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Title: Rise Up & Build – After We Say, “Amen”

Scriptures: Nehemiah 10:28-39

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Read Nehemiah 10:28-39; and supporting scriptures

Introduction...

It's one thing to offer the Lord a prayer of confession like the people did in Nehemiah Chapter 9, but it is something else to live an obedient life after we say, “Amen.” There are three evidences given in Chapter 10 that the people really meant what they prayed; evidences that will be seen in our lives when our promises to the Lord are sincere.

1. Separation as the people of God – Nehemiah 10:28
 - a. Their separation was a demonstration of total devotion to God.
 - b. 2 Corinthians 6:14 – Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?
 - c. The people choosing to do this is a beautiful illustration of Matthew 6:33 – But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
2. Submission to the Word of God – Nehemiah 10:29-31
 - a. The people who had heard God's Word were ready to bind themselves to an oath to follow the Law of God and obey all of God's commands and decrees.
 - b. We succeed as Christians not when we make promises to God, but when we believe God's promises *and act on them!*
 - c. God cautions us about taking empty oaths: Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 – When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it.
3. Support for the House of God – Nehemiah 10:32-39
 - a. The people promised God they would obey His laws and provide what was needed for ministry at the temple. They declared: “We will not neglect the house of our God.”
 - b. The tithes and offerings provided for the expenses of the ministry to carry out all of the duties in the house of God, pay the salaries, and provide for the needy.



- c. The Jews were taught to give God the first and the best, and this is a good example for us to follow today. Proverbs 3:9 – Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.
- d. The people in the Old Testament knew that tithing (bringing a tenth) was a response to God’s blessings! Matthew 6:21 – Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Remember, our commitments and promises to the Lord are lived out in our actions in life—how we live...after we’ve said, “Amen!”

Maranatha! “Let’s Rise Up and Build!”