

Moving Toward Restoration

Nehemiah 1

Introduction

God does not want anyone to live a life of sorrow and misery. However, the path of life today is strewn with wounded and broken lives. But God accepts us even though we live in a broken world, and He has a plan to heal and restore us.

1. In the book of Nehemiah, we see a picture of God's desire to heal and restore with the healing and restoration of the nation of _____.
2. The news of Jerusalem's crisis deeply moves _____.
3. The Babylonians conquered the city of Jerusalem and destroyed the glorious temple of _____.
4. The deported Jews began to settle in and make homes for themselves in _____.
5. After seventy years of captivity in Babylon, the _____ king allowed many Jews to return to their homeland.
6. When _____ arrives in Jerusalem, he finds the people demoralized and idle.
7. Ezra inspires the priests and people to rebuild the _____ and renew the spiritual foundation of Israel.

I. God's Plan Is To Restore You.

8. God has a plan that will _____ your life!

9. Nehemiah may have been an important man, but his _____ was devoted to God, and he was concerned about the welfare of the people of Israel.
10. Jerusalem was special to Nehemiah because it was special to _____.
11. The walls of the city were broken down, and the city gates burned with _____.
12. According to reports Nehemiah got, they were living only as _____.
13. God wants us to be _____ and conquerors (Romans 8: 37).
14. Nehemiah's important position gave him an excellent opportunity to be a _____ for God.
15. Sometimes the greatest sorrows and tragedies in our life cause us to be sensitive to a need and willing to get _____.
16. The whole nation of Israel was in _____.
17. God's plan is to _____ and rebuild lives.

II. God's Plan Is For You To Take Charge!

18. Nehemiah is a book about _____.
19. Leaders prepare themselves for _____ work.
20. Leaders have a _____, and Nehemiah had a great vision.
21. God wants to give you a _____ that is big enough to conquer your impossible situations.

III. God's Plan Is For You To Succeed.

22. Nehemiah got serious about the situation and began to fast and _____.
23. Nehemiah immediately began to pray and fast and ask God for _____ in this situation.
24. _____ is essential to experiencing God's guidance and Divine presence.
25. Prayer will give you _____ Isaiah 40:31.
26. Nehemiah also comes to God in _____.
27. Nehemiah recognizes precisely who God is:
- LORD God of heaven
 - great and awesome God
 - who keeps Your _____
 - and mercy . . . with those You love.
28. Humility also expresses complete _____ on God.
29. Humility will cause you to confess your _____.
30. Humility identifies with those in _____.
31. Nehemiah believed in God's _____ and expected to receive God's blessing.
32. God will not open His _____ until we open our mouths to ask Him to perform His promises.
33. We must return to God and _____ His commandments.

Conclusion

34. When Nehemiah _____, his heart is ready to *do* something.
35. Nehemiah asks God to _____ him when he goes to speak to the king of Persia about the matter.
36. When we recognize the need, we must follow up with earnest prayer and then wait for God to give us _____.

God wants to heal and restore you! He challenges you to step up and take charge of your situation. And he promises to help you succeed if you promise to follow His plan.

Answers

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| 1. Israel | 20. Vision |
| 2. Nehemiah | 21. Plan |
| 3. Solomon | 22. Involved |
| 4. Babylon | 23. Help |
| 5. Persian | 24. Prayer |
| 6. Ezra | 25. Strength |
| 7. Temple | 26. Humility |
| 8. Rebuild | 27. Covenant |
| 9. Heart | 28. Dependence |
| 10. God | 29. Sin |
| 11. Fire | 30. Need |
| 12. Survivor | 31. Promises |
| 13. Overcomers | 32. Storehouse |
| 14. Blessing | 33. Keep |
| 15. Involved | 34. Prayed |
| 16. Need | 35. Bless |
| 17. Restore | 36. direction |
| 18. Leadership | |
| 19. Difficult | |