Nehemiah
Sermon Outlines

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Bad News From Home (Nehemiah Ch 1:1-11)
Proposition: Every child of God can have a proper reaction to the disrepair of our Christian lives by following the example of Nehemiah in these first eleven verses of chapter one.

I. The Report Of The Land (Vs. 1-3)
   A. The People Were In Reproach (Vs. 3a&b)
   B. Their Protection Was in Rubble (Vs. 3c)
   C. Their Passages Were In Ruin (Vs. 3d)

II. The Reaction Of The Listener (Vs. 4)
   A. A Sorrowful Action (Vs. 4a-c)
   B. A Summons To Act (Vs. 4e)
   C. A Seeking Of The Almighty (Vs. 4d)

III. The Request To The Lord
   A. The Adoration Of The Sovereign (Vs. 5)
   B. The Admitting Of Sin (Vs. 6-7)
   C. The Application Of Scripture (Vs. 8-9)
   D. The Asking Of The Servant (Vs. 10-11)
Prevailing Prayer And Providential Provision  
(Nehemiah 2:1-8)

Proposition: Every child of God can see God do the impossible through the power of prayer by tracing the example Nehemiah in these following verses.

I. The Heaviness Of The Cup-barer’s Condition (Vs. 1)

A. His Endurance Under The Lord (Vs. a-b)

B. The Endangering Of His Life (Vs. 1c-d)

II. The Heart Of The King’s Command (Vs. 2)

A. A Tender Heart (Vs. 2b-c)

B. A Turned Heart (Vs. 2d)

III. The Honesty Of The Cup-barer’s Cry (Vs. 3-4)

A. The Tact Of His Language (Vs. 3b)

B. The Truth Of His Love (Vs. 3c-g)

C. The Trust Of His Lord (Vs. 4c)

IV. The Help Of The King’s Consent

A. The Openness Of The King (Vs. 4a-b)

B. The Obliging Of The King (Vs. 5-8)
Beginning To Begin (Nehemiah 2:9-20)

Proposition: We as the people of God can all start to rebuild the broken down walls of our Christian lives by noting the three actions that take place in the text before us tonight.

I. The Survey Of The City (Vs. 11-16)

A. It Was A Personal Survey (Vs. 12-13)
B. It Was A Planning Survey (Vs. 13-16)
C. It Was A Prayerful Survey (Vs. 13-16)

II. The Sensitivity Of The Citizens

A. The Problem Was Identified (Vs. 17)
B. The Power Was Verified (Vs. 18a-b)
C. The People Were Unified (Vs. 18c-d)

III. The Speech Of The Scoffers (Vs. 10, 19-20)

A. The Rousel Of The Scoffers (Vs. 10,19)
B. The Reply To The Scoffers (Vs. 20)
A Blueprint For Reconstructing Our Christian Lives (Nehemiah 3)

Proposition: By following the pattern laid out for us in Nehemiah chapter 3, every one of God’s people can begin to repair the broken walls and burned gates of our Christian experience.

I. The Gate of Salvation - The Sheep Gate (Vs. 1)

II. The Gate of Seeking and Saving - The Fish gate (Vs. 3)

III. The Gate of Statutes - The Old Gate (Vs. 6)

IV. The Gate of Self-abasement - The Valley Gate (Vs. 13)

V. The Gate of Sanitization - The Dung Gate (Vs. 14)

VI. The Gate of Spirit - The Fountain Gate (Vs. 15)

VII. The Gate of Scriptures - The Water Gate (Vs. 26)

VIII. The Gate of Struggle - The Horse Gate (Vs. 28)

IX. The Gate of the Second Coming - The East Gate (Vs. 29)

X. The Gate of Sentencing - The Miphkad (Judgment) Gate (Vs. 31)
The Pattern, The People, And The Places of Reconstruction (Nehemiah 3)

Proposition: Nehemiah chapter 3 shows the attitude and the advancement for reconstructing our Christian lives.

