

# The Book of NEHEMIAH

**I** grieved my heart to hear it!  
**I fasted and I wept.**  
**I am cut up for it is broken;**  
**The wall of Jerusalem!**  
**I knew He said He would gather us,**  
**If unto Him we would come,**  
**So I lifted my prayer up**  
**And I knew I would be the one.**

## NEHEMIAH 1

<sup>1</sup>The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah:  
 I was in Shushan the palace;  
 it was in the twentieth year,  
 in the month of Chislev,  
<sup>2</sup>that Hanani, one of my brethren came to me  
 here;

he and certain men of Judah.  
 I asked of Jerusalem and the Jews,  
 those who escaped, who survived captivity;  
*and I was cut through at the news.*

<sup>3</sup>They said, "The Jews who are left are in great  
 affliction and reproach.

The wall of Jerusalem is broken down,  
 and the gates were burnt with fire."

<sup>4</sup>When I heard this, I sat down on the ground,  
 and for many days I wept and mourned,  
 and I fasted and prayed before the God of  
 heaven.

<sup>5</sup>I said, "Lord God of heaven, O great and  
 awesome God;  
 the God who keeps covenants and is merciful  
 to those who love You and keep Your com-  
 mand,

<sup>6</sup>let Your ear now be attentive  
 and Your eyes, Lord, be open,  
 to hear the prayer of Your servant  
 which I pray before You now, day and night,  
 for the people of Israel, Your servants,  
 and confess the sins of the children of Israel,  
 which we have sinned against You.  
 My father's house and I have sinned.

<sup>7</sup>"We have behaved corruptly against You,  
 and we have not kept Your statutes, Your  
 laws,  
 nor Your ordinances which You commanded  
 Your servant Moses.

<sup>8</sup>"Please remember the word You commanded  
 Moses, saying,

"If you transgress, I will scatter you among the  
 nations,

<sup>9</sup>but if you turn again, and keep My com-  
 mandments and perform them,  
 although some of you were cast to the farthest  
 part of the heavens,  
 I will gather you from there and bring you to

the place I have chosen,  
 where My name will not be erased.'

<sup>10</sup>"These are Your servants and Your people  
 whom You have redeemed by Your strength  
 and by Your great power.

<sup>11</sup>"Lord, please hear the prayer of Your ser-  
 vant, and of all your servants who desire to  
 fear Your name;

let Your servant prosper this day,  
 and grant me mercy in this man's sight."

*<sup>12</sup>I knew there was a purpose for me here.*

*As I prayed to the Lord, a burden filled my heart;*  
 I was the king's cupbearer.

*I knew I was chosen and positioned by the Lord.*  
*Would you pray for your nation?*

*Yes, you would pray to God for help!*

*But tell me will you do this:*

*will you avail yourself?*

## CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Kingdom mindset recognizes and responds to crisis in the midst of personal comfort.
2. A kingdom citizen thinks kingdom. Things personal give way to things kingdom. The heart is always set on the heart of the King and on the state of the kingdom and its citizens.
3. The unsettling spiritual state of your nation must unsettle you and move you to mourning, fasting and intercession. Keep the tears flowing until something moves, or until you are moved to do something.
4. A good prayer of intercession includes: fasting and mourning; persistence until breakthrough – many days if necessary; confession of your sins and the sins of your nation; an understanding and acknowledgment of how you regressed to the place you are; claiming the promises of God concerning the situation; and making yourself available to be the answer to your prayer.
5. Be ready to be a person of intercession and an instrument of intervention.
6. Your placement may be divine positioning for your purpose.
7. The access you have may be the opening God needs to create the impact you desire.
8. You are positioned for purpose, there is always a time called 'such a time as this' in the kingdom. The Father is working things strategically, are you working (with Him)?
9. You are not just sweetly employed or engaged, you are strategically positioned by your King.
10. Never allow fear to deter you from being a witness; never allow personal safety to drive you from pulling people to eternal safety, and from your kingdom impact.

## PRAYER POINTS

- What can we say Lord; we are mummified with grief at the extremities that have overtaken our nation and is permeating the church.

- Let the spirit of urgency for the advancement of the kingdom of God fall upon believers and the church now, in light of the impending return of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Father God, sweep over the church with a spirit of tenderness for the things of God. Let the Holy Spirit transfer Your heart to believers for the things and the state of the kingdom, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- By the Spirit of the living God within me, I refuse to be a part of the problem, or of the crowd who can identify problems but do nothing about it. Amen.
- Father, I will go; I will work in Your field; I register for Your response team; I am available to be an answer to kingdom needs, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.
- All knowing God, activate my relationships, my position, and my placement for kingdom use, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**TO be sad in the king's presence,  
This was not to be.**

**I had never done this before,**

**But sorrow was upon me.**

**I prayed to God for favor;**

**Favor was what I had.**

**In spite of Sanballat and Tobiah,**

**I was no longer sad;**

**Apprehensive, yes, but no, no longer sad.**

#### NEHEMIAH 2

<sup>1</sup>It was in the reign of Artaxerxes;  
it was his twentieth year;  
it was in the month of Nisan.  
I took wine and gave to the king there.  
To be sad in the king's presence, this was not to be,  
but never before was this *heart-aching* sadness upon me.

<sup>2</sup>Indeed, it was noticed, for the king said to me,

"What is the reason for this sadness, since you are not sick? Answer me.

This is nothing but pure heart's sorrow!"

So I became extremely afraid.

<sup>3</sup>As I returned the king an answer,

I asked the Lord for help.

"Let the king live forever! Why should I not be sad,

when the city where my fathers' tombs are lies in waste and the gates are burnt with fire?"

<sup>4</sup>Then the king said to me, "What is your request?"

It is good I was prepared;

as I revealed my heart's fervor, I whispered a silent prayer.

<sup>5</sup>I said, "O king, if it should please you, and I have found favor in your sight,

please send me, even me, to Judah where my fathers' sepulchers lie;

send me that I may rebuild it."

*@I did not know just where I would start.*

*All I know is God had placed it,*

*this burning passion, in my heart.*

<sup>6</sup>The queen was there beside him

when the king replied and said,

"How long will your journey be?  
When will you return if I should send?"

So it pleased the king to send me; and I gave to him a time.

<sup>7</sup>But I had one more desire, so I approached him one more time.

"If it pleases you, give me letters to the governors who are in charge from the River and beyond,

that they may allow me to pass through safely, until to Judah I have come,

<sup>8</sup>and a letter to Asaph who keeps the forest of the king,

that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel of the temple, for the city walls, and for my house."

I knew what I would be needing, right there from the start.

God's good hand was upon me and His wisdom in my heart,

therefore the king granted my request.

<sup>9</sup>So I came to the governors who were beyond the River, and I gave them the king's letters.

And the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

<sup>10</sup>When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah, an Ammonite official, heard it, they were very distressed and grieved that someone had come to seek the well-being of the people of Israel.

<sup>11</sup>So I came to Jerusalem, and was there for three entire days.

<sup>12</sup>Then I rose up in the night, with a few men with me.

I told no man of my mission, what God had placed in this heart of mine; and I had no animal with me, except the animal I rode that night.

<sup>13</sup>I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Dragon Well and the Refuse Port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, broken down and its gates consumed by fire.

<sup>14</sup>Then I went to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool,

but my animal could not pass for there was no room.

<sup>15</sup>So I went up in the night by the valley and viewed the damage of the wall,

then I entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned with my work cut out.

<sup>16</sup>The rulers did not know where I went, and what I had done;

for I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the rulers, or the others who did the work.

<sup>17</sup>Then I said to them,

"You see this distress we are in, Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire.

Come, let us rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach."

<sup>18</sup>And I told of the hand of God which has favored me,

and the words of the king which he had spoken to me.

When they heard it they said, “Come, let us arise and build.”  
 So their hands were strengthened to perform this good work willingly.  
**19**But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arab heard it, they laughed us to scorn and despised us, and said,  
 “What is this thing you are doing? Do you rebel against the king?”  
**20**So I answered them saying, “The God of heaven Himself will prosper us, therefore we His servants will build; but you have no portion, or rights, or heritage in Jerusalem.”

