

# NEHEMIAH

\* Desperate Dependence \*



*Series Devotional Study*



Church Family,

Are you desperately dependent on the Lord?

We know what the answer should be, but we may give little evidence in our lives that we are desperately dependent on Him. Nehemiah was such a man that lived hundreds of miles from where God would use him, and quite frankly, he was set financially and in the area of influence. We would say in our vernacular

that he had everything going for him.

But God would grip Nehemiah's heart and move him to the place where he would be desperate - and then desperately dependent on the Lord to work in and through him with his people, the Jews. Nehemiah learned what life, purpose, and vision entailed in seeing God-sized tasks accomplished right before his very eyes.

God hasn't changed. There just aren't many of us who arrive where Nehemiah was to ask and see God work in incredible ways. Will you seek the Lord and grow to be desperately dependent on Him?

Join me. I desperately need the Lord!

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# Mercy

Monday, August 8, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 103:11

Prayer

Lord, the heavens are high above the earth, beyond what we can imagine. Your mercy is also so great to those who fear You. Thank You for Your mercy that You extend to us. Help us walk with You each day. Amen

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 100:5

Prayer

Lord, You are so good to us not only to forgive us our sins but to show Your mercy to Your children. Thank You that it never runs out and never fails but is everlasting. Your truth endure to every generation. Amen

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Scripture: Habakkuk 3:2

Prayer

Lord, the prophet Habakkuk prayed after hearing Your speech and was afraid. He desired for You to revive the work in the midst of the years. When Your wrath is shown, remember mercy. Thank You for showing Your mercy to us even in our day. Amen

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Scripture: Micah 6:8

Prayer

Lord, thank You for showing us what You require of man and what is good. Help me to act in a way that honors Your name and others. May my love for Your mercy help me to walk humbly before You each day.

Friday, August 12, 2022

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3

Prayer

We praise You Lord Jesus for Your great mercy that has given us new birth and a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Your great mercy that is extended to sinners, brings us into a relationship with You that is eternal. Amen.

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 1

# Favor

Monday, August 15, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 84:11

*Pray*

Lord God, You are my light, and You are my protector. You alone are the source of honor, and grace (unmerited favor). You promised not to withhold good from me if I lead a life of obedience and integrity. I commit myself to this, that I may be found worthy.

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9

*Pray*

Lord God, as believers we already possess the greatest possible example of Your favor. Nothing is more important than our salvation, which You provided through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on our behalf. Your grace makes possible for us that which we could never hope to earn.

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Scripture: Luke 1:26-30

*Pray*

Dear Lord, You found within Mary, a woman whose lifestyle was in accordance with Your perfect will. You already knew she would respond correctly to Your unprecedented, unexpected, and frightening proclamation. Lord help us to lead our lives in such a way as to be useful to Your purposes.

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 90:17

*Pray*

Lord God, I wish to serve You well, yet there is so much I cannot do. If my efforts are favorable to You, I pray You will bless the work of my hands and do that which only the almighty God can do. You are the power and glory forever.

Friday, August 19, 2022

Scripture: Proverbs 3:3-4

*Pray*

Lord, my greatest desire is to be seen by You as loyal and faithful, though sometimes I am not. You tell us to tie these around our necks and write them on our hearts so they can never be forgotten. May You alone be glorified by my life and actions.

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 2

# Vision

Monday, August 22, 2022

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

Pray

Father in heaven,

I am grateful that in a time when things can often seem unclear, that You are sovereignly working out Your will in my life. Thank You that I can trust my future to You. Please strengthen my faith daily. Teach me to trust You. In Jesus' name.

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 5:3

Pray

Father in heaven,

You are an awesome God! You hear my voice because You are a God that is personally and intimately involved in my life. You hear my prayers and I know that You will answer them according to Your will. Help me to trust Your leading. Amen.

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Pray

Lord, I need Your help! I know that I can trust You in all things, but for some reason I still try to co-lead with You. Help me to trust Your plan for my life. Flood my mind with examples of Your faithfulness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

Pray

Heavenly Father,

You were purposeful in creating me and redeeming me. As a child of the King, help me to recognize opportunities that You put before me today to share of Your glory, Your grace, Your mercy, and Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your providence in my life. Amen.

Friday, August 26, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 23:6

Pray

Dear Heavenly Father,

Today, I praise Your name, because You are worthy! Daily, I am reminded of Your goodness and mercy in my life. Thank You for saving me and giving me a future full of hope and the knowledge of an eternity with You. I love You, Jesus! Amen.

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 3

# Greatness

Monday, August 29, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 145:1-7

*Pray*

Lord we stop our lives right now to be with You. You are great and greatly to be praised. We begin our week by listing all of the ways we know you to be our Great God. Heavenly Father, cause us to be overwhelmed with You!

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 96:1-6

*Pray*

Lord today we sing of your greatness. Great are You Lord and worthy of glory. Great are You Lord and worthy of praise. Great are You Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice. Great are You Lord, GREAT ARE YOU LORD!