I. The Pattern of Reconstruction (Review of last weeks message.)

A. The Gate of Salvation - The Sheep Gate (Vs. 1)
B. The Gate of Seeking and Saving - The Fish Gate (Vs. 3)
C. The Gate of Statutes - The Old Gate (Vs. 6)
D. The Gate of Self-abasement - The Valley Gate (Vs. 13)
E. The Gate of Sanitization - The Dung Gate (Vs. 14)
F. The Gate of the Spirit - The Fountain Gate (Vs. 15)
G. The Gate of the Scriptures - The Water Gate (Vs. 26)
H. The Gate of the Struggle - The Horse Gate (Vs. 28)
I. The Gate of the Second Coming - The East Gate (Vs. 29)
J. The Gate of Sentencing - The Miphkad (Judgment) Gate (Vs. 31)

II. The People of Reconstruction

A. The Rulers (Vs. 1, 12-19)
B. The Regulars (Vs. 8)
C. The Relatives (Vs. 12)
D. The Rejected (Vs. 2, 5, 7)
E. The Willing (Vs. 11, 19, 21)
F. The Repentant (Vs. 11)
III. The Places of Reconstruction

A. Instruction to Rebuilding (Vs. 10, 23, 30)

B. Insight into Rebuilding
There is an Enemy (Nehemiah 4:1-9)
Proposition: God has armed us for the battle with the enemy. And here in the Word of God are insights into the wiles of the enemy and into the equipping of the workers that can prepare us for this enemy.

I. Expect The Anger of the Enemy (Vs. 1-3)
   A. Anger Expressed in Sarcasm (Vs. 1-3)
   B. Anger Expressed in Scoffing (Vs. 1-3)

II. Acquire the Attitude of the Involved (Vs. 4-6)
   A. An Attitude of Prayer (Vs. 4-5)
   B. An Attitude of Persistence (Vs. 6a-c)
   C. An Attitude of Purpose (Vs. 6d)

III. Expect an Attack being Evolved (Vs. 7-8)
   A. A Plan of Surrounding (Vs. 7)
   B. A Plan of Stopping (Vs. 7)
   C. A Plan of Splitting (Vs. 8)

IV. Engage Arming for the Encounter (Vs. 9)
   A. Be Abiding In Christ (Vs. 9a)
   B. Be Alert to the Conflict (Vs. 9b)
   C. Be Ardent in the Cause (Vs. 9a)
Internal Discouragement (Nehemiah 4:10-23)

Proposition: We as builders for God must be aware of internal discouragements and respond to internal encouragements as shown in Nehemiah chapter 4.

I. The Sources of Discouragement

A. Their Strength was Depleted (Vs 10a)

B. Their Vision had disappeared (Vs. 6, 10b)

C. Their Confidence was Deflated (Vs. 11-12)

II. The Strategy for Encouragement

A. A Common Finish (Vs. 13)

B. A Unified Focus (Vs. 14)

C. A Balanced Formation (Vs. 15-17)

D. An Others Function (Vs. 19-21)
The Destruction from Within (Nehemiah 5:1-19)

Proposition: Every one of us need to get a hold of the same internal problems that Nehemiah faced which threaten to demolish the life walls we are building by noting the three principals outlined in the chapter before us tonight.

I. The Revelation of a Laborious Load (Vs. 1-5)

A. A Loss of Provisions (Vs. 2)
B. A Loss of Property (Vs. 3-4)
C. A Loss of Progeny (Vs. 5)

II. The Rebuke to the Lawless Leaders (Vs. 6-13)

A. Lawlessness Pointed Out (Vs. 7-9)
B. Lawfulness Prescribed (Vs. 10-11, 12b)
C. Lawfulness Prevailed (Vs. 12a, 13)

III. The Reputation of a Loyal Leader (Vs. 14-19)

A. A Reputation of Selflessness (Vs. 14-15, 17-18)
B. A Reputation of Steadfastness (Vs. 16)
C. A reputation of Supplication (Vs. 19)
When the Finish Line is in Sight (Nehemiah 6: 1-19)

Proposition: In Nehemiah 6, we can all see what to expect and how to react to Satan's attacks that are sure to come when the finish line is in sight.

