

# The Path to Restoration

## Guarding the Walls

### Nehemiah 7

#### Introduction

In Chapter 7, the people have completed the work of restoring the walls of Jerusalem. Nehemiah now appoints security guards around the walls to protect the citizens of the city. He then focuses his attention on the spiritual restoration of the people.

1. Spiritual restoration begins with authentic \_\_\_\_\_.

#### I. Worship Matters to God

2. The work on the wall is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The wall passes \_\_\_\_\_, and so Nehemiah appoints gatekeepers, singers, and Levites to begin preparing for worship.
4. Not only did the wall provide protection, but it also gave the people the \_\_\_\_\_ to worship God in His temple with joy and freedom.
5. Every \_\_\_\_\_ in your life should bring forth worship and praise to God.
6. The deeper the despair and trials of life, the greater the praise and rejoicing for God's \_\_\_\_\_.
7. God's victory leads you to a more profound spirit of worship and a joyful attitude of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In verse 2, we also realize that character \_\_\_\_\_ to God as well.

## II. Character Matters to God

9. Nehemiah was a revered leader, but he was also a very \_\_\_\_\_ leader.
10. Specific administrative skills are necessary for effective leadership, but the main requirement is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Nehemiah says that Hanani and Hananiah were \_\_\_\_\_ men who feared God more than others.
12. City residents were to guard their own \_\_\_\_\_.
13. A faithful person is reliable, \_\_\_\_\_, and firm.
14. Another character trait Nehemiah emphasizes is a healthy \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
15. We cannot presume upon the grace of God; we can only be \_\_\_\_\_ for it.
16. A third character trait Nehemiah looks for is \_\_\_\_\_.
17. In Chapter 7, Nehemiah posts guards and gives careful instructions on how to \_\_\_\_\_ the city.
18. A victory can be won and then lost because the victors let down their \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Worship matters to God; character matters to God, and so do \_\_\_\_\_!

### III. People Matter to God

20. Nehemiah sees the need to \_\_\_\_\_ and develop Jerusalem.
21. From a historical and spiritual perspective, Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ records were important.
22. But it also reveals how important each \_\_\_\_\_ is to God.
23. Nehemiah's list also contains many family groups. While each individual is important to God, so is each \_\_\_\_\_!
24. The family is the basic unit of \_\_\_\_\_.
25. The church is only spiritual when the \_\_\_\_\_ in that church are spiritual.
26. God gave Nehemiah a plan to \_\_\_\_\_ the city.
27. Verses 6 through 73 lists the citizens who returned from the Babylonian captivity and were now living in \_\_\_\_\_.
28. These people had a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.
29. As Christians, our physical lineage is not nearly as important as our \_\_\_\_\_ heritage.
30. People of \_\_\_\_\_ are important to God.
31. The Bible says that where your treasure is, there will your \_\_\_\_\_ be also!
32. God records the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who love him!

33.They understood and committed themselves to God's \_\_\_\_\_, even though it meant hardship and difficulty.

## Conclusion

34.There is no greater reason to live on this earth than to live for God's \_\_\_\_\_!

You are unique and important to God. God has a plan and purpose for your life.

Building walls was not God's primary focus! God wanted to bless them because of their faith in Him. The project of building the walls brought the people together and unified them in purpose and service. Completing the task enabled them to live in peace and security.

## ANSWERS

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| 1. Worship      | 21.Genealogy  |
| 2. Complete     | 22.Individual |
| 3. Inspection   | 23.Family     |
| 4. Confidence   | 24.Society    |
| 5. Miracle      | 25.Families   |
| 6. Deliverance  | 26.Repopulate |
| 7. Praise       | 27.Jerusalem  |
| 8. Matters      | 28.Pioneer    |
| 9. Effective    | 29.Spiritual  |
| 10.Character    | 30.Faith      |
| 11.Faithful     | 31.Heart      |
| 12.Houses       | 32.Gifts      |
| 13.Truthful     | 33.Purpose    |
| 14.Respect      | 34.purpose    |
| 15.Grateful     |               |
| 16.Watchfulness |               |
| 17.Secure       |               |
| 18.Guard        |               |
| 19.People       |               |
| 20.Populate     |               |