

# NEHEMIAH

## Outline

### Chapter 1: 4 -11

#### HIS PRAYER

- (4) He sat down wept and mourned (abide, emotions and countenance)
- *Turning to God in moments of distress & victory*
- He fasted and prayed before the 'God of Heaven' **Sovereignty**
  - God's almighty Government of the world, high and above all things
- (5) He continues the adoration toward God as all powerful, all authority
- God keeps covenants and steadfast love, He is faithful to His promises
- Those who love Him and keep His commandments (Deut. 8)
- The theme of **Covenant** comes up quickly
- (6) Listen and see the prayer of your servant for your servants
- God allows us to wander and suffer so we see ourselves as He sees us
- Confession of sins for himself, his family and the people of Israel
- *Confession is a foundational piece of the process of prayer*
- (7) Confession needs to be personal, specific and descriptive toward God
- Nehemiah goes directly to the covenant God made with Moses (Deut. 8)
- Commandments, statues and rules is all over Deuteronomy **Covenant**
- (8) Remember Moses and the **Covenant** between God and His people
- Confession of sins was appropriate because fulfilled the **Covenant** to the negative
- (9) He quickly turns to the other side of the **Covenant** promise
- Since God can scatter, He can gather (Deut. 30: 1 - 5)
- The great and terrible God is also the merciful and benevolent God
- If He can fulfill one side of the **Covenant**, He can most surely fulfill the other side
- (10) They are your servants and your people sounds like "I will be there God and they will be my people"
- Not just securing Israel but also restoring community in this prayer
- Redeemed with great power, redeemed from Egypt
- (11) Plea for success or prosper for this prayer toward God
- *When you don't know what to pray, pray God's promises (covenants)*
- This covered a period of 4 months
- Hope for the remnant is sought in confession and repentance
- *Only through God's agency can be protected and restored*

#### CHRIST IN NEHEMIAH - MINISTRY OF RESTORATION

- Everything in this book is restored except a king