

# Invitation from God

## Nehemiah Lesson 4

*A Heart for God and God's People*

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# Let's Pray God's Word Together as Nehemiah Did

Nehemiah 1:5 (exerp)

...“Lord, the God of heaven,  
the great and awesome God,  
who keeps his covenant of  
love with those who love him  
and keep his commandments,  
**6** let your ear be attentive and  
your eyes open to hear the  
prayer your servant is praying  
before you”...

# Review

**Our challenge – Be a Nehemiah!**

**Nehemiah's Receiving Readiness**

- Availability – He went on mission
- Relationships – Right with God
- Need - Of God, genuine
- Heart – Love God and God's people

**Our Mission Critical Hearts, When in the Right Place, Drive Us to:**

- Love God
- Receive God's Love
- Love one another
- Believe, grow our Faith
- Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ

# Guard Your Heart

What does it mean?

Why?

- Matthew 5:8
- Proverbs 4:23
- Psalm 119:2
- Jeremiah 17:10

How?

- Psalm 119:57-60
- Psalm 37:31
- Philippians 4:7

# Study Outline

Chapter	Topic
Intro	Backdrop
<b>1:1-3</b>	<b>Receiving an Invitation from God</b>
1&2	Praying and Acting on God's Invitation
3&4	Planning the Work God Gave us to Do
5	Leveraging Our Means to Accomplish God's Will
6&7	Persevering to Completion
8	Reviving Our Hearts Through God's Word
9&10,13	Remembering, Reflecting, Repenting, Restoring, Renewing (the Covenant)
11&12	Moving to God's Work Site, Dedicating Ourselves God

# Nehemiah's Prayer Before God

1:4-11

- Praying 4 months actively seeking God
- Still seems impossible
- But the call is so strong
- Crisis of belief
- Trust and obey

# Praying from the Heart- What's It Like?

1:4

- Passionate
- Diligent
- Fasting
- God focused

# Eyes on the Creator – He Is Able

1:5

- Nothing is too hard for Him
- He keeps His promises
- He has promised to love us
- Our Faith in Him is merited; He can, He will



# Confession of Sin -

1:6-7

- Plea for God's response
- Intercessory
- Humility
- Persistent
- Confession

# Praying God's Word

1:8-10

- Claim God's Word
- Ask for the Blessing

# Praying for God's Favor in the First Step

1:11

- Pray for the one thing
- Test the waters

# Heart Movement As Prayer Deepens

- Compassionate
- Prayerful Planning
- Ready for Action

# Nehemiah's Prayer Before God - Summary

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- From the Heart
- Eyes on the Creator
- Confession of Sin
- Praying God's Word
- Praying for Favor in the First Step
- Heart Movement as Prayer Deepens