

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 ! ! !

*A nation that kills its own
children has no future.*

Pope John Paul II

BUILD & FIGHT

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Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

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NEHEMIAH 1:4-11

THE RESPONSE AND REQUEST! - PT. 2

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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) Our GOD...still uses Ordinary People from the servant class in society to put HIS cause in a place of priority and BUILD / REBUILD HIS CHURCH upon the SURE FOUNDATION OF HIS WORD!

- 7) Nehemiah did more than sit down
weep
mourn and
fast... Nehemiah PRAYED!
- 8) Nehemiah PRAYED because HE KNEW GOD'S WORD
HE BELIEVED GOD'S WORD
HE RESTED / TRUSTED IN GOD'S
WORD and
HE BELIEVED in the GREAT GOD
of THE WORD!
- 9) Nehemiah BELIEVED in a GREAT and GRACIOUS GOD Who
- a) KEPT HIS PROMISES
 - b) FORGAVE the sins of HIS CHILDREN
 - c) HELPED HIS CHILDREN when they CALLED ON HIM...

10) Nehemiah's PRAYER was simple and clear...

- a) He ACKNOWLEDGED HIS GOD by HIS COVENANT / HIS RELATIONSHIP name...JEHOVAH (v. 5)
- b) He ACKNOWLEDGE HIS GOD as the SUPREME SOVEREIGN and POWER over ALL...the GOD OF HEAVEN (v. 5)
- c) HE is THE GOD who inspires "AWE"...(a REVERENT / HEALTHY FEAR)...HE is TERRIBLE (v. 5)
- d) HE is a FAITHFUL GOD...Keeping every PROMISE that HE makes to HIS PEOPLE (v. 5)
- e) HE PRAISED GOD for WHO HE is...HIS CHARACTER / NATURE
- f) HE PRAISED GOD for WHAT HE does!

- 11) Nehemiah was a Confessor of HIS own sins and an Intercessor for the sins of his people
- 12) Nehemiah approached HIS GOD with an ATTITUDE of SUBMISSION...he came into the presence of his GREAT GOD as a SERVANT (v. 6 / v. 11)
- 13) Nehemiah made a complete CONFESSION of his sins and the sins of GOD'S PEOPLE (ISRAEL)
 - a) They (both) violated the COMMANDMENTS of THE LORD:
 - the moral principles by which their LIVES were to be LIVED
 - b) They (both) violated the STATUTES of THE LORD:
 - the rites / rituals / ceremonies of their FAITH
 - c) They (both) violated the JUDGEMENTS of THE LORD:
 - the principles of fairness practiced in their treatment of one another

Action Point

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

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SERVE LIKE IT!

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