

GODLY LEADERSHIP NEHEMIAH

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

**Questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

Lesson 28 • Nehemiah 13 • May 11, 2011

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Nehemiah 11 & 12** has helped you?

SECTION I: READ NEHEMIAH 13:1-9

2. a) According to **V1-2**, why were the Ammonites and Moabites excluded from the assembly of God?

- b) Who was Tobiah, and what was his role during Nehemiah's time?

Nehemiah 2:10, 19 _____

Nehemiah 4:3, 7-9 _____

Nehemiah 13:4-5 _____

3. a) What had the exiles done in **V1** that tuned them into this new awareness about Tobiah?

- b) Recall a time when your reading of Scripture caused you to recognize a sin area in your life.

4. In **V2**, God turned an intended curse into a blessing. When in your own life have you seen God take something intended for evil and turn it into good?

5. How did Nehemiah display Godly leadership in his response in **V7-9**?

6. After hearing the Word, the exiles realized where they had compromised and given space to the enemy. Where in your life has space been given to the enemy that God now wants to reclaim?

SECTION II: READ NEHEMIAH 13:10-22

7. a) Summarize the additional problem Nehemiah faced in **V10-11**.

- b) What public oath in Nehemiah 10:37 were the Jews breaking?
8. What aspects of Godly leadership are displayed in Nehemiah's response in **V11-14**?
9. How do **V10-14** affect your attitude about supporting church leaders and pastors?
10. a) What was taking place on the Sabbath in Jerusalem according to **V15-18**?
- b) What strong words did Nehemiah use to describe their sin of breaking God's Law about the Sabbath?
11. What measures did Nehemiah take to prevent further temptation to desecrate the Sabbath?
12. How does this passage affect your thinking about honoring God with a Sabbath day?

SECTION III: READ NEHEMIAH 13:23-30

13. List the reasons Nehemiah gave in **V23-27** for why intermarriage was described as "being unfaithful to our God"?
14. How does the example in **V28** deepen this unfaithfulness?
15. Describe Nehemiah's actions in **V25-31**.

16. The exiles had many ongoing sin habits that were exposed in Nehemiah 13.
- a) What ongoing sin habit(s) tempts you?

 - b) Who is the “Nehemiah” God has put in your life to speak hard but necessary truth?

 - c) What measures will you take to address this temptation?
17. Time had elapsed between the exile’s public oath in Nehemiah 9-10 and their falling away from keeping that oath in Nehemiah 13. What insight do you gain about God’s character and man’s tendencies?
18. What do you learn about Nehemiah and God in his four prayers in **V14, 22, 29 and 31**?
19. In this last chapter, what additional Godly Leadership traits surfaced in Nehemiah?
20. Write a prayer based on your study of Nehemiah 13.

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1. a) Write down a key insight you’ve gained regarding Godly leadership from:

EZRA _____

ESTHER _____

NEHEMIAH _____

 - b) For which of these traits are you asking God to grow in you?

 - c) For which Godly leadership trait will you commit to pray for a current leader in your life?
2. What attribute of God are you cherishing after having studied Nehemiah?

