



Nehemiah 1:1-11

What does Nehemiah's reaction to hearing this news show about his heart? What do we learn about Nehemiah's character from the content of his prayer?

What specific request does Nehemiah make at the close of his prayer? (**v. 11**) Compare 1:1 and 2:1 – how long does it seem Nehemiah was engaged in praying such a prayer?

Nehemiah 2:1-8

When the king inquires about Nehemiah's sorrow and opens the door for him to make a request, how does Nehemiah respond? How was Nehemiah prepared to make such a detailed request?

What would have led Nehemiah to think he was the man for this job? Did his experience as a cupbearer make him especially qualified for this kind of work?

Nehemiah 2:11-18

What does Nehemiah do first before presenting his plan/vision to the other leaders and the people? What does Nehemiah say to rally the support of the people for this work?

Nehemiah 4:6-9

What does it mean that the people had a "mind to work"? How does Nehemiah respond to opposition?

Nehemiah 4:14-23

How do Nehemiah and the people demonstrate this “mind to work”? What are some things that Nehemiah does and says to encourage the continued dedication of the people?

Nehemiah 5:14-19

How does Nehemiah handle his position of authority differently than the leaders before him? What does this demonstrate about his priorities and character?

Nehemiah 6:1-12

How does Nehemiah handle the slander and threats of those opposing the work? What commendable qualities does this demonstrate?

Nehemiah 13:6-31

Did the initial efforts Nehemiah made to encourage obedience and devotion to God’s Law among the people last? (**ch. 8-10**) Does this indicate a failure of leadership on his part?

How does Nehemiah go about correcting all the corruptions he sees upon returning to Jerusalem? (**vv. 8-9, 11, 17, 19, 22, 25**) What are some lessons we can learn from his attitude and approach? (Compare **Ezra 9:1-4** – Why might Ezra’s approach have been different?)