

The Real Building Project

Nehemiah 5:1-13

The Problem: The community building the wall was not reflecting the character of God

Main Point: Christians should reflect God's character during their mission to witness to the world

I. All is Not Well *Within* the Walls

A) A Problem of Circumstances

- 1) Families involved in wall construction could not afford _____.
- 2) Landowners were mortgaging their properties because of the f_____.
- 3) The Kings tax was so high Jews were selling their _____ into slavery.

B) A Problem of the Heart

- 1) There was _____ among the community at Jerusalem.
- 2) Fellow Jews were oppressing their brothers by charging excessive _____.
- 3) God's _____ was not being displayed to the onlooking world.

II. Nehemiah Challenges the Community to Change

A) An Appeal to Righteousness

B) An Appeal to Live Differently

- 1) Remembering God's Goodness
 - Gift of Salvation
 - Gift of His Presence
 - Gift of Justification
 - Gift of Sanctification
- 2) Reflecting God's Goodness
Psalm 37:3

C) An Appeal to go Beyond the Right

III. God Invites us to Change our Community

A) God is about Building Character in the Community

Hebrews 1:3

B) God is about Building YOUR Character in the Community

Galatians 6:10; 1 John 4:10-11