

Scripture to read: Nehemiah 2: 1 – 20**God uses people whose hearts are burdened for his people**

Nehemiah was not just satisfied by weeping and mourning because of the walls of the city of Jerusalem was in ruin. Since his heart was filled with the burden that somehow the ruins has to be rebuilt and God's name has to be glorified he was not able to work in the King's palace peacefully. When the king realized this and asked Nehemiah about the thing that troubled him, he replied, "If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried." We should know that a Cup bearer means "one who looks after everything that the kings drinks and eats". The King can appoint people in such place only if they prove to be faithful because the King's enemies can even poison the food to kill him. It is too difficult to get a break from such Job. But Lord God changed the heart of the king, to give Nehemiah a break and send him to Jerusalem to rebuild the ruins with the things required. When Nehemiah prepared to go to Jerusalem, the people supported him when they saw the burden Nehemiah had for the Jews and how he received permission from the king to rebuild the ruins.

Question:

When it was easy to get permission from the King, How did Nehemiah gather the people of Israelites together?

Answer:

Nehemiah who was working in the palace of Susan found favor in the eyes of the King because of his faithfulness. Before he got the permission, we should know what he did? At the same moment when the King asked him about his need, the impossible thing was made possible because he prayed immediately in his heart even before telling the king about his need. In the same way when he went to Jerusalem, he did not immediately tell the others what was in his heart, he prayed with others likewise. Then he inspected the broken walls and burned gates and then shared his heart to the people and the people together supported him. When we pray with true burden in our heart regarding the

things of God, God will do everything for us at the right time. Even you should be like Nehemiah, pray at all time telling the Lord about the burden of your heart. Lord our God will make things possible at the right time.

I replied, "The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall. But you have no share, legal right, or historic claim in Jerusalem." Nehemiah 2:20

Prayer

Our God, who makes things possible. Help us to do thy will and fulfill thy plans Lord. Amen