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## *Principles of Revival / Restoration*

Cities, societies –  
Relationships –  
Individuals –  
The church –

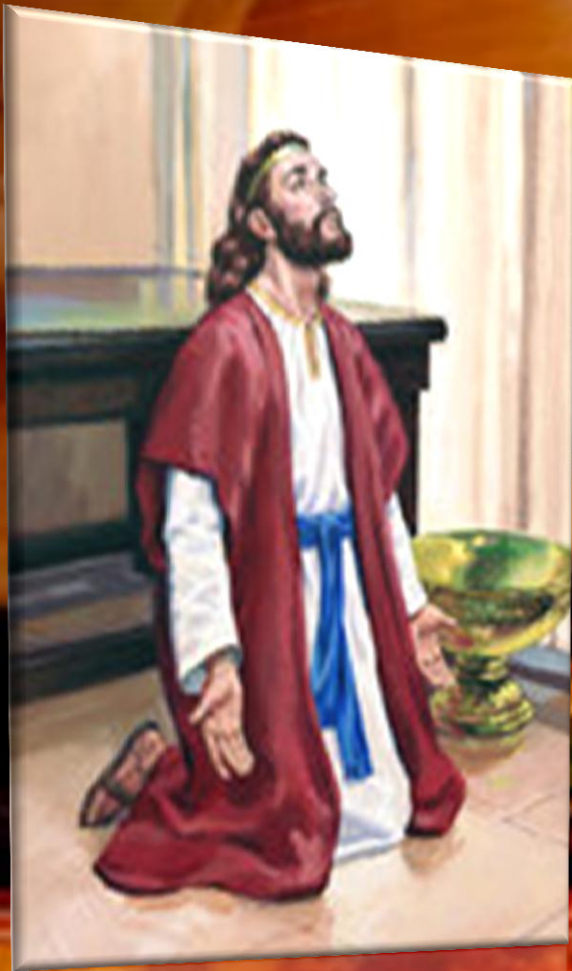
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- ✦ Nehemiah hears of Jerusalem's condition – (1:1-11)
- ✦ Nehemiah expresses his desire to king Artaxerxes – (2:1-8)
- ✦ Nehemiah goes to Jerusalem and discovers its needs – (2:9-16)
- ✦ Nehemiah reveals his purpose and mission – (2:17-20)
- ✦ Under Nehemiah's leadership the people band together for the work – (3:1-32)
- ✦ Nehemiah and the people overcome opposition (2:19,20; 4:1-6:14)
- ✦ The wall completed in 52 days – (6:15-7:3)
- ✦ The restoration of the people – (8:1-13:31)



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## CARING *About God's Will And People*



- ◆ Only a minority seem to care – (Neh. 1:2-4; Jer. 6:16,17; Mat 7:13,14)
- ◆ Does sin and apathy among God's people, and others bother us? – (Neh. 1:4; 2:2-4; 2 Cor 11:28; Acts 20:18-35)
- ◆ Do we care enough to seek God's assistance and take action? - (Neh. 2:4-8; Acts 18:23; 2 Cor. 11:23-27)

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- ◆ What hope does this country have unless, and until, people care about what God says?
- ◆ How can a marriage, or any other broken relationship, be repaired without both parties caring?
- ◆ How can a person come to God or be restored if they do not care?  
Prov 1:7



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## HONEST EXAMINATION *of Self & Situation*



- ◆ Nehemiah knew why Jerusalem was in the condition it was – (Neh. 1:4-7)
- ◆ Nehemiah took a survey of what needed to be done and was determined to fix it with GOD's help! – (Neh. 2:11-20)
- ◆ How can we correct that which is broken if we refuse to see why, and what it will take to correct it? – (Hag. 1:5; 2 Cor. 13:5; Rev, 2:5)

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- ◆ Pride prevents us from seeing things amiss in our lives – refusing to see “the distress that we are in” and that our lives “lie in waste,” (ruin), without God – (Neh 2:17).
- ◆ Sin is the real problem in our country, broken relationships, broken lives, and broken churches! – (Neh. 1:6,7; Prov. 14:34; Luke 15:17; Rev 3:17)



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## COOPERATION *With God & Others*

