

# **LESSON 12 - THE SOUND OF REJOICING**

## **NEHEMIAH 12:27-47**

### **DAY 1 - REVIEW**

1. Write down something new you learned from the commentary notes.
  
2. Write down something that challenged you from the lecture.

### **DAY 2 - READ NEHEMIAH 12:27-30**

READING: Nehemiah 12:27-30; Numbers 19:7; John 15:3; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 9:14; 1 John 1:7-9 [[Open NKJV](#)]  
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3. Who was sought out to participate in this celebration and what was their role? (*Hint: Look for two groups of people.*)
  
4. What did the Levitical priests do as recorded in verse 30? (*Hint: Use Numbers 19:7 to help with your answer.*)
  
5. **Thought Question:** What was the significance of being ceremonially clean?
  
6. According to the following cross references, how are New Testament Christians made "ceremonially" clean before God?  
  
John 15:3  
  
1 Corinthians 6:11  
  
Hebrews 9:14  
  
1 John 1:7-9
  
7. **Personal Question:** According to the passages used in today's lesson, summarize how can you personally be clean before God?

### **DAY 3 - READ NEHEMIAH 12:31-43**

READING: Nehemiah 12:31-43; Psalm 100:4; Psalm 107:22; Colossians 2:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 [[Open NKJV](#)]  
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8. In verses 31-32, where did one-half of the leaders go? What did they do? Who went with them?

9. **Thought Question:** For what were the people thankful and why was it important for them to be thankful?
10. From the following cross references, write down something you learn about being thankful to God:
- Psalm 100:4
- Psalm 107:22
- Colossians 2:6-7
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
11. Was there any significance in the fact they were so public with their praise and thanksgiving to God? If so, what was it?
12. **Personal Question:** Is there something for which you are thankful to God that you have failed to publicly acknowledge as coming from Him? What are you willing to do to correct that?
13. **Thought Question:** Verse 43 references "the sound of rejoicing"? What do you think rejoicing sounds like?

## **DAY 4 - READ NEHEMIAH 12:44-47**

*READING: Nehemiah 12:44-47; Exodus 25:2 ; Deuteronomy 16:17 ; Proverbs 3:9; Matthew 6:3 ; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:12; 2 Corinthians 9:7 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]*

14. According to our text, how did God provide for the ministering priests and Levites?
15. From each of the following passages, write down a Biblical principle you learn about giving:
- Exodus 25:2
- Deuteronomy 16:17
- Proverbs 3:9
- Matthew 6:3
- 1 Corinthians 16:2

2 Corinthians 8:12

2 Corinthians 9:7

16. **Thought Question:** Why is "giving" so difficult?

17. **Thought Question:** Why do you think "giving" is a Biblical requirement?

18. **Personal Question:** After reading the cross references above about "giving", how have you been challenged in this area?

## **DAY 5 - READ NEHEMIAH 12:27**

READING: Nehemiah 12:27; Proverbs 20:25 ; Leviticus 20:7; 2 Chronicles 7:16; 1 Timothy 4:5 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]  
(Note: Today's lesson will focus on the dedication of the wall to the Lord)

19. **Thought Question:** Based on all you've learned about this rebuilding project, why was it important for the people to hold a dedication (or consecration) ceremony at its completion?

20. What have you ever dedicated to the Lord

21. Write down something that you learn about dedication in the following verses: (Note: Consecration and dedication are synonymous.)

Proverbs 20:25

Leviticus 20:7

2 Chronicles 7:16

1 Timothy 4:5

22. **Personal Question:** Ask the Lord if there is something in your life that needs to be fully dedicated to Him. What practical steps will you take to prove your dedication?

## **DAY 6 - REVIEW NEHEMIAH 12:45-47**

READING: Nehemiah 12:45-47; 1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 1:1-2; John 15:14; Genesis 4:21; Psalm 150:3-5; 2 Samuel 6:5  
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(Note: Today's lesson will focus on the obedience of the priests and Levites.)

23. According to verses 44-45, from where did they get their instruction for serving God?
24. (Note: When were told they acted according to the commands of David and Solomon, that's another way of saying they followed the revealed Word of God.)
- a. **Thought Question:** Why was it important for the priests to serve God in the way prescribed by the Word of God?
- b. **Personal Question:** Why is it important for you to follow God's revealed Word like they did?

25. (Note: Quotes about obedience to God's Word:  
 "Beware of reasoning about God's Word—obey It." Oswald Chambers  
 "Why do you need a voice when you have a verse?" Jim Elliot)

Write down something you learn about obedience to God's Word from the following cross references:

1 Samuel 15:22

Psalm 1:1-2

John 15:14

26. List some of the benefits of obeying God's Word found in our lesson this week.
27. According to the following cross references, what instruments were used in praising God in the Bible?  
 Genesis 4:21
- Psalm 150:3-5
- 2 Samuel 6:5