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

*Pray*

Oh God, sometimes it seems that life is stacking up against us or against someone we love, but according to your word, since you are for us nothing can overcome us. You did not even spare your own son, and God nothing can separate us from your love.

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Scripture: James 1:2-4

*Pray*

God thank you for your blessings, but Lord you are also great in trial. Oh God you waste no moment or experience. You are always molding us into the image of your son. In trial you grow our strength and move us toward maturity. You are indeed great.

Friday, September 2, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 4:11-14

*Pray*

God we have an enemy who seeks to pollute every good thing from you and undermine your best for us. Help us to remember and to celebrate You, our Great and awe-inspiring Lord. Indeed oh, Lord, greater is he that is in us, that he that is in the world.

Saturday, September 3, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 4



# Holiness

Monday, September 5, 2022

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-19

Pray

Lord, Thank You for the perfect example of holiness You have given us. I ask that You help me to move beyond the things that conformed me in my past, and transform me more and more into the pure and holy image of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord.

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6:14-17

Pray

Lord, Thank You for saving me and setting me apart. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit dwelling in me, separating me from the dark things of the world. Sanctify me and make me a holy vessel more suitable for Your use every day.

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 7:1

Pray

Lord, I pray that You would continue and bring to completion the work that has already started in me. Help me to learn and to live Your promises, to lean on them more and more each day so that I may be clean.

Thursday, September 8, 2022

Scripture: Isaiah 57:15

Pray

Lord, the heavens are high above the earth, beyond what we can imagine. Your mercy is also so great to those who fear You. Thank You for Your mercy extended to us. Help us walk with You each day. Amen

Friday, September 9, 2022

Scripture: Ephesians 4:20-24

Pray

Lord, Help me to be renewed in the spirit of my mind that I may think rightly about You. Help me to cast off the old and to put on the new so that I may share in Your likeness, in true righteousness and holiness in my life.

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 5

# Boldness

Monday, September 12, 2022      Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7

*Pray*

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for Your indwelling Holy Spirit and that our life is found in Christ in God. May we not fear rejection in this world.. or even death, and may we always fan the flame of our faith in Christ - Jesus' Name, Amen.

Tuesday, September 13, 2022      Scripture: Ephesians 3:12

*Pray*

Loving Father, what a privilege that a sinner such as I can come with boldness and confident access into Your presence through faith in Jesus. Please help me to redeem the time I have left to lead others to Your throne. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

Wednesday, September 14, 2022      Scripture: 1 John 5:14

*Pray*

Father, I know You are a God that hears and answers the prayers of the righteous. I pray I would increasingly offer up my prayers according to Your will so that You may be honored and glorified in my life and actions. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thursday, September 15, 2022      Scripture: Psalm 27:1

*Pray*

Father, You are my sufficiency, light, and life. I pray that when dark clouds of unknowing loom across my heart, I immediately call to mind the truth of Who You are. May I rest in the security and eternal salvation I have in Christ, in whose name I pray, Amen

Friday, September 16, 2022      Scripture: Acts 4:31

*Pray*

Heavenly Father, thank You that I have been saved by grace through faith. I pray that I would maintain fellowship with You by walking in spirit and truth, and I pray that You would use me in whatever way You choose. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Saturday, September 17, 2022      Scripture: Nehemiah 6:1-9



# Wisdom

Monday, September 19, 2022      Scripture: Proverbs 9:10

Pray

Yahweh, You are worthy of my fear. Let my fear of You determine what I allow my mind to think, my eyes to watch, my ears to hear, my mouth to say, my hands to do, and where my feet take me. I desire to fear, know, and understand You.

Tuesday, September 20, 2022      Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-16

Pray

Yahweh, if You divide people into the wise and the unwise, then I want to be wise to Your glory. If being wise includes paying careful attention to how I walk and redeeming the time, then help me to honor You with my life and in every opportunity You allow.

Wednesday, September 21, 2022      Scripture: Proverbs 11:2

Pray

Yahweh, who am I to ever put the clay above the Potter? I am nothing but a broken pot among other broken pots. Instead of disgrace, allow grace; reform me in Your image. I desperately depend on You. Let me always have a humble heart and a spirit of wisdom.

Thursday, September 22, 2022      Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:30

Pray

Yahweh, by Your will, I'm in Christ. Thank You for imputing to me Christ's wisdom, that I may know the Truth; Christ's righteousness, that I may walk in Your Way; Christ's holiness, that I may please You with my Life; Christ's redemption, so that I may be Your son, Father.

Friday, September 23, 2022      Scripture: Psalm 90:12

Pray

Lord, just like Saul disobeyed You, we ask Your forgiveness for the areas in my life that are not pleasing to You. Holy Spirit show me my sin that I might ask Your forgiveness. Help me not to become hardhearted and to not continue to live a disobedient life.

Saturday, September 24, 2022      Scripture: Nehemiah 6:10-19

# Presence

Monday, September 26, 2022      Scripture: Nehemiah 8

*Pray:*

Father, when Your presence is experienced, we realize Your holiness and perceive our inadequacies in the light of Your perfection and our sinful state. As Isaiah 6 recounts the experience the prophet had in Your presence, we too ask forgiveness for sin and declare Christ as our Redeemer and Deliverer.

