

Nehemiah

A Man Of Action

Interest In His Brethren

- 1:2 Asked concerning the condition of his brethren.
- 1:4ff Prays for the people.
- 1:11 Prays for himself.

Power of prayer. James 5:16

Preliminary Preparation

- 2:3-8 Petitions the king to send him to Jerusalem.

The Work Of Rebuilding

- 2:9-20 Preparation – views the city, reveals his mission.
- Ridicule.
- Chapter 3 – Assignments given for the work.

The Work Of Rebuilding

- The Zeal Of The Work.
 - 4:1-3 Ridicule.
 - 4:6 “The people had a mind to work.” cf. Haggai
 - 4:16 Watch.
 - 4:17 Worked with one hand and held their weapons with the other hand.
 - 4:18 Trumpet blower by Nehemiah ... leadership and cooperation.
 - 4:20 Faith in God. “Our God will fight for us.”

The Work Of Rebuilding

- The Greatest Interference To Their Work Was Internal Strife. 5:1-6
- 5:9 “The thing that ye do is not good.”
 - Ephesians 4:3; Psalms 133:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Galatians 5:15
- 5:12 People promise to repay.
- 5:14-19 Example of Nehemiah.

The Work Of Rebuilding

- Uncompromising Work.
 - First effort to get Nehemiah to compromise: 6:1-9
 - “I am doing a great work.”
 - Second effort to get Nehemiah to compromise: 6:10-14
- The Work Finished. 6:15 – Fifty-two days.

The Work Of Registering & Educating The People

- 7:1-73 People registered according to genealogy.
- 8:1-8 Law read to the people.
- 8:10ff People react to the reading of the law.
- Chapter 9 Public confession of sin.
- Chapter 10 People make a covenant to keep the law.

The Work Of Populating The City

- Chapter 11 One out of every ten to dwell in Jerusalem.

Dedication Of The Walls

- 12:27 A grand occasion.
 - 12:31 The princes of Judah went upon the wall.
 - 12:43 Day of rejoicing.

“When The Cat Is Away...” Nehemiah 13:6

- 13:4-5 Tobiah, given quarters in the temple courts by Eliashib the priest.
- 13:10-11 Levites abandoned their posts in the temple.
- 13:15-17 People profaned the Sabbath day. (cf. Chapter 10)
- 13:23ff People had engaged in mixed marriages.

Conclusion:

- Ezra (9:3) versus Nehemiah.

We should be like Nehemiah.

Work or act now, cry later.

Develop the mind to work, despising internal strife.

Learn to accept the example and zeal of Nehemiah.