

# Remembering the Restoration

## Nehemiah 12-13

### Introduction

The end of the book of Nehemiah remembers those who were involved with the restoration. No one ever achieves success on their own. There are always many who have contributed to the work of restoration. When the work of restoration is complete, we must never forget those who contributed to the restoration.

1. As a point of remembrance, we need to establish a hall of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Nehemiah begins by recognizing those who were the founding fathers, who proved their \_\_\_\_\_.
3. According to Scripture, all of our deeds will one day be \_\_\_\_\_. Those worthy of Christ will be celebrated and remembered.

### I. Celebrating the Restoration

4. Time and commitment were necessary and setting up the ministry of the Levites, singers, and musicians was \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Music and worship are a \_\_\_\_\_ part of God's Church.
6. The two great \_\_\_\_\_ were positioned prominently on the wall where they belonged.
7. The music was so joyous that \_\_\_\_\_ joined in -  
- worship is contagious.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ can be joyful even though it sometimes requires a sacrifice of our Will.

## II. Re-Establishing Order

9. The people realized the importance of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the need to provide for it.
10. The temple was a constant reminder that God was watching over them and helping them recover from the devastating effects of their \_\_\_\_\_.
11. All Israel in Zerubbabel and Nehemiah's days gave the \_\_\_\_\_ due the singers and the gatekeepers as each day required and set apart the Levites' consecrated amount.

## III. Re-Inspecting the Progress

12. In Chapter 13, Nehemiah returns to \_\_\_\_\_ the progress. True worship leads to obedience.
13. As the people drew near to God in worship, they became aware of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
14. God can turn any curse into a \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The real \_\_\_\_\_ of restoration and revival is the long term effect.
16. When Nehemiah came back, he was grieved because rooms in the courts of the temple of God were being occupied by a man, not only a pagan but who also had a history of actively \_\_\_\_\_ God's work.
17. Nehemiah wasn't one to only sit back and grieve, so He took \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Nehemiah also realized the people were not obeying God's word regarding \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Nehemiah sees the problem not as a lack of financial support but as turning their back on \_\_\_\_\_.

20. Nehemiah \_\_\_\_\_ the collection, accounting, and distribution of the people's tithes and gifts.
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ was also being ignored.
22. We are not under the Sabbath law in the same sense Israel was but we are definitely under the same obligation to make \_\_\_\_\_ God more important than making or spending money.
23. Nehemiah knew that sin is not only a personal issue but invites the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God.
24. In the years Nehemiah was away, the Israelites resumed their \_\_\_\_\_ practice with the pagan nations in disobedience to God's command.
25. Considering Nehemiah's reaction, he must have considered intermarrying to be the most \_\_\_\_\_ of their sins – pursuing ungodly romance and getting involved in romantic relationships God had said not to.
26. His example is \_\_\_\_\_, the King of Israel, who sinned against God through his many pagan wives' influence.
27. Solomon, one of the wisest and most blessed men ever, sinned through unwise and ungodly romance, then no one else should consider themselves \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Conclusion**

28. Nehemiah does all of this with a clear \_\_\_\_\_.
29. Nehemiah did his best to lead the people to connect with God in a way that impacted their \_\_\_\_\_ living.

30. When Nehemiah first came to Jerusalem, the people made a solemn \_\_\_\_\_ to God that they would not:
- Have ungodly romantic relationships (Nehemiah 10: 30).
  - Buy and sell on the Sabbath (Nehemiah 10: 31).
  - Fail to support the work of God financially (Nehemiah 10: 32-39).
31. Nevertheless, 10 to 12 years later, Israel was again steeped in the exact \_\_\_\_\_ they vowed to stop.
32. The law – that is, rules, vows, promises, and covenants- is ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ to stop sin.
33. Only the grace of God can give us the power to truly \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

Don't look for victory in making rules, or vows, or promises because all those things tend to make us look to ourselves instead of looking to Jesus. The Old Testament history of Israel, from beginning to end, illustrates this.

Do an inventory of your life, not to see what you need to do, but what you need to allow Jesus to do in you!

#### ANSWERS

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|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Honor        | 16. Opposing      | 31. Sins      |
| 2. Faithfulness | 17. Action        | 32. Powerless |
| 3. Evaluated    | 18. Giving        | 33. Overcome  |
| 4. Critical     | 19. God           |               |
| 5. Foundational | 20. Reorganized   |               |
| 6. Choirs       | 21. Sabbath       |               |
| 7. Everyone     | 22. Honoring      |               |
| 8. Obedience    | 23. Correcting    |               |
| 9. Temple       | 24. Intermarrying |               |
| 10. Sins        | 25. Dangerous     |               |
| 11. Portions    | 26. Solomon       |               |
| 12. Evaluate    | 27. Invincible    |               |
| 13. Standards   | 28. Conscience    |               |
| 14. Blessing    | 29. Daily         |               |
| 15. Test        | 30. Covenant      |               |