Tuesday, September 27, 2022      Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23

*Pray:*

Father, You are with us at all times, even when we may lack courage. Even Moses asked multiple times if You would go with him into the Promised Land. You are a reassuring God that desires our trust that You are with us.

Wednesday, September 28, 2022      Scripture: Psalm 139

*Pray:*

As this Psalm says many times, You know us intimately. You count the number of hairs on our head (Luke 12:7) and knew us before we were born. We proclaim verse 7 of the Psalm that says there is no place we can go that You are not with us!

Thursday, September 29, 2022      Scripture: Psalm 16:11

*Pray:*

Father, there is goodness in being close to You and joy that comes from being in Your presence. May we pursue You with everything in our being, knowing that You are the ultimate Joy in our life.

Friday, September 30, 2022      Scripture: 2 Chronicles 5

*Pray:*

As we praise You, our God, may Your presence be so intense that we must stop everything and focus on You. You are worthy of all our attention and we desire Your Holy Spirit to move in our lives and our Church with an overwhelming flow.

Saturday, October 1, 2022      Scripture: Nehemiah 8

# Conviction

Monday, October 3, 2022

Scripture: Romans 8: 1-2

Prayer

Lord, thank You for the freedom that I have in Jesus Christ. Thank You that I am not found guilty under the law of sin and death, but by Your spirit I have freedom from sin and have received Your promise of eternity with You.

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:5

Prayer

Lord, thank You for the conviction that comes into our life through the work of the Holy Spirit in us. It is Your spirit that shows us our sin. Help us to always listen to Your Spirit and to obey its guidance in our lives.

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Scripture: John 8:9-11

Prayer

Jesus, thank You that when others condemn us You show us grace and mercy. You know our sin and yet You still love us and show that love. Help us to see Your love and to show it to others by showing them grace and mercy when they fail.

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:24

Prayer

Lord, just like Saul disobeyed You, I ask Your forgiveness for the areas in my life that are not pleasing to You. Holy Spirit show me my sin that I might ask Your forgiveness. Help me not to become hardhearted and to not continue to live a disobedient life.

Friday, October 7, 2022

Scripture: Exodus 10:16-17

Prayer

Lord, please forgive us when we are hardhearted and do not obey Your will for us. Help us to quickly recognize our sin and seek Your forgiveness. We thank You for the forgiveness that You give us and the great love that You show us.

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 9

# Majesty

Monday, October 10, 2022

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-3

*Pray*

God, You are majestic in word, deed, and nature. Your very essence is that of glory, which is Your majesty on display. You are the Lord of Armies and the King of Glory. You have established Your throne of majesty in the heavens above, and we are so thankful.

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:11

*Pray*

Lord, majesty belongs to You and You alone. Your kingdom is everlasting, and Your rule is never ending. All things in heaven and on earth belong to You, oh God. You are exalted over all, ruler over all, and we give thanks to You Lord and praise Your majestic name.

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Scripture: Job 37:22

*Pray*

God, Your majesty is awesome in splendor and power. It surrounds You, and we can no more look on You than we can the sun. Your Word says that we should hide in the caves of the rocks to protect us from Your splendor. Have mercy on us, oh God.

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 93:1

*Pray*

Lord God, Your character itself expresses majesty. You are robed in Glory! You are eternal, Lord. Who is like You? Who can compare to Your glorious holiness! There is none like You Lord! You are eternal and holiness adorns You forever and ever! Amen.

Friday, October 14, 2022

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:27

*Pray*

God, majesty abounds in Your presence. Your glory is in Your strength. You are surrounded by joy and beauty. It was in and through that majestic glory that You came to us in Your Son, Jesus and displayed Your boundless love to us through Him. Thank You.

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 12

# Spirit

Monday, October 17, 2022

Scripture: John 14:15-17

Pray

Lord, thank You for the promise of Your Holy Spirit - the Spirit of truth. Help me know, love and live the truth through the power of Your Spirit today. Oh, how I desperately need You!

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Scripture: Acts 1:8

Pray

Lord, thank You that the Holy Spirit came! And thank You for the promise that I would receive power from the Holy Spirit when He came into my life. Help me live in that power today as I have the opportunity to be a witness for You wherever I go.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Scripture: Romans 8:1-6

Pray

Lord, thank You that there is no condemnation because You have saved me! I pray that I will live, not according to my fleshly desires, but according to Your Spirit every moment of this day. Oh how I desperately need You!

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Scripture: Romans 8:26-27

Pray

Lord, thank You that You pray for us as we pray. Better than that, thank You that You pray for us when we have no idea what to pray. Help me be faithful to pray at all times, knowing You are praying for me as well. I need You!

Friday, October 21, 2022

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

Pray

Lord, help me give evidence of every part of the fruit of the Spirit in my life. May love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control grow daily in me as well as point others to You. I desperately need You, Lord!

Saturday, October 22, 2022

Scripture: Nehemiah 13

# NOTES





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