

“Recipient of God’s Grace”
Nehemiah 1:1-11

I. The Plight of Jerusalem [v.1-3]

- A) Humbled Pride**
- B) Disappointed Desires**
- C) Temptation not to Attempt the Difficult**

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II. The Prayer of Nehemiah [4-11a]

- A) Invocation of God**
 - "O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God
 - God who keeps covenant and steadfast love
- B) Confession of sin**
 - 1) ... which we have sinned against you.
 - 2) ... Even I and my father's house have sinned.
- C) Request to remember**
- D) Request for success**

III. The Position of Nehemiah [11b]

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- A) By grace, God raised N. up to a position to influence a nation**
 - 1:11 Now I was cupbearer to the king*
- B) By grace, God influenced N. heart to accomplish a task**
 - 2:12 my God had put into my heart*