

Haggai, Ezra and Nehemiah

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –03/08/21

Lesson 10

Nehemiah 2:1-20

1. Read Nehemiah 2:1-10. The events of chapter 2 take place four months after Nehemiah's prayer in chapter 1. Why didn't God answer his prayer immediately? What do you think took place during those four months that prepared Nehemiah for the task at hand? Have you ever had a time when waiting for God brought clarity to your situation?
2. What initiated Nehemiah's conversation with the king? Why was Nehemiah *very much afraid*? (vv. 1-2) How did Nehemiah respond to the king's concern? What was the king's response?
3. Nehemiah has finally been given the opportunity to speak to the king about the problem in Jerusalem. What did he do before making his requests of the king? Can you relate to him? Have you not sent up an "arrow" prayer to God asking him to give you the right words to say?
4. What requests did he make of the king? (vv. 6-8) What one thing did the king ask of him? To what did Nehemiah attribute his success? What was the end result? (v. 9)
5. Did the support of God and the king eliminate all opposition? Why or why not? (v. 10)
6. Read Nehemiah 2:11-20. What did Nehemiah do upon his arrival? Why? (vv. 11-16)
7. After Nehemiah had seen the scope of the project before him, he called the people together and addressed them: What was the problem? What was the solution? Why would they succeed? What was their response?
8. What opposition did they encounter? How did Nehemiah handle it?