

## Outline:

- I. **Doing a Great Work (1-6)**
  - A. Calling - Nehemiah led to (1)
  - B. Opportunity - A Door Opened (2)
  - C. Cooperation - An Involved People (3)
  - D. Opposition - Dealing with (4)
  - E. Strife - Internal Problems (5)
  - F. Overcoming to Accomplishing (6)
- II. **Revival Work (7-10)**
  - A. A People Organized (7)
  - B. Revival - the Word proclaimed (8)
  - C. Revival - confession of sin (9)
  - D. Revival - a covenant work (10)
- III. **Maintained Work (11-13)**
  - A. Recruiting (11)
  - B. Celebrating (12)
  - C. Reforming (13)

### Helpful Online Sources:

**Precept Austin** - Amazing online resource with many commentaries and helps: including David Guzik, Chuck Smith, John MacArthur, Ray Stedman, C.H. Spurgeon, John Piper and many more!

[http://preceptaustin.org/Nehemiah\\_commentaries.htm](http://preceptaustin.org/Nehemiah_commentaries.htm)

**You Version** - with multiple translations. You can get this online or with a mobile device. They even have audio files of the Bible that you can listen to.

<http://www.youversion.com/>

**Calvary Roswell** - Previous messages and overview studies by Pastor Jim:

<http://www.calvaryroswell.com/biblestudies/WednesdayBibleStudies/Nehemiah/Index.htm>

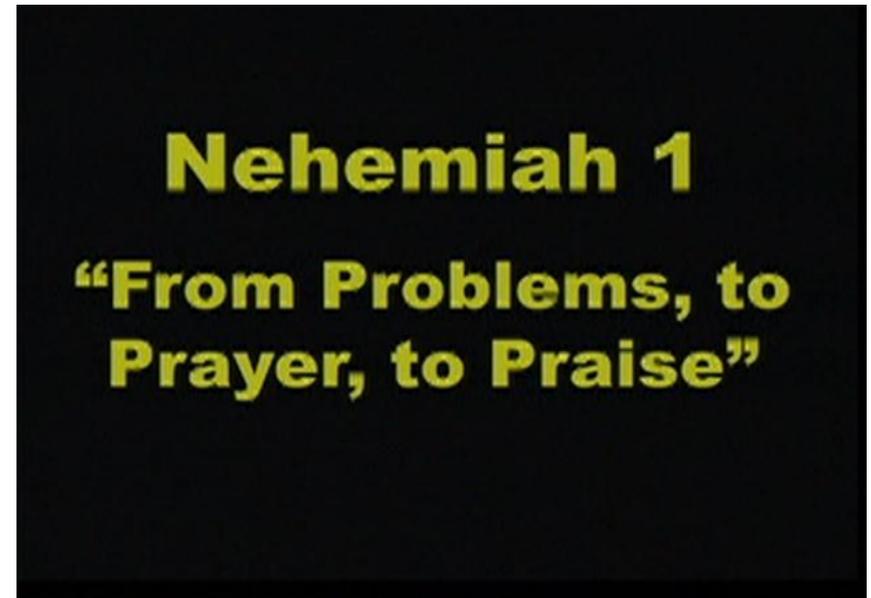
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# *Sowing the Word*



## Nehemiah 1

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*So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God;  
and they gave the sense, and  
helped them to understand the reading.  
(Nehemiah 8:8)*

## NEHEMIAH 1

**Great distress (1–3).** Nehemiah enjoyed security and prestige as the king's cupbearer, so there was no reason for him to ask about the needs of people hundreds of miles away. But he loved Jerusalem and was concerned about the welfare of his people ([Jer. 15:5](#)). How do you respond when you learn that others are hurting?

**A great God (4–9).** Nehemiah was a man of prayer; you will find ten of his prayers in this book ([1:4ff.](#); [2:4](#); [4:4](#); [5:19](#); [6:9, 14](#); [13:14, 22, 29, 31](#)). He believed in a great God ([1:5](#); [4:14](#); [8:6](#); [9:32](#)) who kept His promises, forgave sin, and helped His people when they called on Him. Like Ezra before him, Nehemiah identified himself with the sins and sorrows of the nation ([Ezra 9:5ff.](#)).

**Great power (10–11).** Nehemiah did more than weep and pray; he made himself available to the Lord to get the job done. He depended on God's great power to work in and through him ([Eph. 3:20–21](#)). He was not content merely to get answers to prayer: he wanted to be an answer to prayer. Has God used you lately to be an answer to somebody's prayers?

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### ***You Can Make the Difference***

*It was a day of reproach for the people of God ([Neh. 1:3](#); [2:17](#); [5:9](#); [6:13](#)). The great city of Jerusalem was no longer beautiful ([Ps. 50:2](#)), and the Jews were no longer powerful. But one man made the difference! Nehemiah led the Jews from great reproach ([1:3](#)) to great rejoicing ([12:43](#)).*

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1. When and where did events in this book begin? Who gave Nehemiah information about people in Jerusalem? What did he say about them?
2. What was the condition of the wall of Jerusalem and its gates? What did Nehemiah do when he heard about the remnant that survived the exile and about the condition of Jerusalem?
3. How did he begin his prayer to God? What did Nehemiah confess in his prayer? What can we learn about prayer from this?
4. What promise did Nehemiah recall in verses 8-9? Had God kept these promises? What can we learn about God's promises?