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1st Service

Only Nehemiah 13:1-14

Even today you must hold to the covenant. You must always live holding to the covenant and confirm the covenant once again whenever there is an opportunity. Because you may have many problems and need the answer, you must always hold onto the promised blood as the covenant. When you do this your spiritual eyes will open, receive the answer, live a new life, receive healing, and become a witness. Because the answer is accurate and complete, what's left for you to do is for the covenant to truly become yours and for you to enter into the covenant. Therefore, even today you must hold to the covenant, give worship, and receive the new word. This is because God does all things by the word and according to the word. The one who receives the word through worship will live a life of victory and conquest.

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- 1) In today's scripture, Nehemiah is the one who built the walls of Jerusalem and implemented many reforms in the religious life of that time. As a descendant of a Babylonian captive, he was the cupbearer of the Persian king. Based on this trust, he built the walls of Jerusalem and played an important role in correcting many aspects of religious living in Judah.
- 2) Today's scripture explains the reforms he made to the religious life in Judah. The first thing that comes out is about the Moabites and the Ammonites. During the Exodus, they hired Balaam the prophet to curse Israel (Numbers 22), and Deuteronomy 23:3 records that "No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the LORD forever."
- 3) However, many people got married to Gentiles. It was not that they looked down on the Gentiles but as they lived with them, naturally, people entered into their religions and the culture of religion and evil spirits had no choice but to enter into the children of the Israelites. To block this they prohibited marriage to the Gentiles.
- 4) In Genesis 6, we see that the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive, and they took as their wives any they chose. As a result, the covenant completely disappeared from the households of the sons of God, and the world became like Nephilim. The only sons of God who maintained the covenant were Noah's family alone. That's why He judged the world with the flood and saved only Noah's family.
- 5) Then, the next thing Nehemiah did was to cleanse the temple (verses 4-5, 7). In verses 10-12, we see that Nehemiah discovered that the Levites, who were supposed to be in charge of worship, had gone back to working in their fields. Nehemiah rebuked the officials and asked, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" He then made all Judah bring the tithe of grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses so that the Levites could devote themselves to their duties. Because of this worship, the temple was restored to its normal state.
- 6) The next thing that comes up is about keeping the Sabbath. At that time, people were entering the gates of Jerusalem to conduct business on the Sabbath. The Tyrians were bringing fish and all kinds of goods to sell on the Sabbath. Nehemiah rebuked the nobles of Judah who were buying these goods, saying, "What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day? Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."
- 7) The Levites were commanded to keep the doors shut until after the Sabbath, so all the people from Judah were to keep the Sabbath. In those days, the Jews married the women of the Ashdod and Ammon. Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod and they could not speak the language of Judah, so Nehemiah confronted them and cursed them beat some of them, and pulled out their hair. It was to prevent disasters from coming upon them if they ever mixed the covenant and religion again.
- 8) And one of the sons of Jehoiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was the son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite. Therefore he is chased by Nehemiah. He was a Gentile with great authority as an official, so the high priest allowed him to be his son-in-law. That is the reason Nehemiah chased him out.

- 9) There is an important reason that it has been recorded in the Bible. Now is the age of interracial marriage to testify the Gospel to the ends of America and Latin America, but why was it not permitted in the past?
- 10) It is for them to be of only the covenant. It was for the sake of not mixing the covenant with any religions. It was not that God disliked the Gentiles, but it was for keeping the covenant. You must stake your life to keep the covenant. The covenant is the only way to block disasters. Therefore, God put to death the lives of those who tried to block the covenant.
- 11) Furthermore, the Gospel was completed and the age of faith to be saved arrived. However, in the past, it was the process of being fulfilled. It was the time schedule of that time. You must fundamentally receive the promising blood as the covenant. It doesn't happen according to your heart because you have the covenant. There is God's time. It will only take place in His time.
- 12) To keep the Sabbath means to give worship as you hold to the covenant on the Lord's day as you concentrate only on God's desire. That will cast away all hindrances. God only asks for this on the Lord's Sunday, so may you not take it lightly.
- 13) The Levites did not have a task but were fully occupied with giving only worship to God for that was God's will for them. This was the way for all the other tribes to live. Through this, the entire nation was only with the covenant and worship. They gave a tithe to God that resolved the problems.
- 14) The mixed children did not speak the mother language of Judah, so the fathers were chastised and cursed as their hairs were pulled out. The high priest allowed the Gentile official, who went against God to be his son-in-law to which the nation was cursed as well.
- 15) You need to do only. It is only that allows you to conclude the answer. Then, you will receive answers of uniqueness and see the work of re-creation throughout your life. If you do only to the covenant God testifies, you will receive the answer of uniqueness that no one can imagine, life will be restored, and you will conquer evangelism and missions. You will see continuous miracles of re-creation in your life.
- 16) In other words, this is a masterpiece. Individuals, the church, and the age will become a masterpiece. God has called you in the historical Gospel for your life to be used in this way.
- 17) The covenant that is explained in the Bible has resolved the curses of original sin. Also, Satan's head has been crushed and the gates of hell shall never prevail against you. The keys to the kingdom of heaven have been given to you, so all doors will open. God has raised you as His church on the rock. You are a person of God who is saved. May this blessing be upon you.