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Create the environment that maximizes your efficiency and effectiveness: select the décor, company, effects, music whatever motivates you.*
2. *You may be a processing and recycling plant, but refuse to become a dump heap for the garbage others carry; it will cause your environment to carry a foul stench.*
3. *Positive attitude and energy pushes progress; emotionality is not productive in the work place.*
4. *There is a place for issues and emotions; you cannot torture others with what tortures you. If you penalize your job because of personal issues, what do you say to your pay check?*
5. *Under pressure, under God.’ Always pray first before you respond. Commit it to God before committing it to man.*
6. *Always be prepared with a clear and definite solution to the problem you articulate to man. The clearer the demand the more precise the response; the more detailed the request the greater the satisfaction.*
7. *When presented with an opportunity, never be so caught up with the problem that you cannot state what you want. Never let emotionality block your rationality. Never let your grief repel your opportunity.*
8. *Interest and excitement generated can easily become disillusionment if your vision is not properly articulated.*
9. *Ask and you will receive; God knows what you need, but do you?*
10. *There will always be someone angry at your progress; there will always be opposition to your breakthrough. They will mock you to dishearten you, and it will get more serious when they see you are serious.*
11. *Personally assess the situation to articulate it. Know where you are going before you solicit followers. Show what God is doing to motivate followers. The God who started the good work is faithful to follow through to completion.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- By the Spirit of the living God in me, I will preserve my environment; I refuse to allow anything to corrupt my heart, spirit, mind, soul or my relationship with You Father. Amen.
- My mind is renewed in the word of God, and fixed on things that are pure, just, honest, positive and praise-worthy, in the name of Jesus.
- King of the hearts of men, I thank You for access to the audience of people of influence and sub-

stance; help me to represent You well, in the name of Jesus.

- Father I ask of You great things, break through barriers of standards, culture and norm, to favor my life and advance Your work through me. Amen.
- Let every person who is angry because of Your favor on my life, be fed with greater misery as Your favor increases. Amen.
- Let every spirit disturbed because of the advancement of the church, be swallowed by their own misery, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**JERUSALEM was buzzing; the wall was being repaired. The work was proceeding; each man had his share. You would love to have been there, loved to have played a part, But most of all to see it, a building of the hearts.**

NEHEMIAH 3

**1**The work was proceeding; every man found a place:  
 Eliashib the high priest and his brethren the priests rose up and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and set the doors in place. They built to the Tower of Meah, and consecrated it, then on to the Tower of Hananeel, and consecrated it.  
**2**Next to Eliashib the men of Jericho built; and Zaccur the son of Imri built next to them.  
**3**The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate and also laid the beams and fastened the doors with its locks and bars.  
**4**Next to them Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz repaired.  
 Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired beside them. Zadok the son of Baana worked beside them there.  
**5**The Tekoites worked next to them, but their nobles did not participate in the work of the Lord.  
**6**And Jehoiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate;  
 together they laid the beams and set up the doors, the locks and bars.  
**7**Next, Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Merothite, the men of Gibeon and Mizpah, repaired the residence of the governor of this side of the River.  
**8**Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, a goldsmith, and beside him Hananiah, a perfumer, repaired;  
 they fortified Jerusalem all the way to the Broad Wall.  
**9**Rephaiah the son of Hur repaired next to them, he was ruler of half of Jerusalem.  
**10**Beside them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired in front of his house, and Hattush the son of Hashabniah repaired next to him.  
**11**Malchijah the son of Harim and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab repaired another piece, along with the Tower of the Furnaces;

<sup>12</sup>next Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the other ruler of half of Jerusalem, with his daughters repaired.

<sup>13</sup>Hanum and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate.

They built it and set up the doors, locks and bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the Refuse Gate.

<sup>14</sup>Malchijah the son of Rechab leader of Beth-haccerem repaired the Refuse Gate, and set up the doors with the locks and bars.

<sup>15</sup>Shallum the son of Col-hozeh leader of Mizpah repaired the Fountain Gate.

He built it and covered it, set up the doors with its locks and bars, and he repaired the wall of the Pool of Shelah by the King's Garden, extending to the stairs going down from the city of David.

<sup>16</sup>After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk who ruled half of Beth-zur repaired.

He repaired as far as the sepulchres of David, to the pool that was made, and to the House of the Mighty.

<sup>17</sup>The Levites repaired after him, under Rehum the son of Bani.

Hashabiah leader of half of Keilah repaired for his district.

<sup>18</sup>Their brethren under Bavai son of Henadad, ruler of half of Keilah repaired after him.

<sup>19</sup>Ezer the son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired in front of the Ascent to the Armory at the buttress.

<sup>20</sup>Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired the other section, from the door to the house of Eliashib the high priest.

<sup>21</sup>And Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, repaired another section next, from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.

<sup>22</sup>After him, the priests, the men of the plain, repaired.

<sup>23</sup>Next Benjamin and Hashub repaired opposite their house;

next Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah repaired close to his house.

<sup>24</sup>Next to him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress, as far as the corner.

<sup>25</sup>Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the buttress, and on the tower which extends from the king's upper house by the court of the prison.

Pedaiah the son of Parosh repaired after him.

<sup>26</sup>And the Nethinim who lived in Ophel repaired as far as the place before the Water Gate to the east and on the tower projecting.

<sup>27</sup>The Tekoites repaired another section next to the great projecting tower, and as far as the wall of Ophel.

<sup>28</sup>The priests repaired beyond the Horse Gate, each in front of his own house.

<sup>29</sup>Then Zadok the son of Immer repaired in front of his own house.

Next to him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah,

who kept the East Gate, made repairs.

<sup>30</sup>After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section.

Next to him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired in front of his own house.

<sup>31</sup>Next to him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, in front of the Inspection Gate as far as the upper room at the corner.

<sup>32</sup>The goldsmiths and the merchants repaired between the upper room at the corner, as far as the Sheep Gate;

*for everybody knew this was a building of the heart.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *There is a place for every person in kingdom building, find your place and function.*
2. *Hand joined in hand repairs the breach and builds the wall; hand joined in hand advances the kingdom.*
3. *There is no person too high to lift a stone when it comes to kingdom building. A true leader depicts the heart of a servant.*
4. *Build to attain your position; you cannot minister in your office of the priest if the office is not first restored.*
5. *It takes a collaborative effort to remove shame from the face of the church; it is a shame to serve the same Lord and have similar goals, but yet we cannot collaborate or co-operate.*
6. *Everyone together, motivated together, working together; accomplishes greater, rewarded together, for the kingdom is for everyone.*
7. *Know your place, function in your place, fulfil your assignment, but see the bigger picture; the kingdom is advancing.*
8. *Small efforts in individual corners when combined is a glorious irresistible work. Can you imagine all the efforts coming together in glory?*
9. *Your small task is important; if you are negligent or delinquent it puts more strain on the workers.*
10. *The small group in your workplace, community, and family, is your assignment; it extends the work of the church and represents a functional body.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I thank You that I have an important assignment in the building of Your kingdom on earth. Amen.
- By the power of the Holy Ghost, I shall be diligent to fulfil my assignment in the name of Jesus.
- My Father, my God, let every denominated and divided thing in the body of Christ, come together as one for the effectiveness of the body. Amen. Jesus, I pray that the church will be one in mind, spirit, speech and action, as You and the Father are one. Amen.
- Let the spirit of laziness and complacency depart from the Body of Christ now by fire; let the people of the living God rise up and play their part with diligence in the building of the kingdom.
- Let the spirit of urgency at the second coming of our Lord, fall upon the church now, in the name of Jesus. Let the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ cause the church to wake up to the urgency of the kingdom. Amen.

- Lord Jesus, I call every member of the church to be positioned and actively doing what they want to be found doing when You return. Amen.

