

Nehemiah: Answering the Call of God!!!

BUILDING BLOCK #7= “Leading”

TEXT: Nehemiah 7

Introduction: The Greek word Ekklesia, is used to describe and identify those individuals who have been called out of the world (II Thessalonians 2:14). To the Corinthians, a worldly group, Paul told said to separate themselves from the world (II Corinthians 6:17-18). Clearly, Paul knew that in order for the church to prosper, the church had to come out of the world. In like manner, Nehemiah understood that if the walls of Jerusalem were going to stay up, the people had to remain separate from their pagan neighbors. After all, this is what brought the walls down in the first place (Deuteronomy 28:15, 49-52, Nehemiah 1:7-10). Their commitment to remain faithful is seen in their leadership.

Discussion:

- I. They Selected Their Leaders
Nehemiah 7:2
Nehemiah 6:17-19
I Timothy 3
Titus 1
- II. They Stationed Their Lookouts
Nehemiah 6:1-3, 9
Nehemiah 3:23-30
John 3:19-21
II John 9-11
Galatians 2:4-5
Jude 3-4
Ephesians 5:11
- III. They Searched Their Lineages
Nehemiah 7:5, 64-65
Matthew 14:4, 19:9
John 3:5
Acts 2:38, 11:26, 17:11, 22:16
Ephesians 5:17



Conclusion: We see Nehemiah and the people's commitment to be separate from the world in the leaders that they selected, the lookouts that they stationed, and the lineages that they searched. If we are going to be successful, we must make this same commitment. After all, we cannot be friends with the world without being enemies of God (James 4:4). If the foundation that has built upon the rock of Christ Jesus is going to stand, we need good leaders that will keep watch on the walls! Are you up to the task?

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WORD OF THE DAY = “Lead”