

# Nehemiah 12-13 –9 March 2023

## “The Days After Revival”

### Introduction

\*Under the leadership of Nehemiah, Israel has completed the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem

\*They’ve protected themselves from their enemies & put themselves into a position to flourish

\*In Chap 8-9 we saw the supernatural results of coming to the Word of God in humility – revival!

\*In Chap 10-11 we looked at their written agreement w/ God to serve Him

\*There’s just two final accounts God chooses to leave with us regarding the days after revival

\*Chap 12 happens right after revival & covenant

\*Chap 13 happens some 12 years later

**\*So here are 2 experience to prepare ourselves for when living in the days after revival has come**

# **1<sup>st</sup> experience to expect after the days of revival is joy (Chap 12)**

Read Chap 12:1 – *honoring priests & Levites*

1. This begins the list of priests & Levites that originally had the faith to come back with Joshua the priest and Zerubbabel of Judah

Read Vs 2-7 & 8-9

1. Here's the list of priests (2-7) & Levites (8-9)

Read Vs 10-11

1. High Priestly lineage from Zerubbabel's day to Nehemiah's day (100 years) – 6 High Priests

Read Vs 12-21

1. Priest in the days of Joiakim the High Priest, Joshua's son
2. Vs 16 includes the famous prophet Zechariah

Read Vs 22-26

1. Record of the Levites under the rest of the High Priests

Read Vs 27-29 – *dedicating the walls of the city*

1. Gathering the Levites from around the country to Jerusalem to dedicate of the wall of the city

Read Vs 30

1. Purifying to show dedication

Read Vs 31-37

1. 1<sup>st</sup> group w/ Ezra went from southwest corner east, then north
2. They had singers, princes, priests w/ trumpets, then Levites with instruments

Read Vs 38-42a

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> group w/ Nehemiah went from southwest corner north, then east

Read Vs 42b-43

1. Singing and sacrificing in the city after the march around

Read Vs 44-47

1. It was their JOY to conduct the work of God!

## **2<sup>nd</sup> experience to expect after the days of revival is the need for personal revival & purity (Chap 13)**

Read Chap 13:1-3 – *The need for spiritual purity*

1. They read a law they had never heard before to not have commerce these foreign nations
2. More reading equaled more believing, which equated to more obedience which produced purity

Read Vs 4-9

1. Tobiah was one of the main adversaries that came against Nehemiah & the building of the walls
  - a. Tobiah is an Ammonite
2. In order to believe the new principle that they learned, they had to remove a very powerful & influential person from an entrenched position

Read Vs 10-14

1. Since people didn't have enough faith to bring their tithe, the priests & Levites had to go work
2. Nehemiah appointed 4 treasurers so the people could trust the system of giving the tithe

Read Vs 15-19 – *The need for sabbath purity*

1. So they identified the sin of not trusting God & put measures in place to prevent it going forward

Read Vs 20-22

1. So important that Nehemiah warns away the foreigners with threat of punishment

Read Vs 23-29 – *The need for marital purity*

1. So they identified the sin of marrying those that worship idols and false gods
2. Nehemiah makes that case that even as great a man as Solomon was and even he couldn't withhold from sinning b/c of his idolatrous wives
3. Even the son of the High Priest intermarried
4. So Nehemiah makes them swear to stop this practice of unfaithfulness
  - a. Unfaithfulness = not trusting that God can provide them a wonderful wife that is also a Christian

Read Vs 30-31

1. So the drive for purity enables you to live in the place of obedience which allows for blessing

## Conclusion

So, have you had revival in your life?

Are you living in such a way that demonstrate that you have the life of Jesus in you?

1. **Are you experiencing joy?**
  - a. Joy explodes from a place of freedom
  - b. Joy explodes into worship of our great God
  - c. Joy explodes into natural work for God
2. **Are you living in purity?**
  - a. Is our spiritual life free from corrupting influences and habits?
  - b. Is our home life free from corrupting influences and habits?
  - c. Praise God for the people that challenge us to holy pure living to honor God even greater!