**WHAT man should ever be angry  
To see the work of God get done?  
What man should be sleepless  
Because of the race that you now run?  
When they are grieved to see you prosper,  
And try to block your every turn,  
Be watchful and be ready,  
But do not stop; just keep right on.  
Be wise as a serpent,  
But as a dove present no harm;  
You will see them losing comfort  
When they notice you are armed.**

NEHEMIAH 4

<sup>1</sup>When Sanballat heard we were building the wall, he was extremely angry and indignant, and he mocked us and tried to block our path.  
<sup>2</sup>He spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish it in one day? Will they revive the burnt stones from the rubbish heaps remaining?"  
<sup>3</sup>And the Ammonite, Tobiah, was with him, and he said, "Even if a small fox should go up on it, it will break down their stone wall."  
<sup>4</sup>"Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as captives into captivity."  
<sup>5</sup>Do not cover the wickedness of their hands, nor let their sins be blotted out from before You; for they have provoked You to anger before the builders."  
<sup>6</sup>So we built the wall, and the full length of the wall was joined together to half its height. *None can stop the building, of a people with made-up minds.*  
<sup>7</sup>When Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard of our progress, that the walls of Jerusalem were being built and the gaps were being closed, they became very angry,  
<sup>8</sup>and together they conspired to attack Jerusalem and create chaos.  
<sup>9</sup>But we prayed to our God and because of this we set a guard in place. We were watchful and ready both night and day!  
<sup>10</sup>And Judah said, "The strength of our builders is growing weak, and there is so much rubbish we are not able to build."  
<sup>11</sup>While our adversaries secretly said this, "They shall not know anything, they shall not see,

until we come up on them stealthily and we kill them and cause their work to cease."  
<sup>12</sup>Then the Jews who lived nearby came and told us ten times what they planned, saying, "Any place you go or turn, men shall come for you fully armed."  
<sup>13</sup>Our focus was on building, *but like dogs we were alert;*  
I positioned men behind the lower parts of the walls, at the openings they were set. I positioned them according to their families, with spears and bows and swords.  
<sup>14</sup>Then I rose up and spoke to the leaders and the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Place your eyes on the great and awesome God whom we serve, and fight for your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."  
<sup>15</sup>And when our enemy heard that we knew it, and that God brought their wicked plot to nothing, all of us returned to the wall, each to his work.  
<sup>16</sup>But from that day we used wisdom; half of my servants worked on the wall, while the other half held spears, shields, bows, and wore armor; and the leaders were behind all the people of Judah.  
<sup>17</sup>Those who built on the wall and those who carried burdens, armed themselves, so with one hand they worked and with the other they held a weapon.  
<sup>18</sup>Each of the builders had a sword girded to his side as he built. And right beside me was the one who sounded the trumpet.  
<sup>19</sup>Then I said to the nobles, the rulers and the rest of the people working on the wall, "The work is great and extensive and we are separated and far apart."  
<sup>20</sup>When you hear the trumpet sound, come to us here, for God shall fight for us all."  
<sup>21</sup>So we labored in the work, and half of the men held the spears from daybreak until we could see the night stars.  
<sup>22</sup>At that time, I said to the people, "Let every man and his servant stay in Jerusalem at night, that you may be a guard to us by night, and labor with us when the sun arises."  
<sup>23</sup>So neither I, my brethren, my servants, nor the appointed guard who followed me took off our clothes, except to wash them.  
*@For the enemy is lurking, but the work must go on;  
they will visibly lose composure when they see you dressed and armed!*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Ridicule is a demonic tool to break the spirit; praise is an angelic tool to break the backbone of ridicule.*
2. *They send out useless words to man, send up powerful words to God; they will become the subjects of their own ridicule.*

3. *Ridicule is demonic foreplay for wickedness; nothing is beyond their evil hearts; they will keep pushing until they fall.*
4. *There will always be opposition to every work of God and every effort to build the kingdom; the devil is just doing his job, keep doing yours.*
5. *Expose the dark plans of your antagonists to extinguish their fire; their works are works of darkness.*
6. *Be wise as serpents; arm yourself for response but keep your hands working; the devil is happy to distract you if he cannot stop you.*
7. *A call to the kingdom is a call to arms; clothe yourself with the full armor for kingdom progress. Your motive, your covering, your integrity, and your defence are as important as your offence.*
8. *The enemy seeks to get you from the back by surprise; when they see you watchful they will back away.*
9. *Watchful Christians weaken the enemy and block his approaches.*
10. *When you watch actively building the kingdom and reaching the lost, and watch prayerfully and hungrily in the word of God, then the enemy will watch you in amazement, unable to come close.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Let the fire of the Holy Spirit remove the sting of ridicule and every attempt to break the spirit of the righteous, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, expose the hidden plans of darkness and render them powerless against the body of Christ, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every Sanballat and Tobiah opposing the work of the kingdom of God receive the judgment fire of God, in the name of Jesus. Give to them the punishment of Saul, hard labor for the King, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- I pray for a spirit of proactive productive watchfulness to fall upon the body of Christ, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the church be clothed with an 'armor protected', battle-ready mindset at all times, knowing that the devil takes no break. Amen.
- I shall thrive in the place of serpents and scorpions, in the name of Jesus. They shall be my floor mat, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

**CAN you say, "Lord, think on me; See all the good that I have done"? Or will some things speak out against you; or perhaps, maybe, just one? Do not let Him think on your evil; restore and make it right. Give Him good things to think on before high day turns to night.**

### NEHEMIAH 5

*Can you say, "Lord think on me?" Will He hear your brother's cry?*

<sup>1</sup> There was a great cry against the Jews, by the people and their wives.

<sup>2</sup> For some said, "We, our sons, and our daughters are many; therefore we need grain, that we may eat and live."

<sup>3</sup> And others said, "We have mortgaged lands, vineyards and houses, that we may buy food

because of the famine."

<sup>4</sup> And some said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax against our vineyards and our lands.

<sup>5</sup> "Our flesh is just as the flesh of our brethren, our children is as their children; yet we are forcing our sons and daughters to be slaves, and we are not able to redeem them, for our lands and vineyards are held by other men."

I became very angry when I heard these words.

And I knew it did not please the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> I then consulted with myself; I knew I would have to make a stand;

<sup>7</sup> I rebuked the nobles and the rulers; it was open confrontation.

I said to them, "You exact interest from your brothers."

So I called a great assembly against them.

<sup>8</sup> And I said to them, "We have redeemed the Jews, our brethren, who were sold to the nations.

Now, will you sell your brethren? Shall they now be sold to us?"

And they could find no answer; they were convicted and could not respond.

*Then I softened and entreated,*

<sup>9</sup> "What you are doing is not good.

You ought to walk in fear of our God, because of the reproach of our enemies, the nations.

<sup>10</sup> I too with my brethren and my servants, can exact grain, money and a price; let us stop this interest lending; this brethren is not wise.

<sup>11</sup> "Cannot let God think on this evil, restore and make it right;

*give Him good things to think on before high day turns to night.*

Restore to them their lands, vineyards, olive groves, and their houses;

also one percent of the money, the grain, the new wine and the oil you have charged them."

<sup>12</sup> They answered, "We will restore it all, and we will require nothing from them; we will do as you instruct us."

So I called the priests then, and required an oath from the people that what they committed to do they would perform.

<sup>13</sup> And I shook out my lap, and said,

"So may God shake each man from his house and his property if you do not perform your promise.

Even so may you be shaken out and emptied." All the congregation said, "Amen!"

And they praised the Lord that day, and they all did what they had promised.

<sup>14</sup> And from the time I was appointed to be their governor in Judah there, from King Artaxerxes' twentieth to thirty-second year,

neither I nor my brethren ate the governors' provisions for the entire twelve years.

