, Meremath
3:13 Zanoah
3:14 Beth Hakkeram
3:15 District of Mizpah
Pelah District
3:16 Beth Zur
3:17 Keilah

Occupations of the workers included:

Who was commended for working with great zeal?

Who was mentioned for not working hard?

Compare workers on the wall to believers working in the Body of Christ.

Nehemiah 5

1. Godly leadership hears the cries of the people who are suffering and mistreated.
2. Outcry of the common people:
 - Verse 2 -
 - Verse 3 -
 - Verse 4 -
 - Verse 5 -
3. Nehemiah's Response
 - a. Anger
 - b. Thought the situation through
 - c. Publicly confronted those in the wrong. Held an assembly against them.
 - (1) Exodus 22:25 - They were breaking the laws of usury.
 - (2) They were selling their brothers as slaves.
 - (3) They were causing more mocking from the enemies.
 - (4) Nehemiah ordered them to return the fields, produce and money.
 - d. Nehemiah made the priests swear an oath to discontinue these sinful actions.
4. The people said amen and praised the Lord.
5. Nehemiah sacrificed his own financial rights in order not to be a burden to the people. 5:14-19

Nehemiah 4 and 6

Enemy Attacks

2:10 Sanballat and Tobiah are much disturbed someone has come to promote the welfare of Israel

2:19 Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem ridicule the plan

4:1-3

4:7,8

4:11,12

6:1-4

6:5-7

6:10,12,13

6:15,16

6:17,18

Nehemiah's Counter Moves

Does not let the enemy in on his plans

2:20 Nehemiah rebukes them

4:4-6

4:9

4:13-15

4:16-23

6:4

6:8

6:11,14