

Praying and Acting Upon an Invitation from God

Nehemiah Lesson 5

A Heart for God and God's People

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Praying God's Word

Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Review – Invitation from God Lessons 1-4

- Receiving and acting upon God's invitations for us to join Him
- Our challenge – Be a Nehemiah!
- The battle is raging
- Our hearts have to be ready!
- God's invitations grow our Faith
- Pray first
 - From the Heart, Spirit Led
 - Eyes on the Creator – He Is Able

Confession in Prayer

1:6-7

- How?
 - 1:6
 - James 4:10
 - Psalm 17:1
- Why?
 - 1:7
 - Isaiah 53:6
 - Isaiah 59:2
 - 1 John 1:9

Praying God's Word

1:8-10

- How?
- Why?
 - 1:10
 - John 14:21
 - John 17:16-18

Praying for God's Favor

1:11

- Pray for the first step
- Why might this be a good practice?
 - Romans 12:2

Expect Heart Movement As Prayer Deepens

- Compassion
- Time of prayerful planning
- Prolonged prayer brings forth a wise plan
- Ready for action

Nehemiah's Prayer Before God - Summary

1:4-11

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

Acting on God's Invitation – Sharing the Need

2:1-3

- What was Nehemiah's strategy in sharing the need with the king?

Seeking Support

2:4-8

- Why?
- How?
- God's role?

Making the Move

2:9

What is of significance in this passage?

Opposition

2:10

Why might Sanballat and Tobiah be disturbed?

On the Scene Careful Inspection

2:11-16

- What can we learn from Nehemiah's inspection of the wall?

Inviting Others to Come Along

2:17-18

How?

Why?

Study Outline

Chapter	Topic
Intro	Backdrop
1:1-3	Receiving an Invitation from God
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