<sup>15</sup> But the former governors before me laid

burdens on the people and exacted bread, wine, and forty shekels of silver; and their servants bore rule over the people. But I did not do so because of the fear of God. *I rather gave God something to think on!*  
 16 And I continued working on the wall, and we did not buy any land. All my servants gathered there for the work alone.  
 17 And I had one hundred and fifty at my table, rulers and other Jews, besides those who came up from the nations around us; they were not refused.  
 18 And we prepared every day one cow and six select sheep. They also prepared fowls for me, and an abundance of all types of wine once every ten days. Yet I did not demand the governor's provision because I saw that the bondage on the people was burdensome.  
 19 Think on me for good, my God, according to all that for this people I have done.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Because you have an advantage does not mean you should take advantage, it is an opportunity to extend the grace of God you are a beneficiary of.*
2. *Love does not afflict or appropriate burdens; you cannot love as you love yourself and exact interest.*
3. *If you were in their shoe, you would be complaining too; ensure the complaint is not against you.*
4. *The love that extends to you wants to extend through you; make self invisible for a visible display of His love.*
5. *If your emptiness tempts you to empty others, you yourself will be emptied. Righteousness should compel you to expeditiously address your transgressions.*
6. *Make the commitment today to live your life for others so that filling others fulfills you.*
7. *The better life is to make the lives of others better, not bitter.*
8. *God will enable you to live well and invite others into it if you make Him the heart of your life.*
9. *The better reward is to put the function of your position above your financial positioning.*
10. *Serve with distinction and excellence as unto the Lord even in servitude and this will distinguish you for special favor and promotion to governance.*
11. *Do good deeds that will attract God's good thoughts when He thinks on you.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, give me a heart like Yours, to be selfless in my love for others, in the name of Jesus.
- I refuse to build my kingdom on the backs of others. I refuse to dishonor You Father to promote greed, in Jesus name.
- Righteous and forgiving God, forgive me of every transgression I have committed against others; let my heart receive divine correction now as I make it right, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I shall love others as I love myself, and I shall do to others as I would have them do to me. Amen.

- Loving Father, help me to attract Your thoughts on me for good and for favor only, in the name of Jesus.

**If they cannot get you from outside, they will attack you from within. They will thrust and sway to make you fear, with every trick that is known to them. They will send to you false prophets, and enlist your very own, But will hang their heads in shame when they see that the work is done.**

NEHEMIAH 6

1 When Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard we built the wall, that there were no spaces left in it, though at that time the doors and gates were not fitted yet,  
 2 Sanballat and Geshem sent me a message, saying, "Come let us meet in some village in the plain of Ono."  
 They intended to harm me.  
 3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so I cannot come down. Why should the work stop when I leave it to come to you?"  
 4 They sent this message to me four times; their messages were the same and all four times I answered in this manner. *I would not play their games.*  
 5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, with an open letter in his hand. *The plot had slightly changed.*  
 6 The letter read, "It is reported among the nations, and even Geshem says it too, you build this wall to rebel, you and all the Jews, that you are rebuilding the wall that you may be their king;  
 7 and that you have appointed prophets to proclaim you at Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah!' Now this shall be reported to the king. Come on then, let us discuss it; let us talk over these things!"  
 8 I sent back and I told him, "There are no such things done as you say. You concoct them out of your own heart and your deceptive ways."  
 9 They were all seeking to make us afraid, saying, "Now we will weaken their hands in this work, so they will not complete it."  
 10 "Therefore, O God, strengthen my hands."  
 11 After that I came to the house of Shemaiah, son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was a secret informer. He said, "Let us meet in the house of God, in the temple, and let us shut the doors, for they are coming to kill you. They will come for you in the night."  
 12 And I said, "Should such a man as I flee?"

I understood their devices.

I said, "Who would be in my position and run into the temple to save his life? I will not go in; certainly not I."

<sup>12</sup>I perceived God had not sent him, but that against me he prophesied for Sanballat and Tobiah hired him.

<sup>13</sup>He was employed to make me afraid and behave in this manner and sin, to give them cause for an evil report that they may reproach me in this thing.

<sup>14</sup>"My God do not ignore Tobiah and Sanballat according to their works, and the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of prophets who desire to put fear in my heart." *But I kept my course, for there is no greater blow to an enemy than a completed work.*

<sup>15</sup>And the wall was finished, on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.

<sup>16</sup>And when all our enemies heard it, and all the nations all around us saw these things, they lost heart in their own eyes, for they perceived that our God had done this work; no plans of man could stop it.

<sup>17</sup>In those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah replied to them.

<sup>18</sup>For there were many in Judah who were sworn to him, for he was the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah.

And his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

<sup>19</sup>And they reported his good deeds to me and reported my words to him.

And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid; *but I had one thing to show; a completed wall! It was on display!*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Ignore those who try to get with you who are not with you, they are only trying to get to you and eventually to get you.
2. Carefully check the conversion of those who seek conversation, who have occupied themselves being your distraction and diversion.
3. Not because you have succeeded means they have conceded, they may have just amended their tactics.
4. They fought you all the way and yet you succeeded, it only goes to show you do not need them; your help is strong.
5. If they cannot alarm you into distress, they will try to harm you because of your success. If they cannot break your spirit they will seek to break your bones.
6. If they cannot lie to you, they will lie about you; if they can get you to fear, they can get you to fail; or at least present you as a failure.
7. Grievous allegations for godly pursuance seek to get you to act out of character, and so discredit your attainments.
8. There is nothing like a finished product to settle the argument; there is nothing like success to silence the critics.
9. Build your arguments in your determination and kingdom efforts to silence the detractors.

10. *The strong solid arguments of your finished work are too profound for anyone to argue with.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, help me to discern the truth about every person and situation that seeks my audience and time, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every enemy seeking to ensnare and to harm me, fall into their own trap by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, expose every enemy strategically positioned in the church, to defeat the work of the cross in the name of Jesus. Let the move of the Holy Spirit build them or break them, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every satanic spirit operating in the church be scattered to desolation, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to finish well fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I refuse to be distracted from my kingdom assignment. I shall build my arguments with my finished work, in the name of Jesus.

**COMMIT the city gates to the hand of faithful men;**

**Jerusalem was committed to a few of them.**

**Commit all the people into the hands of the Lord,**

**And commit your census to the register's records.**

### NEHEMIAH 7

<sup>1</sup>And so, when the wall was built and I had installed the doors, and I had appointed gatekeepers, singers and Levites,

<sup>2</sup>I gave responsibility for Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the citadel, for he feared God above many and he was faithful among men.

<sup>3</sup>I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot, while they stand guard, let them keep the bar and the doors shut.

From among the inhabitants of Jerusalem appoint guards, one at his guard station and another in front of his house."

<sup>4</sup>But the people were few in number and the houses were not built, though it was a very large town.

<sup>5</sup>Then my God put it in my heart to gather the nobles, the princes, the rulers, and all the people, to be registered by genealogy.

And I found a register of the genealogy of those who came up at the first time, and in it we found written:

<sup>6</sup>these are the people who came back from captivity, those who were carried away by king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and who returned to Judah and Jerusalem, each to his city.

<sup>7</sup>Those who came up from captivity with Zerubbabel were Jeshua, Nehemiah,



Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah.

The number of the men of Israel were:

- <sup>8</sup>of the sons of Parosh, there were two thousand, one hundred and seventy-two;  
<sup>9</sup>of the sons of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two;  
<sup>10</sup>of the sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty two;  
<sup>11</sup>of the sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen;  
<sup>12</sup>of the sons of Elam, one thousand, two hundred and fifty-four;  
<sup>13</sup>of the sons of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five,  
<sup>14</sup>of the sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty men;  
<sup>15</sup>of the sons of Binnui there were six hundred and forty-eight;  
<sup>16</sup>of the sons of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight;  
<sup>17</sup>of the sons of Azgad, two thousand, three hundred and twenty-two;  
<sup>18</sup>of the sons of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-seven;  
<sup>19</sup>of the sons of Bigvai, two thousand and sixty-seven;  
<sup>20</sup>of the sons of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five;  
<sup>21</sup>of the sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety-eight;  
<sup>22</sup>of the sons of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight;  
<sup>23</sup>of the sons of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-four;  
<sup>24</sup>of the sons of Hariph, one hundred and twelve;  
<sup>25</sup>of the sons of Gibeon, ninety-five;  
<sup>26</sup>of the men of Bethlehem and Netophah, one hundred and eighty-eight;  
<sup>27</sup>of the men of Anathoth, one hundred and twenty-eight;  
<sup>28</sup>of the men of Beth-azmaveth, forty-two;  
<sup>29</sup>of the men of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three;  
<sup>30</sup>of the men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one;  
<sup>31</sup>of the men of Michmas, one hundred and twenty-two;  
<sup>32</sup>of the men of Ai and Bethel, one hundred and twenty-three;  
<sup>33</sup>of the men of the other Nebo, fifty-two;  
<sup>34</sup>of the sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four;  
<sup>35</sup>of the sons of Harim, three hundred and twenty;  
<sup>36</sup>of the sons of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five;  
<sup>37</sup>of the sons of Lod and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one;  
<sup>38</sup>of the sons of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.  
<sup>39</sup>The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the

house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three;

<sup>40</sup>the sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two;

<sup>41</sup>the sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven;

<sup>42</sup>the sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen.

