

# Rebuilding Ruins Through Prayer

Nehemiah 1-7

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## What we can learn about prayer through Nehemiah's example:

1) He \_\_\_\_\_ and wept.

*Nehemiah 1:4 "When I heard these things, I sat down and wept."*

*Luke 11:8 But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. 9 "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.*

2) He \_\_\_\_\_ and prayed.

*Nehemiah 1:4 "For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven."*

3) He prayed \_\_\_\_\_.

*Nehemiah 1:6 "Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel."*

*1 Thess. 5:16-18 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

4) He prayed in according to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*Nehemiah 1:5 "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,"*

5) He prayed \_\_\_\_\_.

*Nehemiah 1:6-7 "I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. 7 We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses."*

6) He prayed the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

*Nehemiah 1:8 "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9 but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'"*

**7) He prayed in alignment with \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Nehemiah 1:11 Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."*

**8) He prayed \_\_\_\_\_ in the moment.**

*Nehemiah 2:4 The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and by the grace of God, God answered his request.*

*Nehemiah 2:8 "And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests."*

He gives his testimony which inspires the work.

*Nehemiah 2:18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.*

**9) Nehemiah responds to opposition with \_\_\_\_\_ prayers.**

*Nehemiah 4:4-5 "Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. 5 Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders."*

In Matt 5:44 "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

Rom 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

**10) His prayers were combined with \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Nehemiah 4:9 But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.*

*Nehemiah 5:13 "At this the whole assembly said, "Amen," and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised."*

*Nehemiah 5:19 "Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people."*

*Nehemiah 6:9 They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." But I prayed, "Now strengthen my hands."*

*Nehemiah 7:5 So my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials and the common people for registration by families. I found the genealogical record of those who had been the first to return.*