

Introduction:

The Royal Cupbearer and a City in Crisis
(1 Kings 9:6-9; Genesis 12:3)

In Nehemiah’s response to the news of the crisis in Jerusalem, we see the heart and mind of a godly leader. His response as both servant to both an earthly king and the King of Kings, we may learn, as fellow servants of God, to better respond to the state of brokenness around us today and to more effectively serve the heavenly plans of the King of Kings.



I. Nehemiah was _____ . (Nehemiah 1:1-4a)

A. Nehemiah inquired for news of Jerusalem with a _____ .

B. Nehemiah responded to the news of Jerusalem with a _____ .

- Additional Scriptures: Ezra 4:7-23; Luke 19:41

“One is never used of God to bring blessing until God has opened your eyes and made you see things as they are.” Alan Redpath

II. Nehemiah was _____ . (Nehemiah 1:4b-2:1)

- Additional Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

A. _____ of God. (v. 5)

B. _____ of Sin. (vv. 6-7)

C. _____ of Promises. (vv. 8-9)

D. _____ of Mighty Acts (v. 10)

E. _____ for God’s Help. (v. 11)

- Additional Scripture: Proverbs 21:1

All true & effective prayer is rooted in the promises & character of God.

“The great fault of the children of God is, they do not continue in prayer; they do not go on praying; they do not persevere!” (George Mueller)

Scripture: Luke 11:5-13 (Parable of Persistent Prayer)

Nehemiah persisted in prayer (Neh. 1:1 & 2:1),
but Nehemiah prayed with the clear intent to ACT. (1:11)

III. Nehemiah was _____ . (Nehemiah 1:11)

A. Nehemiah used his _____ to concoct a plan.

- Additional Scriptures: Ezra 4:21-22; Proverbs 13:12

*Nehemiah understood the importance of being a good steward of his position
and saw this as the key to the success of his plan.*

B. Nehemiah used his _____ to conduct his plan.

Conclusion:

- *View your community through the eyes of the King of Kings. Let your heart be broken!*
- *Seek the help and favor of your King. Let your prayer be persistent!*
- *Act on the opportunity the King has granted. Let your planning be resourceful!*