

"PAYING THE PRICE FOR A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING"

Nehemiah 9:38-10:39

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The two-fold purpose for the book:
 - 1. Rebuilding the place on the outside: *Chapters 1-7*
 - 2. Revitalizing the people on the inside: *Chapters 8-13*
 - a. Ungodliness – "leaving God out of your thinking": (*Rom. 1:18*)
 - b. Unrighteousness – "sinful acts":
- B. The "revival" ignited: *Chapters 8-9*
 - 1. The lengthy instruction from the Word: *Chapter 8*
 - 2. The people humbled with conviction: *Chapter 9*
 - 3. The prayer that led to a personal commitment: *Chapter 9*
- C. The truth about revivals:
 - 1.
 - 2.

II. THE THREE ARTICLES OF THEIR "SURE COVENANT":

- A. Submission to the Word of God: *vv. 1-27, 29*
 - 1. Putting a seal on their covenant:
 - 2. Laws governing vows and oaths: (*Num. 30:2; Eccl. 5:1-7; Mt. 5:33-37; 23:16-22*)
 - 3. The highest motivation for our obedience: (*See Col. 3:1*)
- B. Separation as the people of God: *vv. 28, 30-31*
 - 1. Defining separation: "Separation is total devotion to God, no matter what the cost."
 - 2. Two areas of separation addressed:
 - a.
 - b.
 - 3. Illustrating separation: (*See Mt. 6:33*)
- C. Support for the house of God: *vv. 32-39*
 - 1. What is indicated by how we care for a building: (*Hag. 1*)
 - 2. Four different areas they promised to address:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

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.