

Nehemiah

Independent Baptist Church - Keeseville NY
Sunday morning - September 27th, 2009

A Manuel for Serving The LORD

FIVE TIMELESS EXHORTATIONS

5. Fatal Attractions - MIXED MARRIAGES

Nehemiah 13:23-31

Introduction: "We would not give our daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for their sons." (Nehemiah 10:30). That was the promise the people had made in chapter 10. Upon Nehemiah's return to Jerusalem from Persia we read, "...I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon and Moab." (Nehemiah 13:23). Even within the family of the Eliashib, the high priest, a mixed marriage had taken place (Nehemiah 13:28). What was true of the priests was true of the people. Were the people following the poor example of their spiritual leaders? For Nehemiah this was intolerable - a blatant disregard for the Law of God. Nehemiah was committed to practicing the Truth. He had a clear understanding between right and wrong (Hebrews 5:13-14). When Nehemiah acted it was with courage based upon biblical conviction. Nehemiah's righteous indignation is aroused against the people, but primarily it is directed toward the priests and Levites (Nehemiah 13:28-31). Because all believers are priests unto God I want us to look this morning at this problem of intermarriage as being relevant to our generation.

I. The _____ of the Priests - Malachi 1

A. Maintaining The _____

B. Setting The _____

C. Teaching The _____

AS GO THE PRIESTS - SO GO THE PEOPLE - Malachi 2:8

II. The _____ of the People & Priests -
Neh. 13:23-24, 28-31; Mal. 2:11-14

III. The _____ against the People & Priests

A. The People _____ - Nehemiah 13:25-27

B. A Priest _____ - Nehemiah 13:28-29

IV. The _____ of the People & Priests - Neh 13:30-31

Conclusion: