

Review: Nehemiah Chapter 1

Isaiah 9:6-7

**Call to Pray**

Repentance – Run to repentance; honorable; do not hide; run to God

God will give you a word; a mandate; an assignment and He will give you a plan on how to apply that word. He will give you a blueprint. Wisdom comes through prayer.

Hear and obey.

James 1:22 – Do not be deceived.

Nehemiah 2

Nehemiah was the king's cupbearer. That was his job. His countenance was reflecting the state of his soul.

Before the king this was not good news. He could be killed for approaching the king in sadness.

Nehemiah takes the opportunity to tell the king why his countenance was broken.

Nehemiah – afraid; he tells the king why he is sad and tells him the commission from God. He laid it out!

The king – FAVOR – “what do you request?”

God and the kings of the earth:

Daniel 2:21 -23; 4:30-32

God has granted the king the GRACE to hear the word of the Lord and favor is given to turn the heart of the king towards the one bringing the word.

When God gives us a word; a job; a task; a blueprint; an assignment, God will provide a way to accomplish it!

- Leadership – “It’s not what you know but who you know.”

King: What do you request?

Nehemiah:

Prayed! Continual communion with God. Fast prayer.

**God of heaven: Nehemiah is acknowledging His God! Above all else!**

God will fill our mouths with the word:

Respectful and honorable to his delegated authority the king over him.

Send me to Judah the city of my father’s tomb that I may rebuild it!

Mission; mandate; favor; request communicated.

King’s response.

How long will your journey be Nehemiah?

What do you need?

Nehemiah now has permission to go by his delegated authority and God is the supreme authority over his life sending him.

HE is working with the king when he wants to go. WE are co-laboring with God.

Persia to Judah:

I need some protection and authority to go through other territories.

MUST! Permit me to go through!

**Ephesians 6:12-14**

Forces, satan's kingdom, opposes the word of the Lord and the work of God. These forces, occupy places, territories, positions, cities, places in community, nations, offices, etc. They would oppose the ones who are sent to keep you from your assignment.

"Jesus...I have come to do the will of My Father..." He was threatened and they tried to kill him more than once.

Letters – to governors

Asaph – man in charge of the king's forest.

- Gates
- Wall
- And a house for me to occupy

HE MUST PERMIST

MUST – AUTHORITY – NO BEGGING

**Good hand of MY God upon me! Nehemiah is acknowledging God in all he does. NO pride. Give glory to God in it. Co-labor with God but God is doing it!**

Now Nehemiah gives the letters to the governors; the king sent 'special forces' with Nehemiah to protect him; angels go with us! The armies of the KING OF GLORY always goes with us to ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE NEED.

Psalms 103; Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 91; II Kings 6:16; Romans 8:31, 32

Sanballot – "the enemy is secret." – Disturbed! Rulers of darkness upset! "HAVE YOU COME TO TORMENT US BEFORE OUR TIME?"

Opposition

Occult spirit; hidden agenda; works against word; causes confusion; puts up blocks

James 4:7

Ground level warfare – boot; personal; how the enemy attacks you personally

Occult level warfare- 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven; higher in rank; over boots soldiers, rulers under command of a higher rank that oversee the soldiers on the ground.

Strategic level warfare – high level; principalities/powers over cities; territories; regions; continents, nations.

Heaven is backing me. US government backs their ambassadors.

Dark forces opposes the work of the Lord.

Nehemiah made it to Jerusalem.

3 days later, he arose. Spied out land/walls/gates/city. Kept vision to himself.

Then he communicated the mission and vision to the Jews - those in authority; nobles; priests; etc. Distress; Jerusalem waste; gates burned with fire.

“Come let’s build!” NO LONGER BE A REPROACH! Agreement.

God will bring who and what you need to accomplish the vision! Hab. 2:2-3

**The hand of My God is good upon me! Testifying of God! Giving glory to God.**

**God is using a man to get His work done.**

“LET’S RISE UP AND BUILD!” THE LORD WENT BEFORE NEHEMIAH AND PREPARED HEARTS TO SAY YES> AND THEY VOLUNTEER! ALL LEADERS NEED THIS.

THEY SET THEIR HANDS TO THIS GOOD WORK!

AGREEMENT!

WATCH FOR THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE WITH YOU BUT DON’T WANT TO DO THE WORK!!

Cost!

**Sanballot- resistance**

- Laughed/mock
- Despised/hated
- Deception – ‘did you rebel against the king?’

Lay hold of your authority in Christ! Casting out demons; bringing down strongholds; repentance of sin; iniquity; salvation; taking ground; overcoming!

Behold I answered and SAID.....YOU MUST SPEAK!!!!!!!!!!!!!! RELEASE THE WORD OF GOD! AND I SAID TO THEM!

THE GOD OF HEAVEN HIMSELF! {1 THESS. 5:23} CALLING ON THE NAME OF GOD! HIS BANNER! YOU KNOW WHO TO DEPEND ON AND LEAN INTO!!!

FAITH – HE WILL PROSPER US! WE HAVE VICTORY! COMPLETE! PERFECT.

NO HERITAGE

NO RIGHT

NO MEMORIAL

