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Preamble for Today's Lesson

Jeremiah 17:5-6

⁵ Thus says the Lord: Cursed [with great evil] is the strong man who trusts in and relies on frail man, making weak [human] flesh his arm, and whose mind and heart turn aside from the Lord.

⁶ For he shall be like a shrub or a person naked and destitute in the desert; and he shall not see any good come, but shall dwell in the parched places in the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Today's Topic: "Two Perspectives; Inside and Outside Our High Tower"

Jeremiah 17:7-8

⁷ [Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, and relies on the Lord, and whose hope and confidence the Lord is.

⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see and fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious and full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit.

As usual . . . I was sitting in my prayer chair, in the morning, contemplating where the Lord wanted to go with the next Zoom call.

And, in my contemplation . . . the Lord spoke to me, giving me a very clear mental picture, of what I believe, are the days ahead, from two viewpoints. But, before the Lord gave me this brief illustration of the days ahead, He focused me on a cup barer by the name of Nehemiah and a few of the very

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specific steps taken by him as he undertook the restoration of Jerusalem . . . this was given to me as a reference point.

So, with that said, let me begin by saying I was shown two perspectives, for the days ahead – one inside our High Tower and one outside our High Tower. And because this topic is lengthy in its explanation, I am going to break this message into two parts – Today, I will cover the perspective inside our High Tower, and next month, I will cover the second part, outside our High Tower.

For This Meeting; The perspective from inside our High Tower

Let's break that down.

The High Tower is our shelter, the High Tower is our Lord God, we are to remain in Him, safe and sound.

As we remain in the High Tower, under the protection of our Heavenly Father's out-stretched arms, we need not worry about what goes on outside, that is, the storm that is brewing, because we are not affected. We will probably witness it, but just as Psalm 91:7 states; ***"a thousand may fall on your right side, and ten thousand on your right hand, but it shall not come near you"*** we will not be affected by those storms.

But while that is certainly true, that is not the part that I wanted to share with you today, it is really what that the Lord revealed to me, out of the book of Nehemiah.

And to help frame this message better, there is a specific Scripture that comes to mind; Psalm 24:7 – ***"Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, you age-abiding doors, that the King of Glory may come in."***

We are the gates, the age-abiding doors.

Interestingly, this is a very similar message (and topic) that Holly covered earlier in her message, this month . . . whereby she specifically spoke about the seeds that have been placed inside each of us (age-abiding doors) – ready to

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sprout and bloom. It appears that this is something the Lord wants us to fully understand.

So, back to the Book of Nehemiah and the lessons found therein . . .

When a specific word is spoken to us about our destiny, it is common for both of our ancient and current scripts (that run in the background of our mind) to speak up and have a say in that direction . . . oftentimes those mind voices can go something like this:

- I'm not adequately trained or educated, I can't do that.
- I don't have the necessary experience required to do that.
- There are plenty of people more qualified than me.
- Besides that, I don't have any resources to move in that direction.
- Where would I ever begin?

Those are just a few of the things that pop up in our minds, that begin to derail how the Lord had designed us for our service, in His Kingdom.

Psalm 139:16 – “Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in your Book all the days of my life were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there were none of them.”

What if we were designed to do more than simply persevere, what if we were created to “co-produce” in collaboration with the Lord . . . and the only requirements for that to really happen are, to have an open mind regarding our use, and a willing heart that is prepared to learn and be taught.

And what if we are now coming into a time where co-producers will be required for the continuing existence of a functioning society?

Proverbs 12:14 – “From the fruit of his words a man shall be satisfied with good, and the work of a man's hands shall come back to him [as a harvest]”

I am seeing this now as two separate dynamics coming to play . . . the building storm outside of our high tower, and the internal incubation of the thing in us, that God wants fully developed.

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Now, while we may not be able to see the full picture, specifically on how everything unfolds – we can have certainty in the fact that “Our Production Is Needed” and is part of the unfolding Kingdom Expansion.

Let’s look at Nehemiah and see what take-aways there may be for our own life.

We all know that Nehemiah was called to, and did reconstruct the broken-down wall around Jerusalem . . . but there are details in that story worth revisiting as we now draw parallels into our own life.

Let’s begin.

Nehemiah 1:1-4

The words or story of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah: Now in the month of Chislev in the twentieth year [of the Persian king], as I was in the castle of Shushan,

² Hanani, one of my kinsmen, came with certain men from Judah, and I asked them about the surviving Jews who had escaped exile, and about Jerusalem.

³ And they said to me, the remnant there in the province who escaped exile are in great trouble and reproach; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its [fortified] gates are destroyed by fire.

⁴ When I heard this, I sat down and wept and mourned for days and fasted and prayed [constantly] before the God of heaven.

What event, for humanity, have you (we) been called into? What have we been created for? And know this; it may begin with a very small idea . . . ***Zechariah 4:10 – “Who (with reason) despises the day of small things? For these seven shall rejoice when they see the plummet in the hands of Zerubbabel. (These seven) are the eyes of the Lord which run to and fro throughout the whole earth.”***

Let’s ask ourselves . . . what am I concerned with, or put another way; what is on my heart when I am not paying attention to the noise of life? That really is

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the deep-down question of the soul. Let that question land, so that you can pray into that for further alignment, specifically for the thing that you were probably created for.

Nehemiah 1:5-11

⁵ And I said, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, Who keeps covenant, loving-kindness, and mercy for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

⁶ Let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to listen to the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You day and night for the Israelites, Your servants, confessing the sins of the Israelites which we have sinned against You. Yes, I and my father's house have sinned.