<sup>43</sup>The Levites, the sons of Kadmiel, and of the sons of Hodevah, seventy-four.

<sup>44</sup>There were one hundred and forty-eight singers, sons of Asaph,

<sup>45</sup>and one hundred and thirty-eight gatekeepers, sons of Shallum, Ater, Talmon, Akkub, Hatita, and Shobai.

<sup>46</sup>The Nethinim, sons of Ziha, of Hasupha, of Tabbaoth,

<sup>47</sup>sons of Keros, sons of Sia, of Padon,

<sup>48</sup>sons of Lebana, of Hagaba, of Shalmal,

<sup>49</sup>of Hanan, of Giddel, of Gahar,

<sup>50</sup>the sons of Reaiah, of Rezin, of Nekoda,

<sup>51</sup>the sons of Gazzam, of Uzza, of Paseah,

<sup>52</sup>the sons of Besai, of Meunim, of Nephushesim,

<sup>53</sup>the sons of Bakbuk, of Hakupha, of Harhur,

<sup>54</sup>the sons of Bazlith, of Mehida, of Harsha,

<sup>55</sup>the sons of Barkos, of Sisera, of Tamah,

<sup>56</sup>the sons of Neziah, and the sons of Hatipha.

<sup>57</sup>The sons of the servants of Solomon:

the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida,

<sup>58</sup>the sons of Jaala, of Darkon, of Giddel,

<sup>59</sup>the sons of Shephatiah, of Hattil, of

Pochereth-hazzebaim, and the sons of Amon.

<sup>60</sup>All the Nethinim, and the sons of Solomon's servants numbered at three hundred and ninety-two.

<sup>61</sup>And these came up from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, Immer and Addon,

but they could not declare their father's house, or lineage, whether they were of Israel or not:

<sup>62</sup>the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and of Nekoda numbered six hundred and forty-two;

<sup>63</sup>and of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, of Hakkoz, of Barzillai,

who took one of the daughters of Barzillai for wife, and was called by their name.

<sup>64</sup>They sought registration among those included by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore they were omitted from the priesthood as polluted.

<sup>65</sup>And the governor told them that they should not eat of the most holy things until a priest consulted with the Urim and Thummim.

<sup>66</sup>The entire congregation in total numbered forty-two thousand, three hundred and sixty men,

<sup>67</sup>besides male and female servants, who totalled seven thousand, three hundred and thirty-seven.

And among them were male and female singers who numbered two hundred and forty-

five.

**68** Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules were two hundred and forty-five;

**69** they had four hundred and thirty-five camels, and six thousand, seven hundred and twenty donkeys.

**70** And some of the chief of the fathers' houses gave to the work, as follows:

the governor gave to the treasury a thousand gold drachmas,

along with fifty basins, and five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

**71** And some of the chief of the fathers' houses gave to the treasury for the work:

twenty thousand gold drachmas of gold, and of silver, two thousand, two hundred minas.

**72** And the rest of the people gave twenty thousand gold drachmas,

with two thousand silver minas, and sixty-seven priests' garments.

**73** So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all Israel dwelt in their cities,

and all the people of Israel were in their cities when the seventh month came.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Appoint qualified persons to key positions for maximum efficiency and effectiveness.*
2. *Not because he is a brother means he is best for the job; it only makes him a good prospect.*
3. *Stewardship demands trust; leadership must command trust.*
4. *The fear of God is a distinct qualifying mark for kingdom responsibilities and stewardship in any field.*
5. *You have a place and an assignment given before you were born; redeem it.*
6. *Named among the dreamers, registered with the achievers, is an accomplishment.*
7. *Build your city, then build houses for homes. Ensure you help to build the safe and godly environment you dwell in. Build your lives on the only sure and safe foundation of Christ.*
8. *Faith conditions your giving, your giving conditions your heart.*
9. *You give for what you believe in, not what you are believing for; your giving releases what you believe for.*
10. *The leaders should be the foremost and most generous givers.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- All-wise God, give me wisdom to properly structure and administer everything You have assigned to me, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, bring people into my life who truly fear You and abide in Your ways. Amen.
- Mighty God, I stand before You to redeem my kingdom assignment written in my DNA. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I will set out with the dreamers, but I will show You off, Father, with those who have attained, in the name of Jesus.
- I will be generous to the work of God. Father, make me a faithful administrator of kingdom

resources, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**WHEN the word of God from the prophet reaches hungry ears,**

**And causes deep contrition and many bitter tears,**

**This is not a time for crying; it is enough that we repent.**

**There is joy in salvation, and His joy is our strength.**

**The joy of the Lord is our strength.**

**When you hear the word of God; it is a time of joyfulness.**

**When eager ears reach for it, like a thirsty land, dry and broken,**

**And it brings us sweet refreshing, then know His joy is our strength.**

**The joy of the Lord is our strength.**

### NEHEMIAH 8

**1** And all the people gathered as one person into the street,

in the square before the Water Gate, to Ezra they came to speak,

saying, "Bring the book of the law that Moses wrote, which the Lord commanded Israel."

*This was a time when the word did not seek the people, but the people sought the word.*

**2** And Ezra the priest brought the law before them all, women and men,

and all who could understand gathered; on the first day of the seventh month he read.

**3** From morning until midday, Ezra read the law,

and the ears of all the people were attentive to the word of the Lord.

From morning until midday, *while the hot sun rose on their heads,*

they stood attentive in the streets, as from the law Ezra read.

**4** He read it from a pulpit which was made just for that use.

Beside him were Mattithiah, Shema and Anai-ah, Uriah and Hilki-ah too,

and Maaseiah stood on his right hand; Ped-ai-ah and Mishael were on his left,

with Malchiah, Hashum and Hashbadana, Zechariah and Meshullam next to them.

**5** And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all, for he was somewhat above,

and when he opened it, all the people stood.

**6** And he blessed the Lord, the great God of heaven;

and when he blessed the Lord, all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!"

And when he opened it, all the people stood up in reverence;

and they received the great God, as Ezra blessed Him, saying, "Amen!"

They bowed their heads and worshipped, with faces to the ground,

and lifted holy hands in worship to the Lord.

**7** And Jeshua and Bani, Sherebiah and Jamin were there to stand;

as he read the law they expounded and

caused the people to understand. With him were Akkub, Shabbethai and Hodiah, Maaseiah and Kelita likewise; Azariah, Jozabad and Hanan, Pelaiah, and with them the Levites.

<sup>8</sup>So they read the law of God distinctly and taught the meaning to all; word by word as they expounded, *it pierced right through their hearts!*

<sup>9</sup>Nehemiah the governor, with the Levites and Ezra the priest and scribe, said, "Be restrained; do not mourn or weep. Come now, let your eyes be dried."

For when the word of the pulpit *reached the many hungry ears*, it caused deep contrition and many bitter tears.

*This was an emotional moment, gripping at their hearts.*

*No, this is not the time for mourning; rather, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

They said, "This is a holy day to the Lord; you have just heard God's law.

<sup>10</sup>"Go your way; eat of the fat and drink of the sweet; ensure there are portions for all. This is no day to be sorry, so now console your hearts all you men; no, not a day of mourning; the joy of the Lord is your strength."

