

***Wanted:
People Of
Vision***

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1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

Nehemiah 1:1-11 - continued

4 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,

5 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:

6 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.

Nehemiah 1:1-11 - continued

7 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.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

Nehemiah 1:1-11 - continued

10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

11 O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

Introduction

A. We need people of Godly vision

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

B. People with Godly vision can do great things for God

Daniel 5:12

Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

I. People of Vision Encounter Problems (vv 1-4)

A. The calmness of Nehemiah's life (v 1)

B. The calamity of Nehemiah's life (vv 2-3)

C. The compassion of Nehemiah's life (v 4)

II. People of Vision Exercise Prayer (vv 5-11)

A. Visionary praying involves praise (v 5)

Psalm 107:8

**Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!**

Matthew 6:9

**After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which
art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

Psalm 100:4

**Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his
courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his
name.**

II. People of Vision Exercise Prayer (vv 5-11)

B. Visionary praying involves perseverance (v 6a)

Luke 18:1

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

C. Visionary praying involves penitence (vv 6b-7)

Psalms 66:18

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me

II. People of Vision Exercise Prayer (vv 5-11)

D. Visionary praying involves promises (vv 8-10)

1. God's reputation is based on His Word

Psalm 138:2

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

2. Promises kept motivates us to seek more promises

Romans 4:21

And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

II. People of Vision Exercise Prayer (vv 5-11)

E. Visionary praying involves partners (v 11)

Matthew 18:19

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

II. People of Vision Exercise Prayer (vv 5-11)

F. Visionary praying involves petitions (v 11)

Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

1 John 5:14-15

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

III. People of Vision Embrace Providence (v 11b)

A. Position is no accident

Esther 4:14

For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

III. People of Vision Embrace Providence (v 11b)

B. Prosperity is no accident

Matthew 2:11-15

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

III. People of Vision Embrace Providence (v 11b)

B. Prosperity is no accident

Matthew 2:11-15 - continued

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

III. People of Vision Embrace Providence (v 11b)

C. Power is no accident

2 Kings 5:3

And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

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