

Nehemiah's Prayer

"O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands,⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you.⁷ We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

⁸ "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations,⁹ but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'

¹⁰ "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand.¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."

I was cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 1:5-11

When God sets about to do a great thing he moves in the minds of people whose hearts are _____ toward spiritual things.

Godly leadership begins with a broken _____, which is evidenced by humility, heartfelt worship, sorrow over sin and a great sense of hope & confidence in God's redeeming power.

The passion motivating Godly leadership is to see God's name worshiped and revered. Nehemiah's "One Holy Passion" was for the _____ of Yahweh and His righteous reputation to be restored to its proper place among the Jewish exiles and the surrounding nations.

- 1) Nehemiah was a man who _____ in revering God's Name.

One Holy Passion

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- 2) Nehemiah was a man who desired to see a _____ among God's People.

Revival is a going of God among his people. An awareness of God lays hold upon the community, moving men and women, who until then had no concern for spiritual things, to seek after God.

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- 3) Nehemiah was a man who understood that the best place to begin a great work of God is on your knees in _____.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." Psalm 127:1

- ✓ Nehemiah mourned, _____ and prayed before the God of heaven.
- Fasting is the practice of going without food for the purpose of drawing near to God.
 - Celebrating His person (*worship*)
 - Claiming His promises (*meditating on scripture*)
 - Confessing sin (*repentance*)
 - Crying out for _____
 - *To discern God's will*

- 4) Nehemiah was a man who understood that God cannot bless a _____ people.

- ✓ He confessed personal, familial and national sins
- *"We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed..." vs.7*

- 5) Nehemiah was a man who understood that HOPE is found in remembering God's covenant promises.

- 6) Nehemiah was a man who was _____ that God could accomplish the unimaginable.

- ✓ "Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." vs.11