

# Rebuilding Through Renewal

## Nehemiah 13

Word of God was read & obeyed 8  
People confessed their sins & made a covenant to obey God 9-11  
Wall around Jerusalem was rebuilt & dedicated 12

Everything they promised in Chapter 10, they disobeyed in Chapter 13

**Issue with FOREIGNERS - Mixed Multitude** 13:1-9; 9:2; Ex 12:38; Dt 23:3-4  
Ammonites & Edomites excluded Gen 19:30; 39; Nb 11:4-6; 22-25  
Tobiah the Ammonite given a temple room by the high priest 2:10-19; 6:17-19; 13:7  
**Nehemiah's response** - Threw Tobiah out and cleaned the temple rooms Jn 2:12-22  
**Your response** - Who are your friends? Are they leading you to God or away from God?

**Issue with FINANCES - People Quit Tithing / Giving** 13:10-14; 10:33, 39  
House of God neglected; priests worked in the fields  
**Nehemiah's response** - Rebuked the people and appointed four faithful men  
**Your response** - How are you trusting God with your finances?

**Issue with FESTIVALS - Worked On The Sabbath** 13:15-22; 10:31  
This is why we're enslaved 2 Chr 36:15-23  
**Nehemiah's response** - Rebuked the leaders & shut the gates & used force if necessary  
**Your response** - Are you really worshipping God or enslaved to your selfish desires?

**Issue with FAMILY - Marriages** 13:23-29  
Mixed marriages were forbidden - led to idol worship Ex 34:12-16; Dt 7:1-5  
This was Solomon's sin 1 Kgs 11:1-8 & Israel's sin with Moab Nb 31:15-18  
High priest's grandson was son-in-law to Sanballat 4:1; 6:1-14  
**Nehemiah's response** - Rebuked, cursed, beat, pulled out their hair & forced oath 10:28-29  
**Your response** - Are you trusting God for His choice for marriage and His will in marriage?

**Issue with FAITH - How Are You Remembered?** 13:29-31, 14, 22  
Lord, remember them for defiling your covenant  
Lord, remember me with favor for loving You

**Building Walls Are Worthless If You Do Not Love The Word And Worship The Lord**