QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you received an answer to an

 important prayer. Did it have an impact on your faith?

2. Why is prayer often neglected by those who say they believe in the

 power of prayer?

3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about

 diligence in all we do:

 a) Proverbs 10:4

 b) Proverbs 13:4

 c) Proverbs 12:29

 d) I Corinthians 15:58

 e) Colossians 3:23

 f) Galatians 6:9

 g) II Peter 3:14

4. What things did Nehemiah acknowledge before he made his

 request known to God?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to establish a regular time of prayer each day.
* I am going to make it a point to pray each day for Cornerstone Church as we prepare to build our building and as we seek spiritual renewal within our church.
* I am going to memorize I Corinthians 15:58.

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Nehemiah 1:4-11 Study Series #02

***Nehemiah’s Intercession***

**I. Introduction**

 A. The Grayson Clamp Story

 (See Matthew 18:5-14; John 14:18)

 B. Nehemiah’s Reaction to the News

 (See Nehemiah 1:3; Job 16:1-5; Nehemiah 1:4;

 I Corinthians 12:26)

“It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until he has

 hurt him deeply.” *A.W. Tozer, The Root of Righteousness*

 C. Nehemiah’s Response to the News

 (See Nehemiah 1:4; Jeremiah 9:1; Matthew 23:37-38;

 Luke 19:41; Ezra 9:1-4; Ephesians 2:10; Nehemiah 8:12;

 Nehemiah 8:17)

**II. Nehemiah**

 A. Nehemiah Acknowledges God’s Greatness

 (See Nehemiah 1:5-6; Psalm 127:1; Colossians 3:23;

 Acts 4:24)

 B. Nehemiah Acknowledges Israel’s Sinfulness

 (See Nehemiah 1:6-7; I John 1:9-10; Genesis 3:12)

 C. Nehemiah Remembers God’s Promises

 (See Nehemiah 1:8-10; Leviticus 26:33;

 Deuteronomy 28:63-67; Deuteronomy 30:1-10;

 Psalm 119:11)

 D. Nehemiah Makes His Request

 (See Nehemiah 1:11; James 4:2-3; Psalm 75:6-7;

 Matthew 6:33; Proverbs 22:29; Ephesians 4:11-13;

 Proverbs 21:1)

 “It is possible to move men, through God, by prayer alone.”

 (*Hudson Taylor, missionary*)

**III. Conclusion**

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

Nehemiah 1:4-11

**4**When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. **5**I said, “I beseech You, O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, **6**let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father’s house have sinned. **7**We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses. **8**Remember the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples; **9**but *if* you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.’ **10**They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand. **11**O Lord, I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and make Your servant successful today and grant him compassion before this man.”

Now I was the cupbearer to the king.

“There is no winning without warfare; there is no opportunity without opposition; there is no victory without vigilance. For whenever the people of God say, ‘Let us arise and build,’ Satan says, 'Let me arise and oppose.’” *Alan Redpath, British Evangelist*

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