

November 17th, 2024

Broken Promises
Nehemiah 13

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Nehemiah 13:6-11 (NIV)

OVERVIEW

Broken promise 1: To be _____ and _____.
Neh 13:4-9

Broken promise 2: To support the temple _____.
Neh 13:10-14

Broken promise 3: To keep the _____. Neh 13:15-22

Broken promise 4: To marry _____.
Neh 13:23-31

Beware of the _____:

- Compromised _____. Matt 16:6; 1Cor 16:13-14
- Chasing _____. Matt 16:26

*A final consideration: Do I desire _____
_____, to see "God's hand upon me?"*

Remember me with favor, my God. (Nehemiah 13:31)

TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or that you disagreed with? And, in what ways can you see these truths being lived out in your relationships and life this week?

Read Neh 13. What are some things that stand out to you in the chapter? Do you think as a society we're used to people not keeping their word? Which of the four broken promises of the Israelites do you think was most destructive? In what ways can Christians today be guilty of the same broken promises?

Have you ever been caught in an undertow? How can compromised alliances or materialism drag Christians down?

What stands out the most to you from our study of Ezra and Nehemiah?



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Broken promise 1: To be separate and distinct. Neh 13:4-9

Broken promise 2: To support the temple financially.
Neh 13:10-14

Broken promise 3: To keep the Sabbath. Neh 13:15-22

Broken promise 4: To marry within the faith. Neh 13:23-31

Beware of the undertow effect:

- Compromised alliances. Matt 16:6; 1Cor 16:13-14
- Chasing materialism. Matt 16:26

A final consideration: Do I desire above all other things, to see "God's hand upon me?"

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