

After the Revival Nehemiah chapters 9 & 10 Nehemiah, #7 Pastor Lyle L. Wahl October 17, 2021

Theme: Spiritual Stability Requires Steadfast Faith.

Steadfast Devotion To God's Word.

- 1. Rewind to chapter 8.
- 2. Continue to read God's Word. (9:3)
- 3. Continue to live God's Word. (9:38, 10:29)

Steadfast Worship Of God.

Two partial glimpses:

- 1. Exalt God. (9:5b 15, 17b, 19-25, 27, 31-32)
- 2. Confess sin to God. (9:16-18, 26, 28-30, 33-37)

Steadfast Commitment To God.

- 1. A clear, specific commitment. (9:38)
- 2. A bold, serious commitment. (10:1-39)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. On Sunday we talked about what we do *after the revival* — after a fresh awakening of fellowship with and obedience to God. Think about some points of fresh spiritual vitality you have experienced. Write a brief description of those times. Then recall and record what you did in the days and weeks that followed.

Tuesday. Just as reading and living the Bible is critical to spiritual revival, it is also critical to ongoing spiritual vitality. Review the brief summaries of the public times in God's Word in 9:38 and 10:29. Life *is* busy—we all know and face that. But don't let this squeeze out your time with God and in His Word.

Wednesday. Another God thing Nehemiah and the people did after the revival at the Water Gate was to keep up their times of worship. As noted on Sunday, the two glimpses of their worship are not exhaustive, but critical. Review their exalting God and confessing sin as noted on the outline. How are your private and public times of worship?

Thursday. Another positive step of the people took after the revival was to make a clear, specific commitment to God (9:38) which was bold and serious (10:1-29). As you review 10:1-29, note that these promises were to do what God had directed generations earlier. Yet in both their own neglect and being out of the land, to move to fulfill these now was a bold and serious step. Are there areas of God's call upon you that you have neglected? If so, how are you going to correct that?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at a key element of successful service for God from chapter 11. Read in the chapter in preparation for our time together.

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