

Happily N'Ever After: Nehemiah's Last Stand

Nehemiah 13:1-9

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1. Submission To God's Word

Nehemiah 10:29 (NLT)

29 joined their leaders and bound themselves with an oath. They swore a curse on themselves if they failed to obey the Law of God as issued by his servant Moses. They solemnly promised to carefully follow all the commands, regulations, and decrees of the LORD our Lord:

Nehemiah 13:1-3 (NLT)

1 On that same day, as the Book of Moses was being read to the people, the passage was found that said no Ammonite or Moabite should ever be permitted to enter the assembly of God. **2** For they had not provided the Israelites with food and water in the wilderness. Instead, they hired Balaam to curse them, though our God turned the curse into a blessing. **3** When this passage of the Law was read, all those of foreign descent were immediately excluded from the assembly.

**GOD'S BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE
ARE UNLOCKED BY YOUR OBEDIENCE.**

If we are not submitted to God's Word we are not following Jesus.

John 8:31 (NCV)

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who believed in him, "If you continue to obey my teaching, you are truly my followers.

2. Separation From Godless Ways

Nehemiah 10:30 (NLT)

30 “We promise not to let our daughters marry the pagan people of the land, and not to let our sons marry their daughters.

Nehemiah 13:4-9 (NLT)

4 Before this had happened, Eliashib the priest, who had been appointed as supervisor of the storerooms of the Temple of our God and who was also a relative of Tobiah, 5 had converted a large storage room and placed it at Tobiah’s disposal. The room had previously been used for storing the grain offerings, the frankincense, various articles for the Temple, and the tithes of grain, new wine, and olive oil (which were prescribed for the Levites, the singers, and the gatekeepers), as well as the offerings for the priests. 6 I was not in Jerusalem at that time, for I had returned to King Artaxerxes of Babylon in the thirty-second year of his reign, though I later asked his permission to return. 7 When I arrived back in Jerusalem, I learned about Eliashib’s evil deed in providing Tobiah with a room in the courtyards of the Temple of God. 8 I became very upset and threw all of Tobiah’s belongings out of the room. 9 Then I demanded that the rooms be purified, and I brought back the articles for God’s Temple, the grain offerings, and the frankincense.

1 Timothy 6:6 (NLT)

6 Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.

1 Peter 4:17 (NLT)

17 For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God’s household. And if judgment begins with us, what

**terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's
Good News?**