

From Ruin to Revival

A Study of the Book of Nehemiah

LESSON ELEVEN Introduction: Since the walls and gates of Jerusalem were now restored, it was important that the builders inhabit their capital city and expand the population. Of course, the **rulers** of the people would live in Jerusalem, but what about the rest of the people. Some of the citizens **volunteered** willingly, while others had to be **drafted** (v.1-2).

1. We learn to dwell together in the will of God (Nehemiah 11).

a. We must move out of our **comfort zone**.

i. Are you **comfortable**?

ii. Are you **confined**?

iii. Are you **closed**?

iv. Are you **available**?

b. We must commit to a life of **holiness**.

i. Living in the "holy city" is a great **privilege**.

ii. Living in the "holy city" is a challenging **responsibility**.

c. We must **involve** ourselves in ministry.

i. We need **leaders** (v.3).

ii. We need **administrators** (v.9).

iii. We need **servants** (v.16).

2. We learn to dedicate ourselves to the **worship** of God (Nehemiah 12).

a. The **Purpose** of Worship (v.24, 27, & 31).

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- i. Celebration.
 - ii. Thanksgiving.
 - iii. Dedication.
- b. The Precepts of Worship (v.27, 31, 35, & 41).
- i. Worship with giftedness.
 - ii. Worship with gladness.
 - iii. Worship with greatness.
- c. The Products of Worship (v.31-39).
- i. It reminds the worshiper of God's faithfulness.
 - ii. It rebukes the watcher for their foolishness.
- d. The Provisions for Worship (v.47).
- i. They were organized.
 - ii. They were specific.
 - iii. They were grateful.
 - iv. They were regular.
 - v. They were universal.

Conclusion: Worship is about Him. It is our expression of gratitude and dedication for who He is and what He has done. Matt Redman, a contemporary songwriter, put it this way: "I'm coming back to the heart of