

LESSON 13 - LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

NEHEMIAH 13:1-14

DAY 1 - REVIEW

1. Write down something that was helpful from reading the Commentary Notes.
2. Write down something that was helpful from hearing the lecture.

DAY 2 - READ NEHEMIAH 13:1-3

READING: Nehemiah 13:1-3; Deuteronomy 23:3-6; Numbers 22; Deuteronomy 10:18-19 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

3. What did they find written about the Ammonites and Moabites?
4. Why were the foreign Ammonites and Moabites forbidden admission into Israel's assembly?
(Hint: Use Deuteronomy 23:3-6 to help with your answer.)
5. Note: Numbers 22 records the story of King Balak and sorcerer Balaam. King Balak was the King of Moab and greatly feared Israel. King Balak bribed sorcerer Balaam to put a curse on Israel. God intervened and, instead of a curse, Balaam uttered a blessing on Israel. What lesson is learned from God using a pagan sorcerer to bring blessing to His people?
6. **Thought Question:** Using Deuteronomy 10:18-19 to help with your answer, did God forbid fellowship with the Ammonites and Moabites because of their race or because of their attitude toward God? Explain your answer.
7. **Personal Question:** How can you apply the principle being taught in Nehemiah 13:1-3? State the principle and your application.

DAY 3 - READ NEHEMIAH 13:4-9

READING: Nehemiah 13:4-9; Nehemiah 2:10 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

8. According to verse 4, who was Eliashib? What was his relationship to Tobiah? (*Remember Tobiah from Nehemiah 2:10*)
9. a. What does our text say that Eliashib did for Tobiah?
- b. Where was Nehemiah when this was happening?
- c. Write down the verse that gives Nehemiah's opinion of Eliashib's actions.
10. How did Nehemiah respond to Eliashib's actions?
11. **Thought Question:** Was Nehemiah justified in his reaction to Eliashib? Why or why not?

DAY 4 - READ NEHEMIAH 13:6-9

READING: *Nehemiah 13:6-9; Exodus 32:19; 1 Samuel 11:6-7; Matthew 21:12-13* [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

12. What do you learn about righteous anger from the following verses?

Exodus 32:19

1 Samuel 11:6-7

Matthew 21:12-13

13. **Thought Question:** When is righteous anger ever warranted by God?
14. **Personal Question:** Think of something that should cause you to respond in righteous anger. Write down any action God might be leading you to take.

DAY 5 - READ NEHEMIAH 13:10-14

READING: Nehemiah 13:10-14; Luke 9:62; Philippians 3:13 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

15. What did Nehemiah learn in verse 10?
16. a. **Thought Question:** How do you think Nehemiah must have felt at the sight of the Levites having abandoned their jobs in the House of God?
- b. How did Eliashib's sin affect the entire nation?
17. **Personal Question:** Beside the following cross references, write down a principle that you can apply to your own life:
- Luke 9:62
- Philippians 3:13
18. **Thought Question:** Why do you think Nehemiah prayed the prayer recorded in verse 14?

DAY 6 - RE-READ NEHEMIAH 13:1-14

READING: Nehemiah 13:1-14 [[Open NKJV](#)] [[Open NIV](#)]

19. Using just this passage, list some things that Nehemiah did right.
20. Nehemiah's vocation was cupbearer, not a priest. Today we would call him a layman. What lesson do you learn from this lay leader's faith in God?
21. What is your main "take away" from this passage?

22. What action do you intend to take after studying this week's passage?