

Lesson 26
The Reforms and Requests of Nehemiah
(Nehemiah 13:1-31)

Questions

1. What was read in book of Moses and what reform was made (13:1-3)?

2. What reform did Nehemiah make concerning Tobiah (13:4-9)?

3. What reform did Nehemiah make concerning the tithes for the Levites (13:10-13)?

4. What request did Nehemiah have for God in Nehemiah 13:14?

5. What reform did Nehemiah make concerning the Sabbath day (13:15-22)?

6. What request did Nehemiah have for God in Nehemiah 13:22?

7. What reform did Nehemiah make concerning mixed marriages (13:23-27)?

8. What did reform did Nehemiah make concerning the priesthood (13:28-29)?

9. What request did Nehemiah have for God in Nehemiah 13:29?

10. What final reforms of Nehemiah are mentioned in Nehemiah 13:30-31?

11. What request did Nehemiah have for God in Nehemiah 13:31?

Digging Deeper

1. What day is referenced in Nehemiah 13:1 (see 12:27-47)?

2. What OT laws are being referenced in Nehemiah 13:1, 10, 15, and 25?

3. What other time in Israel's history was there a "mixed multitude" among the Israelites (13:3)?

4. What is the approximate date for the 32nd year of Artaxerxes (13:6)?

5. Where earlier in the book of Nehemiah did the people say that they would not forsake the house of the Lord (13:11)?

6. Where in the OT are we told that Israel and Jerusalem were punished for not honoring the Sabbath day (13:18)?

7. Where in the OT are we told about Solomon being led astray by his wives (13:26)? How many years before did Ezra deal with the problem of mixed marriages among God's people (13:23-27; see Ezra 9-10)?

8. When did Malachi prophesy and what problems did he address that are similar to the ones mentioned in Nehemiah 13? Where in the book of Malachi are the problems of tithing (Neh. 13:10-14) and mixed marriages (Neh. 13:23-27) addressed?

Applications for Today

1. Hearing and doing God's law is what is important (13:1-3; Jas. 1:22-25).
2. Do not have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (13:4-9; Eph. 5:11).
3. Get personally involved in restoring God's people to what is right (13:8; [note the many "I"s in this chapter]; Gal. 6:1).
4. Do not neglect to give your offering (13:10-13; Mal. 3:8-13; 2 Cor. 9:6-7).
5. Faithful (trustworthy) men and women are needed today to do the Lord's work (13:13; 2 Chron. 34:12; 2 Tim. 2:2)
6. God will remember the good works of his faithful people (13:14; Heb. 6:10).
7. Let your requests be made known to God (13:14, 22, 29, 31; Phil. 4:6).
8. Don't repeat the same sins of the past (13:18; Prov. 26:11).
9. You can be a great person, but still be made to sin because of the evil influences that you choose to be around (13:26; 1 Cor. 15:33).
10. Marrying a non-Christian is authorized by New Testament law, but not wise (13:23-27; 1 Cor. 7:12-16).
11. It takes great courage and concern like Nehemiah to make necessary reforms among God's people (13:6-31; 1 Cor. 16:13; Phil. 1:27-28; 2 Tim. 1:7).