

ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Live 

May 25, 2025

Lesson Title: A Covenant Renewal

Text: Nehemiah 10:28-39 NRSV

Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Background Scripture: Nehemiah 10:28-39

LESSON OUTLINE

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Introduction

1. History Summary Nehemiah Ch. 1-10
2. Lesson Background Nehemiah Ch. 10: 1-27
3. Peoples Commitment Nehemiah 10:28-29
4. Restating the Laws Nehemiah 10:30-39
5. Conclusion – Application - Benediction

Introduction

The book of Nehemiah recounts the story of a later generation of Judeans having returned to Jerusalem and Judah in the third of three waves.

1st. Zerubbabel (Ezra Ch. 2:64-65)

2nd. Ezra. (Ch. 2 – 3). Worship restored.

3rd. Nehemiah (Nehemiah Ch.7: 5-73)

History and Background

1. The books of Ezra and Nehemiah chronicle the return in three phases.
2. Ezra 2:64-65 reveals about 50,000 people in the first with Zerubbabel.
3. A later wave of approximately 5000, coming under the leadership of Ezra.
4. Nehemiah Led the last Phase of Israelites.

PERSONS PLACES AND EVENTS

Nehemiah — Esteemed Public Servant, Leader, Governor, man of great character.

Ezra — Priest, Scribe, teacher of the Law.

The People — Priests, Levites, *Nethinims*, temple servants, **descendants of Solomon's servants**, slaves, singers, thousands of animals.

QUESTIONS ?

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1).What is a covenant?

2).What was their covenant?

3).Why did it need renewal?

4).What promises were made
and why?

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Nehemiah 10:28 NRSV

28 The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to adhere to the law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding,

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Nehemiah 10:29 NRSV

29 join with their kin, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an **oath to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God**, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord and his ordinances and his statutes.

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Nehemiah 10:30 NRSV 

³⁰ We will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. ALL joined together with an oath to follow the Law of God given through Moses.
2. They separated themselves away from others to keep the law. (*Bad Company*).
3. Those who remembered the cause for slavery knew the significance of obedience to the law.

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Nehemiah 10:31 NRSV

³¹ and if the peoples of the land bring in merchandise or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, we will not buy it from them on the Sabbath or on a holy day, and we will forego the crops of the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.

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Nehemiah 10:32 NRSV

³² We also lay on ourselves the obligation to charge ourselves yearly one-third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God:

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Nehemiah 10:33 NRSV

³³ for the rows of bread, the regular grain offering, the regular burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed festivals, the sacred donations, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

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Nehemiah 10:34 NRSV

³⁴ We have also cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, by ancestral houses, at appointed times, year by year, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law.

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Nehemiah 10:35 NRSV 

³⁵ We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the LORD

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Nehemiah 10:36 NRSV

36 also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our livestock, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our;

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Nehemiah 10:37 NRSV 

37 and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our soil, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our rural towns.

QUESTIONS ?

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1– **Could the vows and oath's** also serve as a sign of repentance?

2–What seems to have been the reason(s) for the neglect?

3–how we are to maintain our bodies as temples?

Key Things to Remember!

1. Group commitment fosters accountability.
2. The obedience of unified people can inspire the weak to stay committed to the cause.
3. Remembering our history should dictate how we honor God and Temple of Worship.

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Nehemiah 10:38 NRSV 

³⁸ And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive the tithes, and the Levites shall bring up a tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse.

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Nehemiah 10:39 NRSV 

³⁹ For the Israelites and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the storerooms where the vessels of the sanctuary are and where the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers are. We will not neglect the house of our God.

Liberating Lesson

It has been said that there are two great days in a **person's life: the day we're born, and the day we discover why.** This story concerns a religious **community's discovery of why it existed. Its goal was** not merely to survive or live a rich material life. Rather, the Israelites lived in order to grow closer to God and show others how that could happen.

Choose you this day whom you will serve.

BIBLICAL STUDY RESOURCES

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1. NASB | NIV | NRSV STUDY BIBLE
2. EXPOSITORS BIBLE COMMENTARY (O.T.)
3. CHRISTIANITY.COM
4. BIBLE STUDY Ezra- Nehemiah.
5. AFRICA BIBLE COMMENTARY
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