

Scripture to read: Nehemiah 5:1-19

Where are people who are Zealous for the Lord?

There raised a great outcry and complaint from the people of God while Nehemiah was facing opposition from his enemies when he was rebuilding the walls. When Nehemiah enquired about the issue, They replied "We mortgaged our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine." Still others told, "We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards, Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our fellow Jews yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Nehemiah called the nobles and official and Gathered the people of God and told them, "What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? he also commanded them to give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them. The people immediately told We will do as you say. Then Nehemiah summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. Nehemiah not only told his leaders but he himself redeemed others from slavery. Thought he stood as a Governor and worked, He did not collect any taxes from the people nor did he take lands or houses for himself. Instead Nehemiah's full focus was to rebuild the ruins and Fill the gap.

Question:

Forsaking the comfortable life in the Palace of Susan, Why did Nehemiah choose to live a humble life in Jerusalem?

Answer:

1. When Nehemiah was in the palace of Susan, he was unable to bear the reproach caused to the people of God in Jerusalem and the disgrace that came to the name of the Lord. That's the reason he forsook the comfortable life in the palace and came to Jerusalem.
2. When he arrived in Jerusalem he was not dismayed to rebuild the wall and fill the Gap nor did Nehemiah draw back from his work when his opponents came against him.
3. Not only the above things, but Nehemiah was unable to bear the attitude of the people such as Selfishness, deception and greed which would stop the rebuilding but also bring disgrace to the name of the Lord.

In all these situation, Nehemiah's purpose was to complete the rebuilding of the wall and fill the gap. The main reason for this is, the Love that Nehemiah had for the Lord. Because of this Love he was unable to bear the disgrace that came to the name of the Lord. Even if we love the lord truly we to will go to any extent like Nehemiah in stopping the disgrace that comes to the name of our God.

So I continued, "What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies Nehemiah 5:09

Prayer

Heavenly father, thank you Lord for encouraging us and helping us do our work when we were dismayed. Lord even we too have the desire like Nehemiah. Strengthen us and lead us O Lord!. Amen