

NEHEMIAH'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER

(Nehemiah 1:5-11)

I. INTRODUCTION

II. NEHEMIAH IS MADE AWARE OF THE DISMAL STATE OF JERUSALEM (1:1-4)

III. NEHEMIAH CLAIMS PROMISES THROUGHOUT HIS PRAYER (1:5-11)

A. Nehemiah Cared Enough to Pray (1:5-10)

1. A God given burden should _____ lead you to pray for the Lord's wisdom and _____ in the matter; despite being a man of action, Nehemiah's very first act was _____ and _____. (vv. 4-11; Prov. 21:1)

* How many prayers of Nehemiah are recorded in this book?

2. This man exalted the Lord in praise as the "*awesome (Heb. yare) God (Yahweh)*" who kept all of His _____ and His _____. (v. 5)

3. Nehemiah did not pray "*_____ and _____*" for himself, but for his people; although he did include himself in this _____ of sins. (v. 6, cf. Dan. 9:4-6; Ezra 9:6-15)

* Is this how your prayers often begin?

4. Even though Jehovah promised blessings and _____, thankfully He also promised _____ if His people would turn back to Him. (Deut. 30; 1 Kings 8:31-53; 2 Chron. 7:14)

* Did Nehemiah presumptuously think that he was worthy to have his prayer answered? (v. 7)

* Is it significant to “remember” what the Lord has already declared in His Word? (v. 8a)

5. Jehovah had promised that “_____” the people _____ to Him, He would faithfully _____ them back to the Promised Land. (vv. 8b-9; Deut. 30:1-5; 2 Chron. 6:6)

6. In v. 10 Nehemiah “_____” the Lord that the Jews were His people, and he did so by quoting the words that Moses used while _____ on _____ behalf on Mt. Sinai. (v. 10, cf. Deut. 9:25-29)

B. Nehemiah Cared Enough to Volunteer (1:11)

1. Nehemiah came empty-handed, but not uninvited; he was sure that there were other Jews who were also _____ and they would _____ to the cause once they heard that God was at work. (v. 11a)

2. It is clear that he had already determined that he was _____ to _____ if God chose to use him, but he needed the Sovereign King to move the _____ of the earthly king. (v. 11b, cf. Dan. 2:21; 4:17)

* Are you personally willing to be used of the Lord?