



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Nehemiah

A Vision To Build

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:
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This week, digging deeper looks at the vision that God gave to Nehemiah after the 70 years of captivity in Persia was accomplished and over 50,000 Israelites returned to their homeland, only to find it in ruins. What vision will He give to you to serve Him this year?

Monday: Nehemiah 1:1-2;11

What role did Nehemiah play in the court of the Persian king? Why was that an important role? His father was from the priestly caste and his brother was some sort of ruler in Jerusalem after the 70 years of captivity were done. What would be true of the character of a royal cup bearer? Do you think that a king would easily give permission for a cup bearer to leave his position? Why or why not? Do you have a trustworthy character? Does God want to use you this year? Pray about how you can serve God.

Tuesday: Nehemiah 1:3-4; Nehemiah 2:1

What did his brother say to Nehemiah that disturbed him? Why was that so alarming to Nehemiah since he was from Persia and had never lived in Israel? What did Nehemiah do when he heard the disturbing words about Jerusalem? It appears that it was 4 months between the month of Kislev in ch. 1 and Nisan in chapter 2. What does this tell you about the importance of extended times of prayer? Is it your habit to pray just one time and be done, or to pray regularly? For Nehemiah it was during this time of prayer that God formed His vision in Nehemiah of what Nehemiah should be doing.

Wednesday: Nehemiah 1:1-3;

What great trouble did those returning from captivity experience? Why were they thwarted in rebuilding the Temple or the walls around this city? History says that nearly 90 years passed with little being done to rebuild the walls or the Temple. What walls need to be built around the walls of your life? How are you burdened by life? What rubble is blocking your life? Today, move from faith as a hobby, to faith as a passion and calling that you must accomplish lest you die.

Thursday: Nehemiah 1:5-10

What does Nehemiah look at when his burden is great? What does he see in God? Why is it important for him to see God as a covenant keeper? What had God promised concerning the nation of Israel (vs. 9)? What was he expecting about God by praying? How often was he praying? Was he a great sinner? Who was he praying for about sin? God loves us as individuals, but He also looks at us through the lens of community of faith. Throughout their history the Jewish people did sin greatly. What should your prayers look like today in order to be trusting God in that which He calls you?

Friday: Nehemiah 1:11a; 1 John 1:9

Whose prayers does Nehemiah ask God to listen to? Why might God listen in particular to those prayers? What about quick prayers by those who have no real love for God. Does God answer the prayers of unbelievers? Actually, that is the first prayer that He answers. Today, delight in revering His name.

Saturday: Nehemiah 1:11b

Why was Nehemiah finally going to go to the king? Why should he have been fearful of going to the king of Persia to ask him for a leave of absence? Why did he not let this pass, since a king would never give permission to leave to a cup bearer? Sometimes we pray and a burden leaves us. Other times, the more we pray, the burden grows greater. That was the case with Nehemiah. God had to intervene on his behalf in the heart of the king. Whatever is in ruins in your life? Keep praying, asking God to give you the courage to fix what is broken.