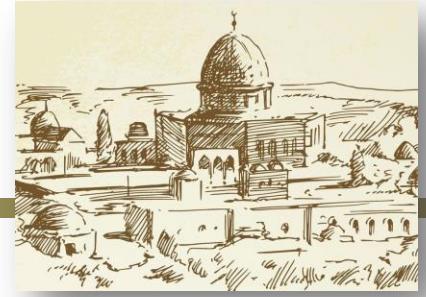


Nehemiah: Servant to the King

“Responding to Spiritual Carelessness”

Nehemiah 13:4-31 (Part 2 of 2)



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Issue #3: Through _____ God’s _____ Was _____. (*Nehemiah 13:15-22*)

Summary: _____ had marginalized the _____ and the _____ of God.

Nehemiah’s Response:

1. _____ the violators. (vv. 15-16)
2. _____ the Civil Leaders. (vv. 17-18)
3. _____ and _____ the Gates. (v.19)
4. _____ the Merchants. (vv. 20-21)
5. _____ the Spiritual Leaders. (v. 22)

Issue #4: Through _____ God’s _____ Were _____. (*Nehemiah 13:23-31*)

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- As with all sin, Israel’s _____ led to _____ and _____.

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When we _____ God and _____ His Word,
His purposes for our lives and His will our families
get overtaken by our _____ and
_____ with deadly consequences.

Nehemiah's Response (vv. 25-28):

1. He _____ them with their sin.
2. He _____ the curse to which they had previously submitted.
3. He _____ them and _____ their hair. (See Ezra 10:7-8)
4. He _____ a _____ of confession & commitment.
5. He _____ them of the historical consequences of this sin. (See Deut. 7:3-4; 17:7)
6. He _____ Eliashib's son who had married the daughter of Sanballat.

How do we explain Nehemiah's actions?

1. We must understand _____ (Romans 13:4).
2. We must understand the ancient _____.
3. We must understand _____ (John 2:17; Psalm 69:9).
 - His _____ for God was unquenchable.
 - His _____ was unending.
 - His _____ for others was unmistakable.
 - His _____ of _____ was unquestionable.
 - His _____ to _____ was undaunted.

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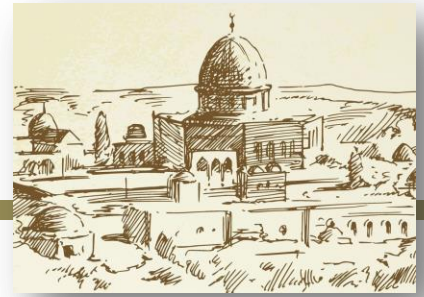
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Summary: **Materialistic interests** had marginalized the **Sabbath** and the **worship** of God.

Nehemiah’s Response:

6. **Warned** the violators. (vv. 15-16)
7. **Rebuked** the Civil Leaders. (vv. 17-18)
8. **Locked** and **Guarded** the Gates. (v.19)
9. **Threatened** the Merchants. (vv. 20-21)
10. **Engaged** the Spiritual Leaders. (v. 22)

Issue #4: Through Disobedience God’s People Were Diluted.
(Nehemiah 13:23-31)

Summary: The people of Jerusalem had sacrificed their **identity** as the people of God by intermarrying with the surrounding nations.

- As with all sin, Israel’s **passions** led to **sinful** and **deadly choices**.
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When we **disobey** God and **ignore** His Word,
His purposes for our lives and His will our families
get overtaken by our **own pursuits** and **pleasures**
with deadly consequences.

Nehemiah's Response:

7. He **confronted** them with their sin. (v. 25a)
8. He **invoked** the curse to which they had previously submitted. (v. 25b; 10:29)
9. He **beat** them and **pulled** their hair. (v. 25c; Ezra 10:7-8)
10. He **demanded a response** of confession and commitment. (v. 25d)
11. He **reminded** them of the historical consequences of this sin. (v. 26-27; Deut. 7:3-4; 17:7)
12. Nehemiah **chased away** one of Eliashib's son who had married the daughter of Sanballat. (v. 28)

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5. We must understand the ancient **Jewish culture**.
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 - His **zeal** for God was unquenchable.
 - His **prayer life** was unending.
 - His **love** for others was unmistakable.
 - His **hatred of sin** was unquestionable.
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