From weeping to rejoicing, from their grief to eating and drinking,

<sup>11</sup>the Levites consoled the people, told them to hold their peace.

<sup>12</sup>They sent portions and made great entertainment, for they understood God's word, and the strength found in His joy gave meaning to all that they heard.

<sup>13</sup>On the second day they gathered, the chief fathers, priests, Levites, and Ezra the scribe; to understand the law was their honest heart's desire.

<sup>14</sup>They saw where God commanded Israel to dwell in booths in the set feast,

<sup>15</sup>and to publish in all the cities, "Fetch olive branches and branches from other trees, palm branches, myrtle branches, and wild olive branches too;

as it is written in the law of Moses, they shall be used to make booths."

<sup>16</sup>So the people went forth and brought them, and made booths for themselves; on their rooftops and in their courts they built them,

and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the Water Gate, and they built booths also in the street of the Gate of Ephraim.

<sup>17</sup>And all the congregation that came out of captivity made booths and under them sat, for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun, Israel did not do that.

<sup>18</sup>And there was much gladness, and also day by day, from the first day to the last day, they heard

from the law in their ears.

They kept the feast for seven days, and had a solemn assembly on the eighth as the law stated, and they had a time of joyfulness, for they found new joy that gave them strength.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Progression in the work of God builds obsession with the word of God.*
2. *The building is all about the Lord, the greater building is the building of the hearts.*
3. *True revival creates genuine hunger and thirst for the word of God and for the God of the word.*
4. *Read the word in the open squares as long as the squares remain open to the word.*
5. *Participation in the work of the Lord intensifies interest in the word of the Lord.*
6. *It is holy to the Lord; every time you hear the word of the Lord, with reverence read it, listen to it; meditate in it; memorize it. Make every day a holy day.*
7. *It is a joy to the Lord to see hearts hungry for the word; and it is the joy of the Lord to strengthen hungry hearts.*
8. *You know you are tender when the word makes you weep.*
9. *It is okay to get weak in the presence of the Lord; He releases His joy to strengthen you.*
10. *Seek to understand the word of God, and to perform all the instructions of the word, and it will give you joy.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, let the work of God in my life and in my community progress mightily by the good hand of the living God, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Loving Father, by Your mercies You have given us Your word. Raise up people who will read Your word in the open squares and generate a hunger in our people to hear it. Amen.
- My Father, my God, help me to make every day of my life a holy day to You, by my constant passion, reverence, and tenderness for Your word. I will make the word my holiday. Amen.
- Father I will let my emotions run free in Your word; I will laugh at Your goodness and weep at Your griefs; I will listen for Your heartbeat and will respond, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every heart sorrowing with godly sorrow receive the joy of the Lord now and be strengthened, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the word of the living God be a source of joy and strength to every person experiencing fear, disappointment, pain, and anxiety, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**It is You; You who have won our heart  
And taken us into Your arms, and comforted us like a friend.**

**Your love, surrounded us from the start;  
We never want to be apart from You ever again.**

NEHEMIAH 9

<sup>1</sup>As Israel assembled in the twenty-fourth day of the month; they came with fasting and with sackcloth and earth on everyone.

<sup>2</sup>From the strangers, the seed of Israel separated themselves,  
and their own sins and those of their fathers they confessed,

<sup>3</sup>and they stood up in their place.

A quarter of the day was spent reading the book of the law;  
and for another quarter of the day they confessed and worshipped the Lord.  
Then these men stood on the stairs of the Levites:

<sup>4</sup>Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel and Shebaniah were there;

Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Chenani too prepared

and cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God.

*How precious are these moments of reverential praise.*

<sup>5</sup>Then the Levites: Jeshua, Kadmiel and Bani, Hashabniah and Sherebiah, with Hodiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless the Lord your God forever and always!

Blessed, O Lord, be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. You, even You, are Lord alone.

<sup>6</sup>You made the heaven of heavens and their hosts.

You made the seas and all things therein, the earth and all things in the earth.

You preserve them all; let the host of heaven worship and bow down.

<sup>7</sup>You are the God who chose Abram and brought him forth out of Ur and gave him the name Abraham,

<sup>8</sup>for in him a faithful heart You found.

It is You who covenanted with him to give him the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, Amorites and Perizzites, the Jebusites and Girgashites, to give it to his descendants; and You performed Your word.

<sup>9</sup>Our fathers' affliction in Egypt You have seen, and You heard their cry by the Red Sea.

<sup>10</sup>You showed signs and wonders on Pharaoh and his army!

You knew that they dealt proudly against them,

for You are righteous, O Lord.

Yes, it is You, who carved Yourself a name as it is this day.

<sup>11</sup>And before them, You divided the Red Sea, so that they went through the midst on dry land.

And You threw their persecutors into the deep, everyone,

as a stone they went down into the mighty waters.

<sup>12</sup>And You led them in the day by a pillar of cloud,

and in the night by a pillar of fire! Yes! It is You, O Lord.

The fire lit the way wherein they should go.

<sup>13</sup>"Upon the mount of Sinai, You also came down.

You spoke with them from heaven and gave right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments,

<sup>14</sup>and made known to them the holy sabbaths and precepts, and statutes and laws by Moses, Your servant's hand.

<sup>15</sup>"You gave bread from heaven for the hungry soul.

And for the thirsty, it is You who from the rock brought water forth.

You promised them that they should go in to possess the land You had sworn,

<sup>16</sup>"but they hardened their necks; they and our fathers acted in great pride.

They hardened their necks and did not heed Your words;

<sup>17</sup>"they refused to obey Your commands.

When they were not mindful of the wonders You did among them,

but hardened their necks and in rebellion appointed a captain, to return to bondage, it was You who pardoned them.

For you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and great in kindness.

You are the Lord who did not forsake them.

<sup>18</sup>"Yes, You Lord, when they made them a molten calf,

and provoked You to much anger and wrath, saying, 'This is your god by whom, from Egypt you were brought.'

<sup>19</sup>Yes, You, in Your manifold mercies, did not forsake them in the wilderness.

By day in the pillar of cloud You did not depart from them,

nor by the pillar of fire by night that gave light to them

and lit the way in which they should go.

<sup>20</sup>"Yes, it is You who instructed them also, and withheld not Your manna from their mouths,

and gave them water for their thirst.

<sup>21</sup>"Yes, You sustained them in the wilderness for forty years,

so they lacked nothing; their clothes never grew old,

and their feet never swelled.

<sup>22</sup>"Yes, it is You who gave them kingdoms and nations.

You divided them into boundaries so they possessed the land of Sihon,

and the land of the king of Heshbon, and of Og king of Bashan.

<sup>23</sup>"You multiplied their children as the stars also and the sand.

You fulfilled Your promise to their fathers and brought them into the land,

<sup>24</sup>"so the children possessed the land and subdued the inhabitants,

even the Canaanites; and You gave them and

their kings into their hands, and the people also, to do with them as they would.  
 25<sup>c</sup>They took strong cities and lands that were fat, and possessed houses filled with all goods, and dug wells and vineyards, and olive-yards also, and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were filled and they became fat then, and delighted themselves in Your great goodness.  
 26<sup>c</sup>But they were disobedient and against You they rebelled and cast Your law behind their backs and slew your prophets as well, who testified against them to turn them back to You. It is You, Lord, who when they greatly provoked You,  
 27<sup>c</sup>You delivered them into their enemies' hands. They grieved them, and in their time of trouble, to You they cried. Then it was You who heard from heaven at that time, and You gave them saviors according to Your manifold mercies. And it is You who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.  
 28<sup>b</sup>But after they had rest, they did evil before You again, even You. You left them to their enemies then, and they had dominion. Yet when they returned and cried to You, it is You who heard them all; You heard from heaven, and many times delivered them,  
 29<sup>c</sup>even according to Your mercies. And You testified against them then, that You might bring them again to the law, yet they acted in pride. They did not heed Your commands, but sinned against Your judgments, which if a man shall do, in them he shall live! They withdrew their shoulders, hardened their necks, and would not hear;  
 30<sup>c</sup>yet it is You who were patient with them; You did so for many years. You testified against them by the prophets, but they would not hear; therefore, You gave them into the hands of the people everywhere. But You did not utterly consume them, for Your mercies sake,  
 31<sup>c</sup>and You did not forsake them, for You are a merciful God and full of grace. Yes, it is You, even You.  
 32<sup>c</sup>Now therefore, O God, the great, mighty and terrible God, even You who are merciful and who keeps covenant, do not let all the trouble seem small before

