

Wednesday Night Bible Study

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NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah 1:11

¹ Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of the man. ~ Nehemiah 1:11

Nehemiah is a contemporary of Ezra, to lead the Jews back to Judah.

Nehemiah's objective is to lead the people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Ezra's objective is to lead the people to renew their commitment to God.

The prayers of the righteous believer tell what's on their minds. Many prayer requests are selfish or self-seeking or self-centered.

"I am not saying never to ask God to bless you, what I am saying is when your heart burns for the hope of others, God has a way of opening multiple doors."

Prayer unfolds four characteristics in Nehemiah:

- Nehemiah was a cupbearer.
- Nehemiah was a leader.
- Nehemiah was a builder.
- Nehemiah was a governor.

1. Pray for the support of outsiders. (Nehemiah 2:1-6)
King Artaxerxes—God will use someone different in this season to bless you.
2. Pray a prayer of repentance so God can expand your gift. (Nehemiah 2:11-4:23)
 - To rebuild the system
 - To rebuild the standard

Bishop Joseph W. Walker III says, "You can't expect what you don't inspect".

Ridicule is always a part of elevation and promotion.