

NEHEMIAH:

The Prayer God Loves to Answer Nehemiah 1:5-11 (Part 2)

Characteristics of a Prayer that God Loves to Answer:

- 1) Prayer that is offered _____ (Neh 1:1-4 & 2:1)
- 2) Prayer that is offered with _____ in who God is (Neh 1:5)
- 3) Prayer that includes the _____ of sin (Neh 1:6-7)
- 4) Prayer that _____ the promises of God (Neh 1:8-9)
- 5) Prayer that includes personal _____ (Neh 1:11)

Following in the Footsteps of Nehemiah:

- Choose one or two promises in God's Word and incorporate them into your prayers this week. Consider memorizing the Scripture – so that you can recite it to yourself when you find yourself mentally drifting from the promise.

- Pray a personalized version of Nehemiah 1:11 or 2 Corinthians 9:11 – as a way of expressing to God your commitment to being part of the answer to the prayers you're praying.

“God will make you rich in every way SO THAT you can be generous on every occasion...” ~ 2 Corinthians 9:11

Abbreviated list of promises (from God's Word) that inform my prayers:

Promise #1 – GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU (Hebrews 13:5)

→ For those who are lonely or wondering whether God has abandoned them

Promise #2 – THERE IS NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD (Genesis 18:14)

→ For those who think their situation is hopeless

Promise #3 – GOD WILL SUPPLY ALL OF YOUR NEEDS (Philippians 4:19)

→ For those who are being obedient to God, but find themselves in financial distress

Promise #4 – GOD WILL DRAW PEOPLE FROM ALL NATIONS TO HIMSELF (Rev 7:9)

→ For our missionaries to reach people groups who don't yet know Jesus

Promise #5 – GOD HAS A PLAN AND PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

→ For those anxious or afraid about what the future may hold

Promise #6 – GOD IS PATIENT WITH THOSE WHO NEED TO REPENT (2 Peter 3:9)

→ For friends, family members, neighbors, etc. who haven't yet accepted Jesus

Promise #7 – THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BRING CONVICTION OF SIN (John 16:8)

→ For believers and unbelievers who are blinded by their own sin

Promise #8 – GOD WILL WATCH OVER THE WIDOW AND FATHERLESS (Psalm 146:9)

→ For widows and orphans – especially those in Burundi who are close to my heart

Promise #9 – GOD WILL EXTEND HIS HELP AND STRENGTH TO ME (2 Chron 16:9)

→ For those who feel inadequate to the task – especially myself

Promise #10 – GOD WILL TRANSFORM HIS PEOPLE (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

→ For those who want to become fully formed followers of Jesus