

“People of Vision”

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Introduction

- The city of Jerusalem was in terrible condition.
- The Armies of the Babylonians had carried many people away.
- Someone was needed who had seen the city before, and could see what the city could be again, from the rubble.

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THE PEOPLE PERISH

People of Vision Encounter Problems

- (v. 1) The Calmness of Nehemiah's life.
- (v. 2-3) The Calamity of Nehemiah's life.
- (v. 4) The Compassion of Nehemiah's life.

People of Vision Exercise Prayer

- (v.5) Visionary prayer involves Praise.
- (v. 6) Visionary prayer involves Perseverance.
- (v. 7) Visionary prayer involves Penitence.
- (v.8-10) Visionary prayer involves Promises.
- (v. 11) Visionary prayer involves Petitions.

People of Vision Embrace Providence

- (v. 11)
- Position is no Accident (Esther 4:4)
- Prosperity is no Accident (Mt. 2:11-15)
- Power is not Accident (2 Kings 5:3)

Thought

“I thank God for the UNSEEN Hand, sometimes urging me onward, sometimes holding me back; sometimes with a gentle caress of approval, sometimes with a strike of reproof; sometimes correcting, sometimes comforting. My times are in HIS HAND.”

-Author unknown

Conclusion

- We need people who are in touch with God.
- We need people who are moved by God.
- We need people who are on the move for God.

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