I. The Distraction of Conflict

A. The Distraction of Swaying (Vs. 1-4)
B. The Distraction of Slander (Vs. 5-7)
C. The Distraction of Safety (Vs. 10-13)
D. The Distraction of Secrecy (Vs. 17-19)

II. The Dedication to Construction

A. A Resolved Dedication (Vs. 2-4)
B. A Refusing Dedication (Vs. 2-4)
C. A Righteous Dedication (Vs. 8)
D. A Recognizing Dedication (Vs. 12-13)
E. A Reliant Dedication (Vs. 9, 14, 16)

III. The Dependence for Completion

A. The Sureness of the Will of God (Vs. 3)
B. The Strength for the Work of God (Vs. 9)
C. The Seeking for the Reckoning of God (Vs. 14)
D. A Sight for the Rejoicing in God (Vs. 15-16)
Continuing Beyond Just Walls (Nehemiah 7)

Proposition: Every child of God of us can not only rebuild walls of protection around our lives but can continue to grow beyond just walls and go forward for God by applying the principals that Nehemiah exemplifies in this chapter.

I. The Control of the Place (Vs. 1-2)

A. A Control for Looking (Vs. 1)

B. A Control for Laboring (Vs. 1)

C. A Control for Leading (Vs. 2)

II. The Commands for the Pass (Vs. 3-4)

A. Commands for Closing (Vs. 3a)

B. Commands for Keeping (Vs. 3b)

III. The Collection of the People (Vs. 5-60)

A. A Divine Collection (Vs. 5)

B. A Directing Collection (Vs. 6-60)

IV. The Conflict over the Parentage (Vs. 61-65)

A. A Conflict Defused by Relationship (Vs. 61, 64)

B. A Conflict Disrupted by Revelation (Vs. 65)

V. The Contribution to the Project (Vs. 66-73)

A. The Contribution of a Strong Group (Vs. 66-69)

B. The Contribution of Selfless Giving (Vs. 70-73)
The Watergate Revival (Nehemiah 8:1-18)
Proposition: We as the people of God can experience a revival from God by opening up the Word of God and following the six steps that we outlined in this chapter.

I. They Read the Scriptures (Vs. 1-6)
   A. The People of the Scriptures (Vs. 1)
   B. The Perception of the Scriptures (Vs. 2-3)
   C. The Preeminence of the Scriptures (Vs. 4-5)
   D. The Product of the Scriptures (Vs. 6)

II. They Received the Sense (Vs. 7-9c)
   A. The Distribution of the Sense (Vs. 7,9a-c)
   B. The Distinction of the Sense (Vs. 8a)
   C. The Direction of the Sense (Vs. 8b)

III. They Responded to its Statements (Vs. 9d-12)
   A. They were Sorrowed by its Statements (Vs. 9d-h,11)
   B. They were Submitted to its Statements (Vs. 10 & 12c)
   C. They Celebrated in its Statements (Vs. 12d-e)

IV. They Re-aligned to its Statutes (Vs. 13-17c)
   A. They Found its Statutes (Vs. 13-14)
   B. They Faltered in its Statutes (Vs. 17c)
   C. They Fulfilled its Statutes (Vs. 15-17b)

V. They Rediscovered their Strength (Vs. 17d & 10c-d)
A. A Godly Strength (Vs. 10c-d)

B. A Gladdening Strength (Vs. 17d)
A Broken And Contrite Heart (Nehemiah Ch 9)

Proposition: In this chapter we can see five characteristics of the broken and contrite heart that is essential to our Christian life.

I. A Repenting of their Sin (Vs. 1-3)
   A. There must be Humility (Vs. 1)
   B. There must be Holiness (Vs. 2a)
   C. There must be Honesty (Vs. 2b)

II. A Reading of the Scriptures (Vs. 3a-b)
   A. An Esteem for the Word (Vs. 3a)
   B. An Effort in the Word (Vs. 3b)

III. Recognition of their Source (Vs. 4-6)
   A. A Praise-worthy Source (Vs. 5)
   B. A Primary Source (Vs. 6a-c)
   C. A Preserving Source (Vs. 6d-e)

