

**LEADING WITH PRAYER WHEN BAD NEWS COMES, PT. 2**  
**Sermon Outline — Nehemiah 1:5-11**  
**Sermon Series: Nehemiah > Repair, Rebuild & Restore**  
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**Receiving The Bad News About Jerusalem Burdened Nehemiah In 3 Ways**

1. Nehemiah has an overwhelming concern with the aspect of human \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Nehemiah had an irresistible conviction that God alone had the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Nehemiah had an unreserved, compliance in \_\_\_\_\_ for God to \_\_\_\_\_ as part of the remedy.

† Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (ESV).

- The Greek New Testament word translated as “bear” is [βαστάζω; bastazō.] It means “to lighten the load of someone or some thing by taking some of the weight on to yourself.”

**To Get God’s Attention About Bad News, Follow This P.A.T.H.**

1. **P** = \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

† Nehemiah 1:5a, “O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God . . .” (ESV).

† Matthew 6:9, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name . . .” (ESV).

† Psalms 99:1, 5, “The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! . . . <sup>5</sup>Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!” (ESV).

† Hebrews 10:31, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (ESV).

† Isaiah 6:1-4, “In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke” (ESV).

† Revelation 4:6-11, “In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. <sup>7</sup>The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup>Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty— the One who always was, Who is, and Who is still to come. <sup>9</sup>Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the One sitting on the throne (the One Who lives forever and ever), <sup>10</sup>the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the One sitting on the throne (the One who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, <sup>11</sup>“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For You created all things, and they exist because You created what You pleased” (NLT).

† Hebrews 4:16, “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (ESV).

- Here is an assignment for you this week. Read \_\_\_\_\_.
- Prayer is not us \_\_\_\_\_ our will to God but us \_\_\_\_\_ our will to God.

† John 14:13a, Jesus said, “Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (ESV).

- When we say at the end of a prayer, “In Jesus’ name,” we have to remember that our prayer should be one to which the Lord Jesus would not hesitate to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. A = \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

- + *Isaiah 1:5*, *Isaiah said, "Woe is me! . . . for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips" (ESV).*
- + *1 Timothy 1:15b*, *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst" (NIV).*
- + *Nehemiah 1:6*, *"Let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, to hear the prayer of Your servant that I now pray before You day and night for the people of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against You. Even I and my father's house have sinned" (ESV).*
  - Nehemiah acknowledged that he did not belong in a \_\_\_\_\_, but in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God does not forgive "\_\_\_\_\_." God forgives \_\_\_\_\_.
- + *Nehemiah 1:7*, *"We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that You commanded your servant Moses" (ESV).*
  - The people who know how to gain the maximum attention of God are people who know they are sinners and utter no \_\_\_\_\_ in their prayers.
- + *Psalms 51:17*, *The sacrifice God wants is a broken spirit. God, You will not reject a heart that is broken and sorry for sin" (NCV).*
- + *Galatians 6:1*, *Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path" (NLT).*
  - Anytime we blame, we have chosen to "\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_."
- + *1 John 1:9*, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (ESV).*

3. T = \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- + *Nehemiah 1:5*, *"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" (NASB).*
- + *Exodus 3:13-14*, *"Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM" (Yahweh). And He said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you'" (ESV).*
- + *Exodus 20:6*, *" . . . but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments" (NASB).*
- + *Nehemiah 1:8a*, *"Remember the word that You commanded your servant Moses . . ." (ESV).*
- + *Nehemiah 1:8b*, *" . . . If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples . . ."*
- + *Leviticus 26:33*, *"I will scatter you among the nations . . ." (ESV).*
- + *Nehemiah 1:9*, *" . . . but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there" (ESV).*
- + *Deuteronomy 30:2, 4*, *"If return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul . . .<sup>4</sup>If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will take you" (ESV).*
- + *Nehemiah 1:10*, *"They are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand" (ESV).*
- + *Exodus 32:11*, *"But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people, whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?" (ESV).*

4. H = \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

- + *Nehemiah 1:11*, *"O Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who delight to fear Your name, and give success to Your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man" (ESV).*