

Bible study for the week starting November 8, 2026

Spiritually are you growing, stagnant, shrinking? The people of God in Nehemiah had rebuilt the wall but still recognized that something needed to change. They repented and wanted to start rebuilding their life…rededicating themselves to God's law. Something they had the whole time… One of the things they saw was needed was giving their time, talent, and treasure to the work of God in his HOUSE.

When have you given your time for the church? How have you shared your talents with the church? How have you entrusted your treasure to the church? What did God do in you when you entrusted those things to HIM?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read Nehemiah 10:1-27 (Good luck reading….I permit you to skip if you feel like you can't) This is the list of 84 names that signed the covenant… only 10 are overlapped from those that helped build the wall in Nehemiah 3. Often there is a divide between civic duty and sacred responsibility. Where in our society should we see a mixture of both?

2. Read Nehemiah 10:28-29 The rest of the community, while their names weren't there… still collectively committed to the cause. Ultimately, they were seeking a revival or a reaffirmation of their faith…recognizing how far they had drifted. When have you told the Lord…I need to make a change?' What did you do?

3. Read Nehemiah 10:30-39 The "terms and conditions" of their covenant had three different emphases…

   Marriage/ Work/ Church. There was an attempt to rebuild in all three areas of their lives. What were some of the things they promised? How do you need to remember the commitments you have made in your marriage? In your commitment to integrity in your work place. To your church?

4. Read Romans 12:3-8

How do you fit into the BODY OF CHRIST? It's important to realize that church is not something you attend.., instead the church is the ones tending to the needs of the world around us. Which gift do you think God has given you?

5. Read Hebrews 9:15;27-28

   How are God's promises and His covenant different than our covenants and promises?

PRAY

Pray that God would continually transform you from where you are to where he is leading and guiding you through an honest assessment of self and a repentance met with forgiveness from Jesus.



"LIVING STONES"

Nehemiah 10; Romans 12:3-8; Matthew 5:17-20
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Something's gotta CHANGE.

"You yourselves like LIVING STONES are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5

"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the LOVE you had at first." Revelation 2:4

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not BURDENSOME." 1 John 5:3

1) **Reaffirmation to faithfulness in relationships and MARRIAGE.**

2) **Rededication to pursue integrity in our WORK.**

3) **Recommitment to GOD'S HOUSE.**

"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us USE them." Rom 12:6

What Time, Talent, or Treasure do/can you sacrifice in service to the Lord and His church?

The job of a Christian is not simply that we need to ATTEND Church…but we TEND to the needs of the world as the Church.

Cut a COVENANT

NOAH---ABRAHAM---MOSES---DAVID--- CHRIST

"Therefore He is the mediator of a NEW covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance…" Hebrews 9:15

For next week, please read Nehemiah 11-12.