

# "THE HEARTACHE OF BROKEN PROMISES"

## Nehemiah 13

### I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Saying farewell to a Biblical friend:
  - 1. His spiritual leadership: (See back)
  - 2. His passion:
- B. Historically concluding the Old Testament:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- C. The heartache recorded in the final chapter:
  - 1.
  - 2.

### II. CONFRONTING THE BROKEN PROMISES OF THEIR "SURE COVENANT":

- A. The sanctuary promise: vv. 1-9
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- B. The support promise: vv. 10-14
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- C. The Sabbath promise: vv. 15-22
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

### III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

#### SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breath my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

# EPILOGUE

This world needs leaders . . .

Who use their influence at the right  
times for the right reasons;

Who take a little greater share of the  
blame and a little smaller share of  
the credit;

Who lead themselves successfully before  
attempting to lead others;

Who continue to search for the best an-  
swer, not the familiar one;

Who add value to the people and orga-  
nization they lead;

Who work for the benefit of others and  
not for personal gain;

Who handle themselves with their heads  
and handle others with their hearts;

Who know the way, go the way, and  
show the way;

Who inspire and motivate rather than in-  
timidate and manipulate;

Who live with people to know their  
problems and live with God in order  
to solve them;

Who realize that their dispositions are  
more important than their positions;

Who mold opinions instead of follow-  
ing opinion polls;

Who understand that an institution is  
the reflection of their character;

Who never place themselves above oth-  
ers except in carrying responsibilities;

Who will be as honest in small things as  
in great things;

Who discipline themselves so they will  
not be disciplined by others;

Who encounter setbacks and turn them  
into comebacks;

Who follow a moral compass that points  
in the right direction regardless of the  
trends.