

1. Promises made to the LORD

- a) What promises had the people made to the LORD when they renewed their covenant with Him after the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem? Nehemiah 10:30,31,39
- b) What are your thoughts about these promises? What are some more important promises than any listed in Nehemiah 10? (Matthew 22:37-39)

2. Neglect of the house of the LORD

- a) How did the priest Eliashib neglect the house of the LORD? Nehemiah 13:4-5
- b) Why did Eliashib prepare a room for Tobiah the Ammonite official (Nehemiah 2:10) in the house of the LORD?
- c) Why didn't Nehemiah address this neglect of the house of the LORD immediately? Nehemiah 13:6-7
- d) How did Nehemiah respond when he returned from Babylon to Jerusalem and discovered this unacceptable conduct? Nehemiah 13:8-9
- e) What other neglect of the house of the LORD had occurred during Nehemiah's absence? Nehemiah 13:10
- f) How did Nehemiah address this neglect? Nehemiah 13:11-13
- g) What are your thoughts about Nehemiah's prayer, recorded in Nehemiah 13:14?

- h) What are some ways we neglect the house of the LORD today?

3. Disregard for the Sabbath

- a) Nehemiah 13:15-16 Why was this disregard for the Sabbath such a serious offence? (Exodus 20:8-11)
- b) How did Nehemiah address this neglect of a clear teaching from the Word of God? Nehemiah 13:17-22
- c) What are your thoughts about Nehemiah's harsh words and threats?
- d) How did Jesus help us to understand the true meaning of the Sabbath?
 - i) Mark 2:27-28 How does this teaching of Jesus impact your view of the Sabbath?
 - ii) Mark 3:1-6 Why was Jesus grieved by the attitude of the religious leaders in the synagogue in Capernaum?
 - iii) Matthew 12:1-8 What important lesson did Jesus teach in this interaction with the Pharisees?
- e) What are some appropriate ways to value and cherish the Sabbath as a gift from our Creator?
- f) How has your attitude toward the Sabbath changed as you have grown closer to Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord?

