



Nehemiah

A Manuel for Serving The LORD

FIVE TIMELESS EXHORTATIONS

1. The Mixed Multitude - SEPARATION

Nehemiah 13:1-3

Introduction: In our study this morning we will be looking at Nehemiah 13:1-3. The key word for the paragraph is found in verse 3 and is the word “**SEPARATED**”. God had said to Israel over a thousand years earlier at Mount Sinai, “...***you shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine, and you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.***” (Exodus 19:4-6). God’s command was not the isolation of Israel but the kingdom of priests on behalf of the nations. This purpose could never be realized through the intermingling or intermarrying with the pagan nations around them with its consequent idolatry. The principle of separation holds true today. In order to maintain our witness for the LORD in the world, we must maintain our separation from the world...though we are in the world we are not to be of the world. A preacher once said, “*The place for the ship is in the sea – but woe be the ship when the sea is in it.*” As an individual – a family – or as a church...**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN YOU DISCOVER THAT THE WORLD SYSTEM HAS LEAKED INTO YOUR VESSEL?**

I. The Pattern of _____

A. God’s _____

Purpose for Israel

B. Israel’s _____

Disobedience to God

II. The Day of _____

A. The _____ of the discovery

B. The _____ of the Truth

C. The _____ of the LORD

III. The Hour of _____

A. Separation demanded in _____

B. Separation demanded in _____

C. Separation demanded in _____

Conclusion: