

Rebuilding stands by keeping Promises

Nehemiah 13

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- 6But while all this was going on, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Some time later I asked his permission 7and came back to Jerusalem. Here I learned about the evil thing Eliashib had done in providing Tobiah a room in the courts of the house of God. 8I was greatly displeased and threw all Tobiah's household goods out of the room. 9I gave orders to purify the rooms, and then I put back into them the equipment of the house of God

Overview

- The Walls of Jerusalem have been completed in 52 days and dedicated in chapter 11 and 12
- There was revival in Chapter 8
- Failures of the Jews in chapter 9
- Promise and pact in 9:38- chapter 10

Context of chapter 13

- 13:4-14 – The House of God was defiled
- Eliashib the priest defiled the House of God by allying with Tobiah and giving him a great chamber, which was used to store supplies for the Levites and items for the Temple.
- Levites were not given their portion of the Tithes

- 13:15-22 – The people were dishonouring the Sabbath

- 13:23-31 – The people had not purified their homes
- Ammonites and Moabites
- Gen. 19:36-37 sons of Lot
- Numbers 22-24

In Nehemiah 13

- The cycle in the history of Israel
- Israel in the wilderness for 40 years
- The book of Judges
- Integrity
- is doing the right thing even when no one is watching (C.S. Lewis)
- eg. When Moses was in Mount Sinai for 40 days and nights, they've asked Aaron to make a golden calf.

Consistency! Is it possible to keep our Promises?

- By the Word of God
- Chapter 13 opens with reading of the scriptures
- Joshua 1: 7“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.
- 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- Hebrews 4:12For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart

Accountability(Nehemiah's)

- Gal.6: 1Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ
- 9Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.
- James 4:17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

Prayer

- Nehemiah was a man of Prayer
- Chapter 1 Rebuilding begins with Personal prayer (Will Ross)
- The Book ends in Prayer
- Remember me verses 12,14,22,29 and 31