

LIVING FREER

Nehemiah 1

Key Point

For the church to be effective as God's people, we must lay the foundation, plan our steps and build saturated in prayer.

Note Worthy

- Nehemiah's name means "Yahweh comforts".
- A "Cup Bearer" is a position of great trust.
- v.9 uses the Hebrew word *shuv* for repentance which actually means "turning from sin and toward God".
- Hanani was most likely an actual biological brother to Nehemiah.
- Many scholars believe the book of Nehemiah was written by Ezra. Others believe authorship should be attributed to the Chronicler who wrote 1&2 Chronicles.

Quote of the day

Prayer is not getting ready for Christian service. Prayer is Christian service.
- Adrian Rogers

The Rebuilding and Restoration of God's People

A Study in Nehemiah - Part 1

Nehemiah 1, outline

1. Invocation of God v.5
2. Confession of Sin v. 6 (James 5:16)
 - a. Corporate sin
 - b. Nehemiah takes personal responsibility
3. Petition to the Father
 - a. To remember His people vs. 6, 10
 - b. To remember His promises vs. 8-9 both the warnings and the restoration.
 - c. Success v.11
4. Reverence/Praise vs.10-11

Characteristics of Nehemiah's Prayer

1. Patience vs.1,4

2. Use of Scripture v.8-9

3. Trust in God v.8-9

4. Humility v.11

5. Continuous Prayer

Chapter 1- Nehemiah prays when he hear the news.
 Chapter 2- When he speaks to the king.
 Chapter 4- When facing enemies. When speaking to the king.
 Chapter 6- When he faced threats on his life and attack the people.
 Chapter 8- When he leads people in worship.
 Chapter 13- When facing the continued failure of the people and a request to remember those who were faithful to the Lord.

6. Expectation v.11