IV. A Remembering of their Salvation (Vs. 7-30)
   A. The Covenant of Salvation (Vs. 7-8)
   B. The Conversion of Salvation (Vs. 9-11)
   C. The Constraint of Salvation (Vs. 13-14)
   D. The Control of Salvation (Vs. 12, 15-21)
   E. The Conquest of Salvation (Vs. 22-25)
   F. The Chastisement of Salvation (Vs. 26-29)
G. The Compassion of Salvation (Vs. 30)

V. A Recounting of their Sparing (Vs. 31-38)

A. A Merciful Sparing (Vs. 31-32)

B. An Unmerited Sparing (Vs. 33-35)

C. A Motivating Sparing (Vs. 36-38)
The Resulting Commitment of Repentance and Revival (Nehemiah 10)

Proposition: Every one of us, when we are brought to a heart broken repentance and a heaven sent revival should reflect the continuing commitment we see here in Nehemiah Ch. 10.

I. A Public Commitment (Vs. 1-29)

A. A Complete Commitment (Vs. 1-28a)

B. A Cutting Commitment (Vs. 28b)

C. A Cleaving Commitment (Vs. 29)

II. A Promised Commitment (Vs. 29-33)

A. A Serious Promise (Vs. 29)

B. A Submissive Promise (Vs. 29)

C. A Social Promise (Vs. 30)

D. Separating Promise (Vs. 31)

E. Stewardship Promise (Vs. 32-33)

III. A Practicing Commitment (Vs. 34-39)

A. Regulated Promise (Vs. 34-35)

B. A Revived Practice (Vs. 34-35)

C. A Revering Practice (Vs. 36-38)

D. A Remembered Practice (Vs. 39)
Ordinary Yet Essential (Nehemiah 11)

Proposition: In this chapter we are taught that these ordinary people were essential to God's plan.

I. The Selection of Ordinary People

A. The Fame they were Lacking

B. The Faithfulness to the Lord

II. The Surrender of Ordinary People

A. A Committed Surrender

B. A Complete Surrender

III. The Service of Ordinary People

A. The Prescription of Service

B. The Principal of Service
An Unforgettable Dedication Day
(Nehemiah 12:27-38; 30-31; 35-40; 42c-47)

Proposition: If we will look at this unforgettable day of worship and apply the principals therein, I believe that we will have more memorable days of worship in our lives.

I. The Dedication of the Walls (Vs. 27-30)

A. An Appreciation to God (Vs. 27a)
B. An Adoration of God (Vs. 27b)
C. An Adherence before God (Vs. 30)

II. The Display of Worship (Vs. 31-43)

A. Celebration was Displayed (Vs. 27b; 43)
B. Singing was Displayed (Vs. 28a; 29c; 35c; )
C. A System was Displayed (Vs. 31;36b-40; 46)

III. The Demonstration of Willingness (Vs. 43-47)

A. A Willingness in Sacrifice (Vs. 43)
B. A Willingness in Support (Vs. 44-45)
C. A Willingness in Sanctification (Vs. 47)
Taking the Bull by the Horns (Nehemiah 13)

Proposition: Every one of us are going to fight sin and temptation all of our days. So when it comes to sin we need to take the bull be the horns! Notice the four sin problems that Nehemiah deals with here.

I. Taking the Compromise Problem By the Horns (Vs. 1-9)
   A. Compromises By Allowance (Vs. 1-3)
   B. Compromises with Adversaries (Vs. 4-9)

II. Taking the Contribution Problem By the Horns (Vs. 10-14)
   A. Surveying the Lack of Contribution (Vs. 10, 5)
   B. Speaking about the Lack of Contribution (Vs. 11)
   C. solving the Lack of Contribution (Vs. 12-13)

III. Taking the Consecration Problem By the Horns (Vs. 15-22)
   A. Recognizing Consecration Problems (Vs. 15-17)
   B. Remembering Consecration Problems (Vs. 18)
   C. Ridding Consecration Problems (Vs. 19-21)
   D. Re-establishing Consecration Principals (Vs. 22)

IV. Taking the Contamination Problem By the Horns (Vs. 23-31)
   A. The Concern of Contamination (Vs. 23-24)
   B. The Contempt of Contamination (Vs. 25)
   C. The Case of Contamination (Vs. 26-27)
   D. The Cleansing of Contamination (Vs. 28-31)
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