

Rebuilding Through Poverty

Nehemiah 5

THE JEWISH PROBLEMS 5:1-5; Ex 21:1-11; 22:25; Dt 23:19-20; 24:10-15

Poverty - no food

Usury / loans - excessive mortgage interest & Persian taxes

Slavery by brothers to pay their loans

Usury & slavery forbidden among Jewish brothers Lev 25:35-55

NEHEMIAH'S PERSPECTIVE 5:6-13; Eph 4:20-5:1

Nehemiah was very angry because of their disobedience to God Mk 3:5

Nehemiah rebuked them privately and publicly

Nehemiah charged them-free your Jewish slaves-restore their land & repay their interest

NEHEMIAH'S EXAMPLE OF LOVING & FEARING GOD 5:14-19; 1 Cor 11:1; Phil 2:1-11

Nehemiah didn't use his privileges as governor 5:14, 18; 1 Cor 9

Nehemiah blessed the people, he didn't burden them 5:15

Nehemiah worked on the wall 5:16; Eph 2:10

Nehemiah fed others at his own expense 5:17-18; Mt 25:40

Nehemiah prayed 5:19; 6:14; 13:14, 22, 29-31; 1 Thes 1:3; Heb 6:10

"Remember me with favor, O my God, for all I have done for these people."