

# True Obedience

## Nehemiah 10:28-39

### Introduction

#### True Obedience follows true Repentance

In Nehemiah 9, we see an example of people coming to true repentance and in chapter 10, we see the people putting their repentance into action by obeying God.

Repentance is only effective if it is followed by obedience to the words of Jesus.

- **Joshua 1:7** *Only be thou strong and very courageous that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is in the law which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.*
- **Joshua 23:6** *Be thou strong and very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the Law of Moses, that you turn not aside therefore to the right hand or to the left.*
- **1 Kings 2:2-3** *I go the way of all the earth be thou strong therefore and show thyself a man and keep the charge of the Lord thy God and walk in his ways to keep his statutes and his commandments and his judgements and his testimonies as it is written in the law of Moses that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest and withersoever thou turnest thyself.*
- **Luke 6:46** *And why call ye me Lord Lord and do not the things that I say.*
- **James 1:22** *But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving your own selves.*

J Vernon McGee - The student vs. the one that audits a class

Read quote: The bible is a book that commands.

Nehemiah 1-9 God brings to a place of worship, repentance and obedience.

#### Verses 28-29 Obeying God is restored to God's People

1. All the families
2. Separated themselves to make and oath
3. Curse is translated a sworn oath
4. They now had the knowledge
5. They now had the understanding
6. They desired to walk in the law
7. They sought to observe it
8. They sought to do all it said

9. All judgements and statutes
10. Statutes = acts or law rendered by a sovereign power
11. Judgement = results based on written statutes

### **Verses 30 Obeying God Effects our Home and Family**

1. They would not allow marriage of their children to unbelievers
2. Obeying the law will affect the whole family
3. Hypocrisy leaves a family that truly obeys the Bible
4. This is pivotal to raising up strong Godly children
5. They must see the Bible effect how you live at home

### **Verses 31-33 Obeying God Effects our Schedules of Worship**

1. Sabbaths
2. Years of Jubilee were restored
3. Exodus 23:10-11/ Deuteronomy 15:1-6
4. Let the ground rest each seventh year
5. 490 years they neglected this law
6. They were in captivity 70 years
7. Israel's ground laid neglected 70 years
8. God got the Sabbath years back
9. Now they were restored and they agreed to return to obeying God with Jubilee years
10. Worship effects our schedules but our schedules don't affect our worship

### **Verses 34-39 Obeying God Effects All Our Possessions**

1. First fruits of the ground
2. First fruits of livestock
3. First fruits of children
4. The call of Jesus is for all we have
5. When the law required only the first Grace of Jesus requires all of what we have
6. All went to the function and provision of the temple
7. For the sake of the house of our God Verse 39

## **Conclusion**

1. If repentance is real then the Bible will be obeyed.
2. When the Bible is obeyed, it will effect everything in our lives.
3. WE obey for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

## **Challenge**

1. Is the Bible only a book you know?
2. Is the Bible a book you obey?
3. If not start today.
4. We obey for the cause of the Kingdom of God.

## **Nehemiah Takeaways:**

1. Nehemiah's call was not just about rebuilding walls but about restoring a people to true obedience and worship again. They had come full circle back to where God wanted them.
2. Your call is not just about doing church work but restoring people back to true worship to their Creator and Savior (Jesus Christ).
3. Nehemiah is a type of Christ.
4. They both rebuild something that was lost to bring God people to the feet of Jesus to worship forever.