

SERMON NOTES

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Serving God by Staying Pure

Nehemiah 13:1-9

Romans 7:18 - *"For I know that nothing good dwells in me - that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out."*

Backslide: "To relapse into bad habits, sinful behavior, or undesirable activities."

The Jewish people were prone to _____.

Between ch. 12 and 13, was around _____ years.

The children of Israel returned to their old _____ ways.

Here is an important life lesson. Just because you pray a sinner's prayer as a child does not mean that you will _____.

End of Ch. 12 Nehemiah went back to _____ after the dedication of the wall.

Ch. 13 After several years he _____ to Jerusalem

Four broken vows

1. Nehemiah 10:29 _____ to the Word of God *"...to obey carefully all the commands, regulations and decrees of the Lord our God."*

Nehemiah 13:1 that *"On that day the Book of Moses was read aloud in the hearing of the people and there it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever be admitted into the assembly of God..."*

God wanted the Israelites to have _____ to do with the Moabites and Ammonites.

Nehemiah 13:3 *"When the people heard this law, they excluded from Israel all who were of foreign descent."*

It's never too late to start taking God's Word seriously and deal with some sin that has slowly crept in

2. Nehemiah 9:2 God had them ' _____ from the pagan world'.

Nehemiah 13:4-9 Eliashib, the Jewish High Priest was renting an apartment in the Temple to _____ Tobiah the Ammonite.

Nehemiah 10:30 They would not marry _____ pagans.

Nehemiah 13:28 Eliashib's relative married Sanballat's daughter. Sanballat persuaded the high priest to rent the storehouse for _____ and _____ to Tobiah.

Nehemiah 13:7 This was called "an _____ thing by Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 13:8-9: "I was greatly displeased and _____ all Tobiah's household goods out of the room. "I gave orders to _____ the rooms, and then I put back into them the equipment of the house of God, with the grain offerings and the incense."

Nehemiah 10:30: "We promise not to give our daughters in _____ to the peoples around us or take their daughters for our sons."

Nehemiah 13:23-28. The Jewish men married _____ women

Vs. 24 - Their children spoke _____ languages

Vs. 25 Nehemiah rebuked them by calling down _____ on them.

He _____ them. He pulled out the _____ of their beards.

Are you really going to go back to be God's _____?

3. Nehemiah 10:39 "We will _____ the house of our God."

Nehemiah 13:10 "I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each to his field."

The temple storerooms were _____ because people had stopped bringing their tithes and offerings.

Vs 11 "So I rebuked the officials and asked them, 'Why is the house of God neglected?'"

The _____ system was restored.

Nehemiah "stationed the guards at their posts."

Vs. 12-13 the people started _____ their "tithes of grain, new wine and oil into the storerooms."

Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

4. Nehemiah 10:31 they promised to not do business on the _____.

Nehemiah 13:15-22 The Sabbath was treated as any other day of the week.

Nehemiah _____ the Jews who were working on the Sabbath.

Vs. 18 "Didn't your forefathers do the same things, so that our God brought all this _____ upon us and upon this city? Now you are stirring up more wrath against Israel by desecrating the Sabbath."

Vs. 19 'Keep one day a week holy.' The Sabbath is for worship and rest.