

# Nehemiah: The Captive Cupbearer Rebuilds a Nation

## Introduction

Through prayer, preparation, and planning, the political leader and cupbearer Nehemiah led the Jewish nation in rebuilding the city walls. But the work would not be complete until the people rebuilt their lives spiritually.

## Today's Lesson Objectives

- **Examine** why Nehemiah decided to restore the wall of Jerusalem and reform/revive the Sabbath law
- **Appreciate** Nehemiah's feelings and behavior in restoring the wall and reforming Jewish worship
- **Identify** ways to restore worn parts of the faith community and revive traditions that honor God

## Scripture

Nehemiah 2:11-20 (KJV)

Devotional Reading:

Daniel 9:4-6, 15-19 (KJV)



## About Today's Lesson...

We continue to live in a world where human life is either undervalued or not valued at all. The walls of oppression and racial discrimination stand tall while the walls of righteousness, equity, and God-based morals crumble and continue to fall. Something needs to change...

When people of color continue to be victimized by white police officers and corrupt politicians blatantly pursue the enhancement of voting inequities, something needs to change...

Today's lesson, taken from the book of Nehemiah, is a clear reminder that as Christians we need to constantly renew, revive, and rebuild God's values in a world gone awry.

The cupbearer Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem as God's "project manager" to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. And with God's blessings and through prayer, he succeeded. Nehemiah knew that revival must result in reform. He knew that something needed to change...

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