

NEHEMIAH



building blocks for revival

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Nehemiah 1:4-7

A Declaration of Dependence

INTRODUCTION

vs 4-7

And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, And said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

There's NO BETTER WAY than to PRAY

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense."

-Oswald Chambers

1. GOD IS AWESOME

AWESOME = Awe-Inspiring

vs 5a (emphasis added)

...I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, **THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE GOD...**

vs 5b (emphasis added)

...that **KEEPETH COVENANT AND MERCY FOR THEM** that love him and observe his commandments...

2. WE ARE AWFUL

AWFUL = Extremely Disappointing/Displeasing

vs 6-7 (emphasis added)

LET THINE EAR NOW BE ATTENTIVE, AND THINE EYES OPEN, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: **BOTH I AND MY FATHER'S HOUSE HAVE SINNED**. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...

Romans 7:18

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing...

Isaiah 64:6 (emphasis added)

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...

THINGS WE ARE DEPENDENT ON GOD FOR:

FRUIT...

John 15:4

...As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

WISDOM...

James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

REPENTANCE...

2 Timothy 2:25

...if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth...

UNITY...

Romans 15:5

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus...

REVIVAL...

Psalms 85:6

Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

3. WE ARE FULL

Galatians 2:20 *(emphasis added)*

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, **BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 4:7 *(emphasis added)*

But **WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS**, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Ephesians 3:20 *(emphasis added)*

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to **THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US...**