

Haggai, Ezra and Nehemiah

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –03/01/21

Lesson 9

Nehemiah 1:1-11

1. Read Nehemiah 1:1-11. As Nehemiah's story opens, where was he living?
2. Who came to visit him and what news did they bring that set in motion the events of this book? (vv. 2-3) Why did these things affect him so strongly?
3. What was Nehemiah's response? (v. 4) What does that tell you about Nehemiah?
4. Though dealing with totally different problems, Nehemiah's response to the news from Jerusalem mirrors Ezra's response to the sins of the people. What similarities do you see between Ezra's prayer (Ezra 9:6-15) and Nehemiah's prayer (Nehemiah 1:5-11)?
5. Nehemiah was not a king, a priest or a prophet, but an ordinary citizen. How did he see himself? What specific request did he make of God? How did he see the Persian king in comparison to God?
6. What position did Nehemiah hold in the King's court? What was his soon to be position? (2:5) What did he become in Nehemiah 5:14? What does this tell you about God's plan and call on the life of his servants?
7. Nehemiah was an "ordinary" man; we are "ordinary" people. How do we compare to Nehemiah in our knowledge of God, our reverence for God, our concern for God's people and our willingness to serve in whatever position God desires?