

Review of God's word and prayer

- Led in His Triumph
- Morning by morning He awakens us and speaks His word to us
- Holy Spirit is eager to reveal God to us
- Holy Spirit desires to empower us
- God hears our prayers and He is faithful
- He teaches us the mind of Christ
- We are growing and maturing in Christ
- Pure gold; faith to faith; glory to glory
- HE is there in the 'in the between times'
- He gives us wisdom; take the word, attend to it; apply it
- HE brings wisdom and revelation to the word
- Jesus lives to do the will of the Father
- God wants to reveal His glory to us! Spiritually, physically and financially
- We are being healed, delivered, changed from the inside out
- The gates of hell shall not prevail against the church
- God will accomplish His will in His church
- We will behold Him in His glory
- Prayer; Holy Spirit poured out on families, nations
- HE is revealing mysteries to us
- Prayer and fasting to seek God; heart and spirit to hear God
- HE wants to save
- The church is a HOUSE OF PRAYER – WITH GOD
- Pray in FAITH = NO DOUBT
- Our faith is in God
- HE wants a heart that AGREES WITH HIM
- JAMES 1 - God is generous
- Ask in Faith
- There is resistance when you pray; the devil wars against the truth; the word
- Holy Spirit is hovering over the body to PRAY
- Ask Seek Knock
- Don't quit; knock down 'road blocks'
- TODAY....HEARKEN TO THE VOICE OF THE LORD
- FOR THE GLORY AND THE POWER OF GOD TO BE REVEALED

## **History on Nehemiah – an Introduction**

### **Grace to you, internet resource**

“True to God’s judgment, He brought the Assyrians and Babylonians to deliver His chastisement upon wayward Judah and Israel. IN 722 BC the Assyrians deported the 10 northern tribes and scattered them all over the then known world (II Kings 17). Several centuries later, ca. 605-586 BC., God used the Babylonians to sack, destroy and nearly depopulate Jerusalem (II Kings 25) because Judah had persisted in her unfaithfulness to the covenant. God chastened His people with 70 years of captivity in Babylon (Jer. 25:11)

During the Jew’s captivity, world empire leadership changed hands from the Babylonians to the Persians (ca. 539BC; Dan. 5) after which Daniel received most of his prophetic revelation (cf. Dan. 6, 9-12). The book of Ezra begins with the decree of Cyrus, a Persian king, to return to God’s people to Jerusalem to rebuild God’s house (ca. 539BC) and chronicles the reestablishment of Judah’s national calendar of feasts and sacrifices. Zerubbabel and Joshua led the first return (Ezra 1-6) and rebuilt the temple. Esther gives a glimpse of the Jews left in Persia (ca. 483-473 BC) when Haman attempted to eliminate the Jewish race. Ezra 7-10 recounts the second return led by Ezra in 458 BC. Nehemiah chronicles the third return to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem (ca. 445 BC)

At that time in Judah’s history, the Persian Empire dominated the entire Near Eastern world. Its administration of Judah, although done with a loose hand, was mindful of disruptions or any signs of rebellion from its vassals.

Rebuilding the walls of conquered cities posed the most glaring threat to the Persian central administration. Only a close confidant of the king himself could be trusted for such an operation. AT the most critical juncture in Judah’s revitalization, God raised up Nehemiah to exercise one of the most trusted roles in the empire, the King’s cupbearer and confidant. God could use him to lead the rebuilding of Jerusalem’s walls in spite of its implications for Persian control of that city.”

### **Nehemiah 1**

The Holy Spirit hovered over Nehemiah and CAME ON HIM.

Holy Spirit brings conviction

HE brings a stirring; a need; a soul; a person; a situation TO PRAY

Pray with God! Don't doubt it!

The devil resists you and does not want you to pray.

\*\*\*God is drawing you to pray and so you can be confident in that and pray in faith leaning back into Holy Spirit and allowing Him to lead with wisdom.

“Holy Spirit, teach me and show me how to pray!”

HE puts the desire of God in your heart!

HE will give you wisdom! Don't doubt Him.

Nehemiah received the report:

“God hit him like a brick.”

THE walls are broken down and burned with fire and the peoples are in great distress and reproach.

Walls: set apart cities; protection; boundaries.

Gates: 12 gates in Jerusalem; places of entrance

When I heard these words:

Nehemiah sat down and wept! Why? Deep intercessions with God. You are being drawn into the Lord's heart and intercession. Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem because she would not listen to God.

The Happy Intercessor - by Beni Johnson is a good resource.

God will call you to weep with Him for nations, peoples, etc. sharing in Christ's sufferings.

Nehemiah just received a mandate from God! IT was put in him.

Mourning/ fasting/ humbling themselves unto God: giving yourself over to God to hear God's heart.

Esther – fasted and prayed for 3 days; for the nation of Israel.

Nehemiah prayed to the God of the heavens!

God is above all. When you go into prayer you are acknowledging God as the highest God and exalting Him! All principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, and hosts of wickedness are subject to God.

Acts 4; Eph. 6

Lord God of heaven!

“Oh GREAT AND AWESOME GOD....” Worship/prayer. Boldly declaring who God is. Putting our boast in God.

Tell God all about Himself! Declare who God is from your gut! “You who keep your covenant! With those who LOVE YOU.”

Love Me and Obey ME!

Attend to my prayer: ears and eyes

God hears all and sees all.

Holy Spirit put the prayer in Nehemiah’s heart!

A servant; a bond-servant of Christ; co-heirs with Him

Day and night

“Pray without ceasing”...continuous flow. As you go and in set aside time!

Confessing sins for you and others. Watch out for self-righteousness!

Acknowledge the grace you have been given.

WE HAVE SINNED. FORGIVE US. FORGIVE ME. My father’s house; the nation.

God is looking for repentance!

Prayer of repentance for and of the church!

Mercy, conviction, repentance

Moses: witness and testimony! You said Lord, if we returned to you.....You would forgive us and bring us back to the land. Always pointing to what the Father promised.

IF God said it...He's gonna do it! Faith connects! Agreement!

Heaven comes to earth.

Strong outstretched arm of the Lord; strong hand of God

Only God can deliver; we need Him; our dependence on God; with man it is impossible; with God all things are possible.

God is looking for FAITH FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE.

Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds!

Through the trials; persecutions; resistance-

God's gonna turn thing back around to see the servant heart of God in you.

God is perfecting us.

Moses and the Red Sea

Lift up your hands Moses! The Rod of authority!

Same God!

Nehemiah knew the testimony!

Servants - Holy Ghost comes to you and like fire HE goes to others! Prayer movement.....spreads. IT's contagious.....

So is apathy and prayerlessness is also contagious!

God given RESPONSIBILITY TO PRAY!

The Fear of the Lord

Lost or saved.

Let your servant prosper this day...

God is about to give Nehemiah boldness to

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP?

ASK FOR WISDOM.

Nehemiah is about to approach a king.

Esther approaches a king.

Call to arms.

Act! Apply! Do! Confront! Talk! Step out! Do something with God in the flesh.

Favor.

Risk.

Do not listen to the voices of the past!

Keep walking! Believe God! Walk on!!!! Love and obey God, no matter what resistance is coming your way.

