

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

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I

**call heaven and earth
to record this day **against**
you that....**

I

**have set before YOU....
LIFE and **DEATH**
BLESSING and **CURSING****

THEREFORE:

CHOOSE LIFE,
that **BOTH THOU and**
****THY SEED****
may **LIVE!!**

DEUTERONOMY 30:19**CHOOSE LIFE !!!**

NOT A SERMON....

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JUST A THOUGHT !!!

“What is taking place in America is a war against the child. And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another.”

Mother Teresa

BUILD & FIGHT

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NEHEMIAH 4:17-18 (KJV)

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NEHEMIAH 4:17-18 (AMP)

¹⁷ Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens loaded themselves *so that everyone* worked with one hand and held a weapon with the other. ¹⁸ Every builder *had* his sword secured at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet [to summon the troops] stood at my side.



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Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

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December 3, 2023

NEHEMIAH 1:4-11

THE RESPONSE AND REQUEST!

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"As a **TEACHER** of the

WORD OF GOD ...

Your Lesson **MUST**

have **Intent** and **Content!**"

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Teaching Purpose

Answers the question, “How should I understand this verse?” Is the passage dealing with a:

S	P	E	C	S
<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<u>Promise</u> to claim?	<u>Example</u> to follow?	<u>Command</u> to obey?	<u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?

Sermonic Principle(s)

Answers the **Question**, “What’s in it, or What’s the take away for me?”

- 1) The Book of Nehemiah is the **classic book** in the Bible on the matter of **Personal Service**.
- 2) No **SERVICE** of any kind can be taken on with so much potential as **Service** to THE MASTER

- 3) **Service** TO HIM can be so/so **REWARDING** on one hand and ...so/so **Disappointing** on the other hand
- 4) Whenever **GOD** wants to get a major **work** done HE calls out a willing **SERVANT**
- 5) Never was there a time when men and women of Faith/ Principles/ Conviction/ and Courage are called out to **SERVE THE MASTER than NOW... RIGHT NOW!**
- 6) The Divine Writer of the Book of Nehemiah declared three (3) purposes for its Existence
 - a) **to show** the **Steadfast Faithfulness** of the returning exiles in the face of severe **opposition**
 - b) **to show** the **RIGHT PATH** to **PURITY** of Worship... the **WORSHIP** of the **ONE TRUE GOD**

c) **to encourage** GOD's People of every **Generation** to be **FAITHFUL** in their **COMMITMENT** and **SERVICE** to **THE LORD** as they face difficult tasks that confront them / US

- 7) Three (3) men were used by GOD to **REBUILD JERUSALEM**
- a) **Zerubbabel**....The **PRINCE** represented the **political** class
 - b) **Ezra**.....The **PRIEST** represented the **clergy** class
 - c) **Nehemiah**.....The **LAYMAN** represented the everyday/
ordinary / **servant** class
- 8) **Our GOD** still uses the Laity / Ordinary / Servant class to **DO THE GREAT WORK** of Putting HIS **CAUSE** in a **PLACE** of **PRIORITY** and **BUILD / REBUILD** HIS CHURCH on a **SURE FOUNDATION**

- 9) **Our GOD** still uses the Nehemiahs...(male and female Nehemiahs) to **watch and wait and work and pray**
- 10) **R/ R/ NF**...Our GOD will **ALWAYS** Bless Your **OBEDIENCE!**
- 11) Nehemiah's **RESPONSE** was IMMEDIATE...
 - a) He **HEARD** the **REPORT**/He **LISTENED** and **UNDERSTOOD**
 - b) He **SAT DOWN** / He **SAT DOWN** and **REMAINED SEATED**
 - c) He **WEPT** / He **CRIED** and **KEPT ON CRYING**
 - d) He **MOURNED** / His **TEARS** were filled with **SORROW** and **GRIEF**
 - e) He **FASTED** / He **"COVERED"** his mouth / He did **NOT EAT** as a **SACRIFICE**
 - f) He **PRAYED** / He **SORT** the **PRESENCE** of **GOD** with **INTERCESSION** and with **SUPPLICATION**

- 12) Nehemiah was born in Babylon (750 miles from Jerusalem)
- 13) Although He had **NEVER** been to Jerusalem, He understood the **“SPIRITUAL” MEANING** of **“BROKEN DOWN” PHYSICAL WALLS** around the City of Jerusalem
- 14) The **“BROKEN DOWN WALLS”** meant **SYMBOLICALLY...**
 - a) The **“PROTECTION”** provided by their **GREAT GOD** was **GONE!**
 - b) The **“STRENGTH”** of their **GREAT GOD** was **GONE!**
 - c) The **“HOPE”** that was **FOUNDATION** to their **FUTURE** was **GONE!**
 - d) The **“DIVINE DEFENSE”** that their **GREAT GOD GAVE** them against all **EVIL** and all **ENEMIES** was **GONE!**

- 15) The **PHYSICAL** condition of the **CITY**...symbolized the **SPIRITUAL** condition of the **CITIZENS** (PEOPLE) which is the **LOSS OF RELATIONSHIP** with their **GREAT GOD** and the **LOSS OF THE BLESSINGS** that flow from that **RELATIONSHIP...**
- a) **PROTECTION**
 - b) **PROVISION**
 - c) **STRENGTH**
 - d) **HOPE**
 - e) **HOME**
- 16) So...WTPT?...**HTPP!**
QUESTION...What Is The State of your Relationship with Your GOD?

17) CHECK... “THE WALLS”! The **SPIRITUAL WALLS** around your **RELATIONSHIP** with Your **GREAT GOD!**

Action Point

Having heard and understood this teaching, answers the question, “What should I do?”

LIVE LIKE IT. . .

SERVE LIKE IT!

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NEHEMIAH 4:15-18 (THE MESSAGE)

¹⁵⁻¹⁸ Our enemies learned that we knew all about their plan and that God had frustrated it. And we went back to the wall and went to work. From then on half of my young men worked while the other half stood guard with lances, shields, bows, and mail armor. Military officers served as backup for everyone in Judah who was at work rebuilding the wall. The common laborers held a tool in one hand and a spear in the other. Each of the builders had a sword strapped to his side as he worked. I kept the trumpeter at my side to sound the alert.



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