You, that on us has come; and on our kings and our princes, priests, prophets, fathers, and people, everyone, since the time of the kings of Assyria even to this day.  
 33<sup>c</sup>How You are just in all that You have brought our way, for it is You who have done right; we have done wickedly.  
 34<sup>c</sup>Neither have our kings, princes, priests, or fathers kept the law, nor heeded Your commandments and testimonies that You testified against them, Lord,  
 35<sup>c</sup>for they have not served You in their kingdom, and Your goodness You gave them, in the large and fat land You gave, nor have they turned from their wickedness.  
 36<sup>c</sup>Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that You gave to our fathers for us to eat the fruit and good thereof, here we are servants in it. We have become servants in our inheritance.  
 37<sup>c</sup>It yields much increase, but to the others, the kings You set over us, because of our sins. They also have dominion over our cattle and our bodies as they please; we are in great distress; hear now our appeal.  
 38<sup>c</sup>Because of all this we make a sure covenant and write it, and on it is the seal of our princes, Levites and priests.  
*It is You to whom we come, even You, O Lord, and we never want to be apart from You ever again."*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Come fasting, come hungry, come wanting to be a part of the current move of God.*
2. *The reading of the word is most effective when special time is appropriated to digest it, to the confession of the word, and to worship.*
3. *Come prepared to go all the way; there is no better route to having a fulfilled day than a day spent full of worship and filling up with the word. There is no better use of time than time-wasting or rather waiting in the word and basking in the presence of God.*
4. *Speak constantly of the things the Lord has done for you to cultivate a grateful heart.*
5. *Gratitude gives you greater access to grace.*
6. *Make it personal, tell the Lord you know how you got to the place you are, and you know it was all about Him, not you.*
7. *You are not where you should be physically because you never stayed where you should have spiritually; acknowledge the righteousness of God's word to take you where you can rebound to.*
8. *God is righteous; your state speaks volumes of your steadfastness, or lack of it; God is faithful to His word, your condition speaks volumes of your response to His word; God is merciful; this is your opportunity to set it right.*
9. *Confess it; He can be reached; He can be touched; your backsliding does not have to end with your chastising, even though it will certainly lead to it.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father, break the heart of our nation, in the name of Jesus; breathe a spirit of conviction on the hearts of every person; let us see ourselves in the image of a holy God. Amen.
- Let a repentant heart, and the power to fast and seek God sincerely, fall upon every person now, by the power in the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, it is all or nothing; I give You my all so I can attract Your fullness, in the name of Jesus. I gladly deny myself, and take up my cross and follow You.
- Father, You have been gracious to us to make us a nation; You spoke Your word into our emblems and constitution by our founding fathers; You sent Your word to us by raising up evangelists and pastors among us; yet we have turned and rejected Your word, filled this nation with bloodshed, pursued greed and placed self-interest above people, committed immorality and allowed the worship of spirits and devils in our nation; this has led to moral degradation, callousness of heart, and personal hardships; Father turn us again and we will be turned; revive us and we will be revived; soak this nation in the precious blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Spirit of the living God, this nation is a prime candidate for revival; favor us and breathe on us, stir our hearts with a hunger and thirst for righteousness, and fill the void with fresh fire, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**WHEN we enter into agreement with God,**

**We enter into an oath**

**Onto a platform for God's blessing,**

**Or a platform for a curse.**

**It is all about our service,**

**How we respond to God's commands;**

**It is all about our tithing,**

**How we treat the things of God.**

**It is all about our worship,**

**For dedicated lives**

**Should not forsake God's temple,**

**For forsaking it is not wise.**

#### NEHEMIAH 10

<sup>1</sup>The names of the rulers who sealed the covenant

were, Nehemiah the governor and Zedekiah,

<sup>2</sup>Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

<sup>3</sup>Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,

<sup>4</sup>Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

<sup>5</sup>Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah;

<sup>6</sup>also Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

<sup>7</sup>Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

<sup>8</sup>Maaziah, Bilgai and Shemaiah; these were priests.

<sup>9</sup>Of the Levites: Jeshua, Beninu, Kadmiel,

<sup>10</sup>Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaliah, Hanan,

<sup>11</sup>Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,

<sup>12</sup>Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

<sup>13</sup>Hodajiah, Bani and Beninu.

<sup>14</sup>Of the chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-

Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

<sup>15</sup>Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

<sup>16</sup>Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

<sup>17</sup>Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

<sup>18</sup>Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

<sup>19</sup>Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

<sup>20</sup>Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

<sup>21</sup>Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

<sup>22</sup>Pelataiah, Hanan, Anaiiah,

<sup>23</sup>Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

<sup>24</sup>Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

<sup>25</sup>Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

<sup>26</sup>Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,

<sup>27</sup>Malluch, Harim, and Baanah.

<sup>28</sup>And the rest of the people were

the priests, singers, Levites and porters,

the temple servants and those who separated

themselves from the people of the lands to

God's law,

their sons, their wives and daughters,

and all these with knowledge and understand-

ing.

<sup>29</sup>They supported their brethren and their nob-

les, and entered into a curse then.

They entered into an oath

to walk in the Lord's law given by Moses'

hand,

to observe His judgments and statutes and do

all His commands.

<sup>30</sup>They would not give their daughters to the

people

or take their daughters for their sons,

<sup>31</sup>nor buy goods from them on the Sabbath,

and allow the seventh year to run;

also to leave the exaction of debts.

<sup>32</sup>And we also made ordinances to charge our-

selves yearly

with a portion for the service of God's house,

<sup>33</sup>for the showbread, grain and burnt offer-

ings,

of the Sabbaths, set feasts and New Moons,

for sin offerings and to make atonement,

and for the work of the house of our God.

<sup>34</sup>And we cast lots among priests and Levites

and the people for the wood offering,

to bring it into the house of our God

by their father's house at the time appointed

year by year to burn on the altar of the Lord,

as written in the law,

for the oath we entered into,

*required service with all our hearts.*

Our oath meant we would be faithful with the

things of God,

<sup>35</sup>to bring the first-fruits of all our fruit trees,

and the first-fruits of our ground.

<sup>36</sup>We would bring the firstborn of our sons

and cattle as is written in the law,

to bring to God's house and the priests who

minister

the firstling of our herds and flocks.

<sup>37</sup>We would bring the firstfruits of our dough

and of all our offerings,

and bring the first-fruits of the trees,

wine and oil to the priests.

Also we would bring the tithes to the Levites

in all the cities of our toil;

to the chambers of the house of our God,

that the Levites shall have the tithes.

<sup>38</sup>The priest, Aaron's son, shall be with the Levites also when they take the tithes, and shall bring the tithe of tithes into God's house.

<sup>39</sup>For the children of Israel and Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, the vessels of the sanctuary, and new wine and oil to the chambers in its place where the vessels are, and the porters, and the priests who minister likewise. For we will not forsake the house of God, for forsaking is not wise.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *It takes commitment to follow God; bind yourself to His word to hide yourself from the curse.*
2. *The discipline necessary for discipleship may cause separation from the good things that block your faith, to attain the better thing, eternal life.*
3. *The word is your law to lead you where there is no clear path.*
4. *You may have to hate the things you love in order to pursue your love for God; you love it but it hates you if it separates you from God.*
5. *Your light must shine in the world, not be shaded by the world.*
6. *Compliance is complete observance and complete reliance. If you are going at all, go all out, give it your all, and go all the way.*
7. *If you love the word, then use it to light your world, for the world is actively seeking to set you alight.*
8. *First-fruits and tithes are necessary provisions to assure kingdom functioning; the unrestricted kingdom is abundance for all.*
9. *Give to support and to sustain a move; give because God has ordered it. Your living is sustained by your giving and the lives of many depend on your obedience.*
10. *It is good to seek to live by the standards in the word of God, but bad to neglect the work of God and the house of God.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, I am fully committed to You in the name of Jesus; Your word is my law. Amen.
- Father, by the Spirit of the living God within me, I will love You more than anything in this life. Amen.
- I will sever every relationship that seeks to sever me from the Living God; Father I give You full control over my relationships, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Spirit of generosity to the work of God fall upon the church now, in the name of Jesus. Let the spirit of stinginess and theft of the holy tithes be fanned away from the hearts of the people, by the blood of Jesus. Amen.

