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The Return to Jerusalem Study

"Nehemiah, The Cupbearer"

Nehemiah 1:1-2:8

DIVISIONS AND PRINCIPLES

First Division:

Nehemiah hears a report, takes time to consider it, and reacts to it. Nehemiah 1:1-4

Principle #1: To see God solve problems that concern us, we need to take time to think about how we might ask God to solve them.

Second Division:

Nehemiah prays for favor from the King to rebuild Jerusalem. Nehemiah 1:5–11; James 4:2; 1 John 5:14; Daniel 9; 1 Peter 3:1&7; 1 Timothy 1:18

Principle #2: To be confident God will answer our prayer we need to discern it is in His will from His word.

Principle #3: To be confident God will answer our prayer we need to confess and repent of all known sin in our lives.

Third Division:

Nehemiah asks the king and God answers his prayer.

Nehemiah 2:1-8; 2 Peter 3:9; Amos 4; Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18; Acts 2; Matthew 17:20

Principle #4: To be confident God will answer our prayer we must be willing to act in faith to accomplish what both we and God want.