



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Nehemiah

Serving God by Staying Pure

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

May 10, 2026

This week we dig more deeply into what it means to choose purity over sin.

Monday: Nehemiah 13:1-3; Romans 12:9 7:18

Why were the Ammonites and Moabites rejected by the Israelites? Was it more than just that they were not Jewish? What is the principle for us? From whom should you stay away? Why should you stay away from those who are opposed to God? Today is there anyone who is dragging you down away from Christ? Pray to the Lord about what you should do with acquaintances who intentionally pull you away from the Lord.

Tuesday: Nehemiah 13:4-9; Matthew 6:21

Who was Eliashib? (see ch. 3:1) Who was Tobiah (see ch. 2:10, 19; 4:3) What business did Eliashib the high priest have to do with a non-Jewish enemy? What were Tobiah's intentions about the Jews? What did Eliashib allow to happen? What did Nehemiah think of this? What did he do to Tobiah's belongings? What should have been in that storeroom? Why was there nothing there? Is there anything hindering the care of the church today? How might God be calling you to assure purity in the House of the Lord?

Wednesday: Nehemiah 13:10-13; Matthew 6:21

Why did the Levites (the religious leaders in the Temple) leave their posts? Where did they go, and why? Why was the worship and the Temple being neglected? What does this portion of scripture mean to you today since your pastors and staff are being taken care of? Who is responsible for the care of the church? What caused people to start to give again? Look particularly at vs. 13. What causes you to give or choose not to give to the work of the Lord here at church? Tithing, while not a command, is an expectation. Today, pray about what you give to the work of the Lord.

Thursday: Genesis 2:2-3; Nehemiah 13:15-22;

How many days did God work creating all that is? What did He do on day 7? Why did He rest? Was He tired? Why did God set aside a day of rest? What did Nehemiah find

was happening on the Sabbath? Why was he unhappy about that? What shouldn't we be doing on the Sabbath day? Why? What should we be doing on the Sabbath instead of what we do the rest of the week? Do you think of your day of worship as any different from the other six days? What is a Sabbath supposed to be used for? What do you do with your Sabbath day? Consider setting it apart as a day of not working, but thinking about God and His Word. Enjoying what God has made for us. Spending time resting with the Lord. See if He doesn't bless you for giving God a day to rest from your labor and be with Him.

Friday: 1 Kings 11:1-11; Nehemiah 13:23-28

What happens when a person following God marries a pagan who is committed to their false god or religion? Why do you think a God follower will give in rather than be an influence to draw the pagan toward God? How did the people ruin their posture of being sold out to God? Why was it a big deal to Nehemiah that the men were marrying the women of Ammon and Moab? What happened to the children of these marriages? Why was that dangerous to Nehemiah? What did he do because they had left following God wholeheartedly? Why was it important that they speak the language of those worshipping God? Today, are you following God with your whole heart? Spend time encouraging your children and grandchildren to walk with Jesus.

Saturday: Romans 7:18 ; Psalm 103:2-5; Romans 12:9

When it comes to purity, why is it so hard to follow God? What should the standard be for followers of Christ? Should we spend time seeing how close to the edge of sin we can get? What happens when that happens? What six benefits does God offer to a believer in Christ? How can a person forget those benefits? How can you remember them? Today, choose to cling to God and what is good.

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