

LOUD & PROUD

Nehemiah 12

You cannot worship and worry – you can't have the pressure of your problems and praise.

Ellis Island Explanation of Nehemiah 12:1-26

5 generations - *Those who had gone before, those who were before them now.*

Different lists but the same heart... *Faithful men, walking in their fathers footsteps*

What can read like a run-on sentence or feel like a rather blurry and murky passage actually serves multiple purposes. One of which highlights the brilliance of God. That hundreds of years later, skeptics and critics would try to find fault with the Bible and disprove it's divine origine. These "boring" passages would later become validating passages.

Elephantine Papyri

– 410 B.C. High Priest was names Johanan under the reign of Darious II

The Elephantine Papyri consist of 175 documents from the Egyptian border fortresses of Elephantine & Aswan, which yielded hundreds of papyri written in hieratic & demotic Egyptian, Aramaic, Koine Greek, Latin and Coptic, spanning a period of 100 years.

The documents include letters and legal contracts from family and other archives, and are thus an invaluable source of knowledge for scholars of varied disciplines such as epistolography, law, society, religion, and language..

Its shocking how many religious books and sacred writings completely fall apart when you pull the thread in the sweater of validity and accuracy.

- Kuran has extraordinary scientific blunders.
- Book of Mormon: Geographical and historical inaccuracies.
- *You may not be able to fill in a puzzle of the nation, but you better believe God sure can.*

God's People

Theme of Devotion

Theme of Diligence

Theme of Dedication

God Himself

Attentive

Faithful

Unfailing

When God is going to build something, He OFTEN does it through His people.

When God is going to free captives, He often does it through His people.

When God is going to reach people, He often does it through His people.

aration

Purpose

Participation

Praise

It's been since chapter 7 that things have been written down from the point of a record keeper or historian. Now Nehemiah, pen in hand, writes in the first person again of what was happening all around him.

Nehemiah 12:27-30

/ Planning

- Is anyone glad that Dominic & Gabe spent time intentionally honing the craft of music?
- Is anyone thankful that Dominic tuned his guitar?
- Kids-Check, does not set itself up or fix it's own problems
- Larry set out the signs and made the chaos of parking a pleasant experience. (arrows)

Preparation and Planning

Dedication: setting something aside as special and solely for the Lord.

27. *NOW – at the dedication of the wall*

Levites to lead

Celebrate:

Dedicate:

Gladness:

Thanksgiving

Singing

Cymbals

Stringed Instruments

Harps

Does any of this indicate to you that they are going to have a solemn, boring time?

Our worship is a personal expression of God's personal revelation.

Personal – NOT – Private

Area

28. The sons joined in from afar

South east of Bethlehem

Other cities listed are as far as 6 miles north of the sheep gate -

THIS – IS – A – BIG – DEAL!!!

Combination of Preparation & Purpose

Moving forward with purpose includes moving forward ON PURPOSE – MOVE!

How do you approach church?

30. The Priests and Levites purified themselves, the people, the gates, and the wall

Preparation and Purification

- Washing of the body – cleansed and purified
- Clothing was a special garment
- Anointing with oil is symbolic of divine appointment and the Holy Spirit.
- Sacrifice/Blood
 - Right ear – hearing
 - Thumb – working
 - Big Toe – walking

Objects and Places

Sacred oil and the sprinkling of blood (Placing them in service with specific instructions. Identifying it as NOT common nor for common use.)

The parade/procession of begins

Nehemiah 12:31 & 35c-39

New movement, not a new method – King David is mentioned

24 According to David the man of God

36 With the musical instruments of David the man of God

45 according to the command of David and Solomon his son.

Side Note: Character over position

New songs build upon the same Scripture

24. group across from group, alternating in giving praise and thanks...

Holy Holy Holy – Is it a choir or an echo? It's an echo

38. The other Thanksgiving choir went the opposite way... and "I" went with them. Past the tower of the Ovens as far as the broad wall. And above the gate of Ephraim, above the old gate, fish gate, tower of Hananel, tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate, and they stopped by the gate of the prison.

(Made an impression and was significant in it's experience.)

Remember when... that one time.

31... LARGE thanksgiving choirs... Toda

Thanksgiving: Toda meaning: thanksgiving songs of personal or communal nature.

Hints at thankfulness to God for bringing you through or out of times of desperation. Good Shepherd

We have a HUGE Choir every Sunday... you are the sheep of His pasture, but also the choir of His praise.

- REJOICE!!!

Nehemiah 12:40-43

42 – singers sang **LOUDLY**

UNASHAMED!!! GREAT JOY!

Q: God had made them?

God stirs something up inside, let it out with a shout of Joy on the outside.

Worship led the way!!!

See Psalm 24 for an example

Hebrews 13:15-16

Nothing is to be built for the glory of the builders but for the glory of God

Psalm 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Nehemiah 12:44-47

It's one thing to be excited about something... it's another to continue to live in it.

44-47

Judah (the land) rejoiced over the priests and Levites who ministered.

They kept the charge of their God

They kept the charge of the purification

Sanctified holy things

Has worship become music?

Has your tithes and offerings become donations and support to an organization?

Has your service become an obligation or religion?

Guitar that only plays for the Lord – Bible that is my outdoor and missions bible

Clothing – Ephod and linene garments

Singing and Sanctification

Praise and Purification

Worship and living worthy

He has sanctified.... YOU!

Jude 1:1 ... To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 10:10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

ITS HIM!!!

- HE PAVED THE WAY BACK – *you can't get there, so He made a way.*
- HE PROVIDED WHAT THEY NEEDED TO BUILD BACK – *you couldn't pay so He did*
- HE PROTECTED WHEN THEY WERE IN DANGER OF NEEDING TO FIGHT BACK – *sandwich between the hands of the father and the son, no one can take you away.*
- HE WAS PRESENT AND BROUGHT PEACE BACK – *my peace I give to you*

HE HAS CALLED YOU...

1 Peter 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

He has called you out... have you gotten out?

How sad if the gift was purchased but never received. – Get out of the pool.

WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS – NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS!