

Nehemiah: Answering the Call of God!!!

BUILDING BLOCK # 12 = "Rejoicing"

TEXT: Nehemiah 12



Introduction: When God made us in His own image, He made with the ability and desire to laugh (Genesis 1:26-27, Philippians 4:4). In fact, when sin robbed man of much of the joy that God had planned for man, He sent His only begotten Son into the world that man's joy might be full again (John 15:11, 16:24). Having created the heart, God knows the blessings that flow from a merry heart. Nehemiah shows us how their rejoicing helped to build up God's kingdom.

Discussion:

- I. They Rejoiced In Their Service
Nehemiah 12:1-26, Proverbs 15:13-15, Ecclesiastes 9:7
- II. They Rejoiced In Their Singing
Nehemiah 12:27-31, Nehemiah 4:3, Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16
- III. They Rejoiced In Their Sacrifice
Nehemiah 12:44-47, I Corinthians 16:1-2, II Corinthians 9:6-7

Conclusion: It is hard to get positive results from negative attitudes. We need more joy in the kingdom of God today!!! Remember that attitude does often determine altitude! The work in many places is not getting off the ground because members are contemplating their burdens rather than counting their blessings. Without joyful spirits, we cannot hope to be very successful. After all, would you want to be a member of a body of people who look as if they wished they were somewhere else? Each of us must examine ourselves to see whether or not we are increasing or decreasing the joy of the congregation (II Corinthians 13:5). A good place for us to begin is with our service, our singing, and our sacrifices.

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WORD OF THE DAY = "Joy"