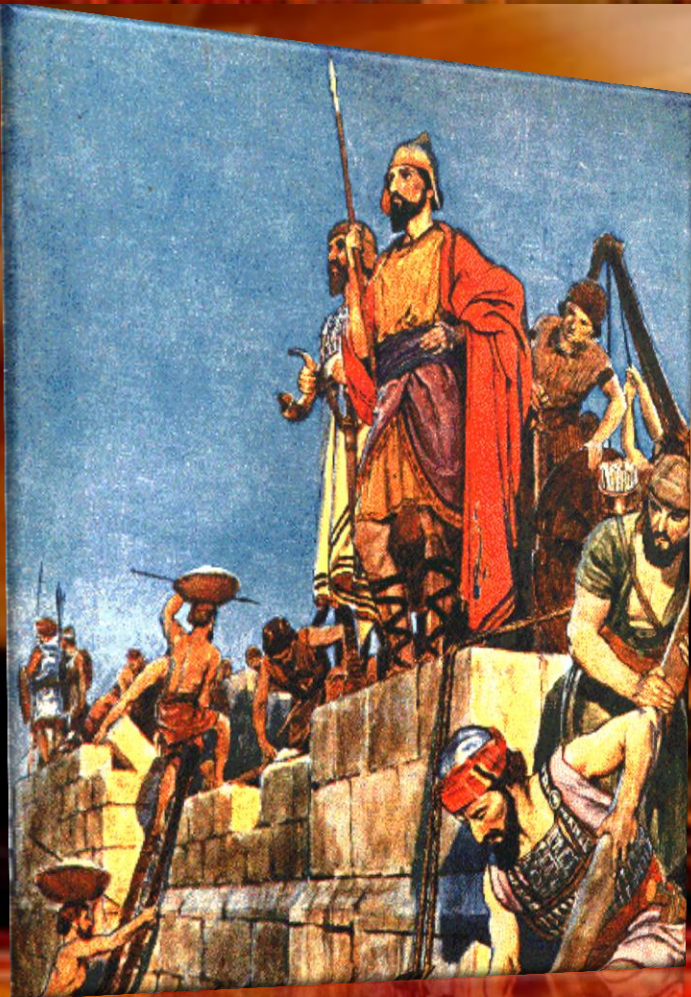


- ◆ Depending upon God by humbling themselves to obey His will – (Neh. 1:5,9; 2:20; Mat. 7:21-23; 1 Pet 5:5,6)
- ◆ All the people worked TOGETHER to rebuild the wall - (Neh. 3:1-32)
- ◆ Jerusalem would not have been revived had they not worked together – neither will nations, marriages, or churches! – (Eph. 4:11-16; 5:22-33; Jn 17:20,21; 1 Cor. 1:10)



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## PERSEVERANCE & DILIGENCE

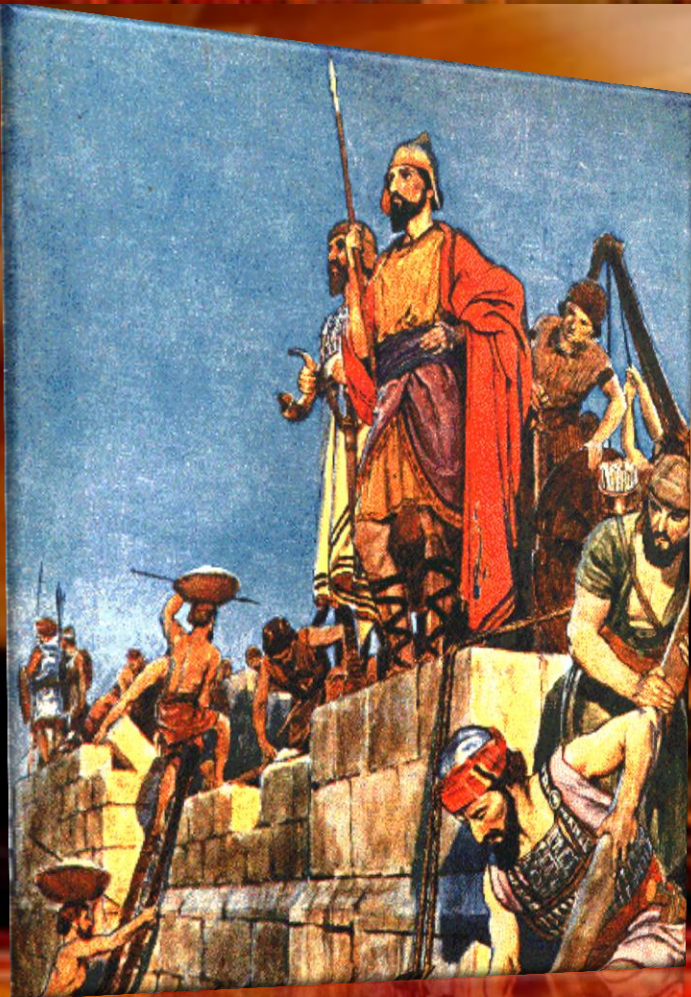


- ◆ In the face of outside opposition – (Neh. 4:1-3)
  - ❖ Verbal mockery and ridicule – 2:19; 4:1-3;
  - ❖ Threats of force – 4:7,8
  - ❖ Plots to destroy leadership by force – 6:2,3
  - ❖ Scheming to cause fear, doubt & sin – 6:9,14