⁷ We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, statutes, and ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.

⁸ Remember [earnestly] what You commanded Your servant Moses: If you transgress and are unfaithful, I will scatter you abroad among the nations;

⁹ But if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though your outcasts were in the farthest part of the heavens [the expanse of outer space], yet will I gather them from there and will bring them to the place in which I have chosen to set My ^[a]Name.

¹⁰ Now these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.

¹¹ O Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere and fear Your name (Your nature and attributes); and prosper, I pray You, Your servant this day and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was cupbearer to the king.

From the time of this prayer, to the time when Nehemiah came before the king, when the king asked him in effect; “why are you so sad?” – it was actually 3 to 4 months.

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How often have we prayed for something very heavy on our heart, and then only to watch time pass by . . . thinking God did not hear our prayer, or was simply indifferent to our plea?

Nehemiah 2:4

⁴The king said to me, For what do you ask? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

When opportunity knocks, is our first tendency to look to the Lord for the next step in direction? If we can learn to first listen to what the Lord puts on our heart, and then steward that well, when the time comes to move on to the next step, we will naturally go back to the Lord seeking His wisdom for our situation.

Nehemiah 2:5-8

⁵And I said to [him], If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you will send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' sepulchers, that I may rebuild it.

Let's remember, Nehemiah was a cup bearer to the king . . . as nearly as we can tell, he did not have a degree in building construction or an understanding of how a municipality is supposed to operate.

He was not the person you would pick for this task based on worldly qualifications and experience – yet it was he who the Lord picked for this task.

⁶The king, beside whom the queen was sitting, asked me, How long will your journey take, and when will you return? So it pleased [him] to send me; and I set him a time.

⁷Also I said to the king, If it pleases the king, let letters be given me for the governors beyond the [Euphrates] River, that they may let me pass through to Judah,

⁸And a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest or park, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple and for the city wall and for the house that I shall occupy. And the king granted what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

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That did not mean, for even one moment, that Nehemiah was going to proceed without opposition – understand this; mighty works of the Lord are usually met with opposition. And, if you want to look at it another way; if friction, tension, or opposition are not coming against you, you might not be over the target that you thought you were – often times opposition can mean you are headed in the right direction, especially if the plan the Lord gave you is fully financially resourced!

Nehemiah 2:11-20

¹¹ So I came to Jerusalem and had been there three days.

¹² Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. And I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. No beast was with me except the one I rode.

¹³ I went out by night by the Valley Gate toward the Dragon's Well and to the Dung Gate and inspected the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire.

¹⁴ I passed over to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.

¹⁵ So [gradually] I went up by the brook [Kidron] in the night and inspected the wall; then I turned back and entered [the city] by the Valley Gate, and so returned.

¹⁶ And the magistrates knew not where I went or what I did; nor had I yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the rest who did the work.

¹⁷ Then I said to them, You see the bad situation we are in—how Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates are burned with fire. Come, let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a disgrace.

¹⁸ Then I told them of the hand of my God which was upon me for good, and also the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up and build! So they strengthened their hands for the good work.

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¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed us to scorn and despised us and said, What is this thing you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?

²⁰ I answered them, The God of heaven will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or memorial in Jerusalem.

The point of beginning were the destroyed gates . . .

Nehemiah 3:1

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set up its doors; they consecrated it even to the Tower of Hammeah or the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel.

Construction of the wall . . .

The gates were destroyed, and much of the wall was in rubble on the ground.

2.4 miles of wall, 23 feet thick at the base, and about 18 feet tall, narrowing to about 9 feet wide at the top, was constructed in 52 days!

Might our own endeavor (that the Lord has put on our heart) now begin with a key focal point . . . the thing that needs to go in place first . . . so that everything else in the plan can then work to it?

There will be an orderly process that then ensures, because the Lord is the Architect of it all.

Nehemiah rose to prominence and became the governor of that land, being in place solving first structural problems, but then later societal problems, all for the benefit of the Jewish people, based on what the Lord put on Nehemiah's heart – **why would the Lord not now do the same with you, for something in the Kingdom of God that is crying out for repair?**

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Why not?

It is my sense, that in the days ahead, that if we choose, we will not be sequestered from society, quite the opposite . . . we will be integrated into it, operating freely without hinderance as we perform God's will here on planet earth. It is also my sense that the coming societal needs will be so great, for the thing that God is calling you into now to Co-Produce with Him, that mass acceptance will follow.

As we are incubated in the Wisdom and Knowledge of God inside the High Tower, we will become more and more equipped to respond (very effectively) to what we will soon witness, taking place outside of the High Tower.

I also sense that this concept may be hard for some people to grasp, and the first few steps of getting started, may be the most challenging . . . consequently, there was an idea that came to me . . . and I will use the term that I heard in my spirit; **"Launch Labs"** where people are intentionally set-up for success in this arena.

More on that concept later.

Does all this make sense?

And if so, do you feel that you are personally called to engage in this . . . by signing up for the next step in this process?

Before you fully commit . . . let's be aware of what may soon be taking place outside of our High Tower.

That we will cover in next month's Zoom call.

For now . . . I would invite you to have a prayerful discussion with the Lord about what He placed inside of you, for such a time as this.

I sense that we can be part of a very grand plan, if we choose . . . it is an invitation, from the Lord, that is coming soon . . . because God's plan, for humanity, marches on.

In Jesus Mighty, Mighty Name, Amen.