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Welcome Nehemiah Lesson Overview

1. Worship leads to repentance.
2. Confession prompts more worship.
3. Israel reaffirms their belief & obedience to the Law of Moses.
4. Revival ignites a new way of living.
5. New living is recorded in a sealed document.





*Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.
(Neh 8:9)*

Then on the second day the heads of fathers' households of all the people, the priests and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe that they might gain insight into the words of the law. (Neh 8:13)

He read from the book of the law of God daily, from the first day to the last day. And they celebrated the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly according to the ordinance. (Neh 8:18)

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the sons of Israel assembled with fasting, in sackcloth and with dirt upon them. The descendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. (Neh 9:1-2)





THE LAW SPEAKS DEATH

Fact. The Law speaks death. Nehemiah knew that the people were wounded with the words of the Law that were read to them. The law works death and speaks terror, shows men their sins, their misery and danger because of sin, and thunders a conviction against everyone that continues not in every part of their duty to the Law.



THE FEAST OF THE BOOTHS

The Big Celebration

The Feast of Booths commonly goes by another name, “The Season of Our Joy.” For joy predominates on this Holy day more than any other. Jewish people worldwide construct sukkot, frail huts or booths that remind us of God’s provision and dependence on Him.



JEWES CONFESS THEIR SINS

It was a day to lose the bands of wicked rebellion. Without this, spreading sackcloth (burlap) over their bodies and ashes under their feet reminded the Jews from where they derived, as in the story of Job & their time in the wilderness. It was also to remind them they were the seed of Israel, a Holy seed. Furthermore, it was a message to remain separated from all strangers they had mingled with within Babylon.



Primary Principles of Our Lesson

Remembering The Top Points of Quality Leadership

1.

LAW

The law produces death, brokenness, & humility.

2.

JOY

The Feast of The Booths was to display God's Grace.

3.

CONFESSION

Releases the bands of wickedness.

4.

MIRROR

The Word of God is a mirror to the soul.

Remembering

IN CONCLUSION

FINAL NOTE



In our past few teachings, God used Nehemiah to work the people into exhaustion, which produced brokenness and dependence. Once the building of the wall was completed, their exhaustion produced a willingness to be broken before the Living God – to return them to the ways of God as a lifestyle. The sackcloth they were required to wear was the physical reminder of Nehemiah’s methods were the methods of God.

Nehemiah, the Christ Representative of Governorship.

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APPOINTING LEADERS

Israel's future is in the hands of the youth.

Those who care NOT about this Holy City will be exaggerating if they said they would enter the Kingdom of God.





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