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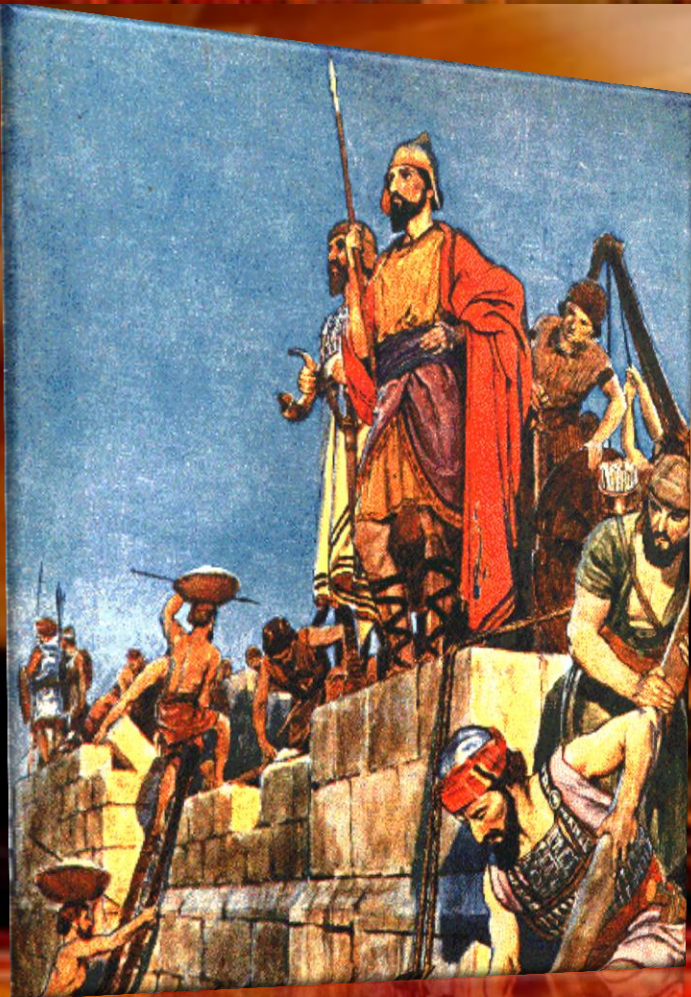


- ♦ **Faith** – depended on God - prayed to God - (Neh 1:9; 2:20; 4:4-5,9; 6:9,14)
- ♦ **Attitude** – “mind to work” committed, determined, focused - (Neh 4:6).
- ♦ **Overcomers** - worked in the midst of opposition, rubbish and internal problems - (Neh 4:7-12; 5:1-13).



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## PERSEVERANCE & DILIGENCE



- ♦ **Faith** – it takes faith to persevere!! – (James 1:2-5; 1 Pet 1:3-9)
- ♦ **Attitude** – desire, learning, zeal, gratitude - (Tit 2:14).
- ♦ **Overcomers** – there will be opposition, problems, beliefs, obstacles, things that will discourage us that must be overcome - (Acts 14:22).



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## REVERENCE – *For God & His Word*



- ♦ **Unity** – Gathered together as one man to hear God's word – (Neh 8:1)
- ♦ **Reverence** – The people listened attentively, (8:3) Stood when the book was opened, (8:5) Worshipped, (8:6).
- ♦ **God's word read, explained and obeyed** – read and gave the sense – (8:7,8,14-18; 9-13)



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- ♦ **Unity** – in desire to hear, understand and obey the word of God – (Ps 133:1; John 17:20; Phil 1:27; Eph 4:1-16; 1 Cor 1:10.11)
- ♦ **Reverence** – Do we show proper reverence for God?
- ♦ **God's word read, explained and obeyed** – preachers & teachers must be clear – all must obey!



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A silhouette of a man stands on a stone wall, holding a sword. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a sun or moon low on the horizon, creating a silhouette effect. The man is facing right, looking out over a landscape that appears to be a city or a large area of land. The overall tone is dramatic and inspirational.

Do We Sincerely  
CARE About God's  
Will And His People?

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A silhouette of a man standing on a stone wall, holding a sword, against a bright, hazy background.

Are We Willing To  
Honestly Examine  
Ourselves &  
Situation?

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Will We Be  
Cooperative With  
God & Others?

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Are We Persistent &  
Diligent in Overcoming  
Obstacles?

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Do You Show Proper  
Reverence For God & His  
Word In Attendance,  
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