

# Nehemiah

Independent Baptist Church - Keeseville NY  
Sunday morning - August 23rd, 2009

## A Manual for Serving The LORD

### FIVE TIMELESS EXHORTATIONS

#### 2. The Divided Allegiance - COMPROMISE

Nehemiah 13:4-9

**Introduction:** The following quotation is from the "Cadet Prayer." It is repeated every Sunday in chapel services at West Point:

"...Make us choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be contented with half truth when whole truth can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that SCORNS TO COMPROMISE with vice and injustice and knows no fear when right and truth are in jeopardy."

After twelve years Nehemiah returned to King Artaxerxes in Babylon and remained there for an undisclosed period of time. Upon his return to Jerusalem he discovered that Eliashib, the high priest (13:4,28), had affiliated himself with Tobiah the Ammonite, Nehemiah's old enemy and had also given a daughter in marriage to Nehemiah's other archenemy, Sanballat. Eliashib had worked out a compromise with Tobiah providing him with a room in the Temple for his own use - there was now a worm in the apple. This morning we will learn how Nehemiah acted swiftly and decisively in dealing with such compromise. *Will you ask the LORD to search you and reveal to you where you have compromised with His archenemies* (the world - the flesh - the devil) *that have wormed there way into some room in the Temple of your heart?*

- Yes I will ask the LORD to search my heart
- No I will not ask the LORD to search my heart

Next - *Will you act upon what the LORD reveals to you?*

- Yes I will act upon what the LORD reveals to me
- No I will not act upon what the LORD reveals to me

#### I. The Situation Nehemiah \_\_\_\_\_

A. Tobiah the \_\_\_\_\_

B. Eliashib the \_\_\_\_\_

**II. The Grief Nehemiah \_\_\_\_\_**

**A. Compromise \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word**

**B. Compromise \_\_\_\_\_ God's House**

**C. Compromise \_\_\_\_\_ God's People**

**III. The Discipline Nehemiah \_\_\_\_\_**

**A. His Wise \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. His Swift \_\_\_\_\_**

**C. His Bold \_\_\_\_\_**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:**