

Sunday, 08-20-2023

**Dedication of the Wall**  
**Bible Background: Nehemiah 12:27-43**  
**Printed Text: Nehemiah 12:27-36, 38, 43 KJV/NLT**  
**Devotional Reading: Psalm 96**

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**Aim for Change:**

- **KNOW** that a part of our worship is thanking God and celebrating our restoration.
    1. Do I really **KNOW** that a part of my worship is thanking God and celebrating my restoration.
  - **RECALL** times when God restored us.
    2. Can I **RECALL** times when God restored me?
  - **THANK** God for restoring us.
    3. How often do I **THANK** God for restoring me?
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**Devotional Reading: Mon: Celebrating God's Greatness – Psalm 96:1-9; Tue: Celebrating the Lord's Coming – Psalm 96:10-13 – 1 Chronicles 16:23-33**

- (vv. 1-4) – How does God show me His salvation from day to day? How well do I tell others of His greatness and what He's done for me?
  - (vv. 7-9) – How do I give unto the Lord? What kind of offering do I bring to the house of the Lord? – **Psalm 29:1-2**
  - (v. 13) – Am I prepared to be judged by the Word of Truth? – **Psalm 58:11**
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**Focal Verses – Celebrating a Completed Task – Nehemiah 12:27-36, 38, 43**

**1. Dedication and Purification (vv. 27-36)**

- (v. 27) – Have I been sought out to do God's work? How am I keeping my dedication to the Lord? Am I using my time, talent, abilities, and gifts for the Lord with thanksgiving and gladness? – **Numbers 7:10**
- (vv. 28-29) – Am I only fellowshiping with my congregation and not with others around?
- (v. 30) – What have I done to purify myself for the Lord? How can I purify what God has given me? – **Exodus 19:10, 14; Numbers 8:5-9**
- (vv. 31-36) – How well do I follow directions from the man of God? Would what I listen to be pleasing to God's ears?

**2. Restoration and Thanksgiving (vv. 38, 43)**

- (v. 38) – Does my thanksgiving to God stay round about me?
  - (v. 43) – Is my thanksgiving to God an example for others to rejoice? Are my sacrifices to the Lord above and beyond or the bare minimum, if at all? – **2 Chronicles 20:27-30**
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**Daily Readings:**

- **Wednesday:** Celebrating God's Blessings – **Deuteronomy 12:2-7**
  - (vv. 2-4) – Do I think I'm too strong in the Lord to not be tempted? Has my own way of worship led to idolatry?
- **Thursday:** Celebrating Freedom from Oppression – **Nahum 1:6-15**
  - (vv. 6-8) – Why do I try to hide from God if I'm supposed to trust in Him?
- **Friday:** Celebrating the Restored Nation – **Jeremiah 30:18-22**
  - (vv. 19-20) – How has my voice of thanksgiving been multiplied? Have I silenced my thanksgiving?
- **Saturday:** Celebrating the Restored Jerusalem – **Isaiah 66:10-14**
  - (vv. 13-14) – Does God's mercy cause me to rejoice and flourish? Does my ignorance of His word cause me to dry up and wither?

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