

## PROBLEMS WITH GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS

(Nehemiah 5:1-13)

### I. INFIGHTING AMONG THE JEWS AND THE GOVERNOR'S SOLUTION (5:1-13)

#### A. Economic and Social Problems Among the People (5:1-5)

1. The problems in this chapter originate from the sin of \_\_\_\_\_; instead of putting the \_\_\_\_\_ interests first the people put their \_\_\_\_\_ interests over their own Jewish brethren. (v. 1, cf. Matt. 22:37-40)
  
2. Four different groups of Jewish people were involved in this crisis...
  - a. The first group were people who \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_ but who desperately needed food, they had nothing to barter with. (v. 2)
  
  - b. The second group was composed of \_\_\_\_\_ who had mortgaged their \_\_\_\_\_ (*lands, vineyards, houses*) in order to buy food. (v. 3)
  
  - c. The third group complained because the \_\_\_\_\_ from King Artaxerxes were too high, but when they tried to mortgage their property, their Jewish brethren charged exorbitant \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 4)
  
  - d. The fourth group of people actually had their \_\_\_\_\_ taken from them into \_\_\_\_\_ in order to pay the creditors. (v. 5, cf. Deut. 15:12-18)

\* Were some of these complaints justified?

\* Is the Bible relevant for today?

## B. The Governor's Solution (5:6-13)

1. Nehemiah was busy overseeing the wall, keeping the enemy out, and his first response to all of this internal \_\_\_\_\_ and extortion among fellow Jews was \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 6)
2. After taking some time to cool down and give this matter some " \_\_\_\_\_ " and undoubtedly \_\_\_\_\_, his course of action was to \_\_\_\_\_ the leaders for their sin. (v. 7)
3. Apparently while in Babylon Nehemiah and some fellow Jews \_\_\_\_\_ to certain Gentiles to liberate Jewish slaves so they could to return to Judah; how \_\_\_\_\_ it was for the Jews in Jerusalem to \_\_\_\_\_ them once again. (v. 8)
4. For Nehemiah, the Jews' \_\_\_\_\_ among the unbelieving Gentile \_\_\_\_\_ was no small matter; he despised any reproach. (v. 9)
5. The governor \_\_\_\_\_ that these social injustices needed to stop immediately, and that these people needed to \_\_\_\_\_ their Jewish kinsmen the interest and security. (vv. 10-11)
6. Leaving nothing to chance, he made the guilty \_\_\_\_\_ to repay in the presence of the \_\_\_\_\_, which then obligated them before the Lord. (vv. 12-13)

\* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life?