

# **Nehemiah**

Independent Baptist Church - Keeseville NY  
Sunday morning - September 20th, 2009

## **A Manuel for Serving The LORD**

### **FIVE TIMELESS EXHORTATIONS**

#### **4. Possession Obsession - MATERIALISM**

Nehemiah 13:15-22

**Introduction:** In the last chapter of the Book of Nehemiah we have been thinking of Five Timeless Exhortations which speak to our generation as well as they did to Nehemiah's. We have dealt with the matters of: separation - compromise - and stewardship. This morning we want to expose materialism. In Nehemiah 13:15-22 we discover once again that God's people were desecrating the Sabbath because their hearts were set on material gain over spiritual gain. From the passage we learn that the Jewish merchants did not want to miss out on an opportunity to make money from the Gentile vendors. In Nehemiah 10:31 the Jews had promised not to do business on the Sabbath in compliance with the law of God. As with the other promises they had made they unashamedly were breaking this one. The child of God must choose spiritual riches over material riches for, as Jesus has said, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Because the problem of materialism came to light through the Jews desecration of the Sabbath it will be beneficial to view the problem in light of what the Scriptures have to say about the Sabbath.

#### **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sabbath**

**A. A Reminder of God's \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. A Sign of God's \_\_\_\_\_**

**C. An Evidence of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_**

**D. An Opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_**

**E. An Opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_**

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sabbath**

**A. By The \_\_\_\_\_ - Believers**

**B. By The \_\_\_\_\_ - Unbelievers**

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sabbath**

**A. The People \_\_\_\_\_**

**B. The Leaders \_\_\_\_\_**

**C. The Regulations \_\_\_\_\_**

**Conclusion:**