



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, October 25, 2026

Nehemiah 2:1-20 – Nehemiah Arrives in Jerusalem (Part 2)

Having prepared in prayer, Nehemiah used the opportunity the Lord's favor and timing provided to ask King Artaxerxes for permission, protection, and provision to travel to Jerusalem and repair the walls and gates.

Before he traveled to Jerusalem, Nehemiah...

- Continued to do his job faithfully until the timing of the Lord was fulfilled
- Prayed to the Lord in the moment, even though he had been praying for four months
- Was prepared with a plan of action and specific requests

After he arrived in Jerusalem, Nehemiah...

- Examined the walls and gates carefully for himself
- Rallied the people to commit to rebuilding the walls and gates
- Confidently resisted the opposition

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by taking action according to the Lord's will and favor.

May you be led by the Spirit of God, as the children of God. May you observe what the Lord your God requires: May you walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Word of God. May you do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go. (Romans 8:14, 1 Kings 2:3)

Discussion Questions:

- What did Nehemiah do for four months while he waited on the Lord and served King Artaxerxes? What are the lessons for us?
- How did Nehemiah respond when the king asked him why he was sad and what he wanted?
- Why did Nehemiah keep doing his job as a cupbearer until the right time to speak to the king?
- What can we learn from Nehemiah's prayer when the king asked him what he wanted?
- Why should we wait on the Lord for a plan of action?
- Why did Nehemiah examine the walls and gates before rallying the people to commit to rebuilding them? How did he rally the people?
- How did Nehemiah resist the opposition?
- What should we do to act according to the Lord's will and favor?