

Nehemiah 13



We have come to the final chapter in this study. As the book of Nehemiah ends, it doesn't slowly ride out in the sunset. This chapter is filled with action, rebukes and direction by Nehemiah.

A. Some historical references

1. Nehemiah had been governor for 12 years (5:14)
2. In the King's 32nd year, Nehemiah returned to Susa.
3. After some time he returns to Jerusalem and finds the city in a real mess
 - the pledges and promises that the people made were broken
 - the high priest was instrumental in leading the people the wrong way

Eliashib, the high priest

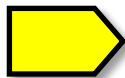
- Provided a room within the temple for _____: who is both an Ammonite (2:19) and proven enemy to the work of God
- His grandson married the daughter of _____, a proven enemy to the work of God

The People of God

- Not paid the temple _____ (10-12)
- Doing business on the _____ (15-17)
- Foreign merchants were _____ the gates (19-22)
- Marrying _____ (23-28)

Nehemiah's Fact Gathering:

- I _____ (7)
 I _____ (10)
 I _____ (15, 23)



Nehemiah's Actions:

- T _____ Tobiah's things out and cleansed the temple (8-9)
 John 2:14-15; 1 Cor 5:2,7
- R _____ officials about tithes (11)
- A _____ them about working on the Sabbath (15)
- C _____ with them about mixed marriages (25)
 Including striking them and pulling out their _____ (25)

Nehemiah's "Remember Me" Prayers:

- Three times Nehemiah prays "Remember me" (14, 30,31)

Lessons Learned:

1. The fires of reform and repentance tend to go out. What keeps things going is I _____, m _____ and e _____.
2. It is important to f _____ what we have started (2 Tim 4:7)
3. What is it that you want the Lord to " _____ " about you?
4. Rising and building is important, but m _____ what has been accomplished is also important
5. Poor spiritual guidance leads to _____ in the streets
6. Promises made must be promises _____
7. Problems need to be _____ and _____ action is often required (2 Tim 4:2)
8. Leading God's people is a challenge to keep them _____ from the world, but a blessing because it _____ is the work of God
9. The church needs to be kept _____. Sometimes that requires "removing" the impure.
10. God has been _____ Nehemiah and led him in these reforms.