

Nehemiah: Answering the Call of God!!!

Recognizing The Savior, Reviving The Servants, Rebuilding The Stones, & Removing The Shame
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"For we were slaves. Yet our <u>God did not forsake us</u> in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to <u>revive us</u>, to <u>repair the house of our God</u>, to <u>rebuild its ruins</u>, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem." (Ezra 9:9)

Introduction to the Book of Nehemiah

<u>Introduction:</u> Nehemiah is one of the most amazing and unique characters of the Old Testament. He accepted the task of building the wall around Jerusalem (Jeremiah 5:1, Ezekiel 22:30). In this lesson, I want us to notice why life must be studied

Discussion:

- I. Nehemiah The Cupbearer to the King Nehemiah 1:11
- II. Nehemiah The Contractor for the People Nehemiah 2:8, 3:3, 6, 13-15
- III. Nehemiah The Community Leader Nehemiah 5:15, 7:65, 70; 8:9; 10:1
- IV. Nehemiah The Christian Example Nehemiah 6:3

<u>Conclusion</u>: When God needed a man, Nehemiah stepped forward. Will you answer God's call to build the wall? Over the next few weeks we are going to study Nehemiah and see the spiritual building blocks he used to build up the kingdom of God. And we are going to learn how to effectively build up God's kingdom. Let's pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we serve Him!

WORD OF THE DAY = "Build"