**T**HE lot is cast, one out of ten; Nine parts to go, one part to dwell in Jerusalem.

**Blessed are you people who willingly volunteer; These are the names of some of those remaining here.**

NEHEMIAH 11

<sup>1</sup>It was about the holy city; it was about Jeru-

salem.

The rulers cast lots to select to stay, one in every ten.

<sup>2</sup>The people blessed the men who willingly volunteered to stay.

<sup>3</sup>These are the chiefs of the provinces who in Jerusalem remained.

But in the cities of Judah, in his possession in his city, every man dwelt,

including Israel, the priests and Levites, the temple servants, Solomon's servants as well.

<sup>4</sup>Certain of the children of Judah and Benjamin, dwelt at Jerusalem.

Of Judah there were Athaiah, sons of Uziah, the sons of Zechariah, son of Amariah, son of Shephatiah of the sons of Perez,

<sup>5</sup>along with the sons of Adaiah, Shiloni and others, and the sons of Perez who in Jerusalem dwelt;

<sup>6</sup>these men numbered four hundred and sixty-eight, all valiant men.

<sup>7</sup>These are some of the sons of Benjamin:

<sup>8</sup>Sallu, Gabbai, and Sallai with them, nine hundred and twenty-eight;

<sup>9</sup>their overseer was Joel.

<sup>10</sup>Judah was second in command of the city; Jedaiah, Jachin, Seraiah, and the sons of Meshullam were priests.

<sup>11</sup>Meraioth was ruler of the house of God.

<sup>12</sup>The brethren who worked along with him and did the work of the house numbered, eight hundred and twenty-two.

And Adaiah, son of Jeroham, of Pelaliah, of Amzi, of Zechariah and of Pashur too,

<sup>13</sup>and the brethren of Adaiah, chiefs of the fathers who were with him,

numbered two hundred and forty-two; with them were Amashai and his brethren.

<sup>14</sup>They numbered one hundred and twenty-eight; their overseer was Zabdiel.

He was the son of one of the great men,

<sup>15</sup>and of the Levites was Shemaiah.

<sup>16</sup>With him were, Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites;

of the outward business of the house of God they had oversight.

<sup>17</sup>And Mattaniah of the sons of Asaph, who began the thanksgiving in prayer, and Bakbukiah the second among his brothers, and Abda, of the sons of Jeduthun with him.

<sup>18</sup>The Levites in the holy city were two hundred and eighty-four.

<sup>19</sup>And the porters, Akkub, Talmon and their brethren, were a hundred and seventy-two more.

<sup>20</sup>The residue of Israel, priests and Levites, were in their inheritance in the cities of Judah.

<sup>21</sup>But the temple servants dwelt in Ophel, and over them were Ziha and Gispa.

<sup>22</sup>The overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi, of the children of the sons of Micha, and some of the sons of Asaph, the singers who were over the business of the house of

God.

<sup>23</sup>The king had commanded that for the singers a daily portion was due,

<sup>24</sup>and Pethahiah, of the children of Judah, represented the people to the king also.

<sup>25</sup>And for the villages and their fields; at Kirjath-arba some of the children of Judah dwelt, and in their villages and at Dibon, and at Jekabzeel and in their villages as well;

<sup>26</sup>at Jeshua, Moladah and Beth-pelet,

<sup>27</sup>Hazar-shual and Beersheba with its villages;

<sup>28</sup>Ziklag, Meconah,

<sup>29</sup>En-rimmon, Zorah and Jarmuth,

<sup>30</sup>Zanoah, Adullam and in all their villages; in Adulam, Lachish, Azekah and Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom.

<sup>31</sup>The children of Benjamin from Geba dwelt in Aija, Bethel and Michmash,

<sup>32</sup>and at Anathoth, Nob and Ananiah,

<sup>33</sup>Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

<sup>34</sup>in Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat;

<sup>35</sup>in Lod, Ono, and the Valley of Craftsmen as well.

<sup>36</sup>And some of the divisions of the Levites who belonged to Judah, were in Benjamin.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Offer yourself to the work of the kingdom; kingdom positioning is your place of most effective and fulfilling functioning.
2. Never be just willing to bless volunteers, be among those who volunteer.
3. There is a blessing in positioning that citizens in heaven and earth will recognize.
4. Align your personal preference to your kingdom placement, and find true fulfillment.
5. Do not wait to be called, live for a cause.
6. Lead off your day by prayer in thanksgiving, sign off your day by prayer in thanksgiving; for the loving hand that sustained you through your sleep, piloted your day.
7. The value of worshippers among you should be recognized by giving them financial support.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Good Father; stir the hearts of Your people to find their places in the kingdom. Let there be no shortage of people appropriately positioned in the kingdom. Amen.
- Father, teach me how to truly put the kingdom first, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Let the spirit of responsibility for kingdom expansion fall upon the church, in the name of Jesus.
- I lay me down and sleep and wake up for You sustain me Lord, thank You. I thank You gentle Father that You are the pilot of my day, and You do this with tender-loving care. Amen.
- Father, in the name of Jesus we call forth support for those in full time worship and music ministry. Amen.

**T**HE priests with the trumpets;  
**And the singers lifted songs,  
 So those who dwelt afar off  
 Wondered what was going on.  
 I give you the priests and Levites;  
 I give you their task assigned;**

**But when I speak of their rejoicing,  
 I give to you the joy of mine.**

### NEHEMIAH 12

<sup>1</sup>Here are the priests and Levites, who went up with Jeshua and Zerubbabel: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

<sup>2</sup>Amariah, Hattush and Malluch as well,

<sup>3</sup>Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

<sup>4</sup>Iddo, Abijah, and Ginnethoi, chief priests,

<sup>5</sup>Mijamin, Maadiah and Bilgah,

<sup>6</sup>Shenaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah,

<sup>7</sup>Sallu Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah, with these;

all heads of the priests and their brethren in Jeshua's days.

<sup>8</sup>Of the Levites were, Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Judah and their brethren, Sherebiah and Mattaniah, who were over the thanksgiving.

*This was their full time duty,  
 giving thanks to the Lord;*

*for in a moment reflection you will find  
 so many things to give thanks for.*

<sup>9</sup>Bakbukiah, Unni and their brethren were in the watches over them;

<sup>10</sup>Jeshua begot Joiakim who begot Joiada,

<sup>11</sup>Who begot Jonathan, who begot Jaddua.

<sup>12</sup>In the days of Joiakim, the priests, the chiefs of the fathers were:

Seraiah, Meraiah, Jeremiah, Hananiah;

<sup>13</sup>Ezra, Meshullam, Amariah, Jehohanan,

<sup>14</sup>Malluchi, Jonathan, Shebaniah, Joseph;

<sup>15</sup>Harim, Adna, Meraioth, Helkai;

<sup>16</sup>Iddo, Zechariah, Ginnerthon, Meshullam;

<sup>17</sup>Abijah, Zichri, Miniamin, Moadiah, Piltai;

<sup>18</sup>Bilgah, Shammua, Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

<sup>19</sup>Joarib, Mattenai, Jedaiah, Uzzi;

<sup>20</sup>of Sallai, Kallai, Amok, Eber;

<sup>21</sup>Hilkiah, Hashabiah, Jedaiah, Nethanel.

<sup>22</sup>The Levites in the days of Eliashib were Joiada, Johanan and Jaddua, who of the fathers were chief

during the reign of Dairus the Persian; these also were the priests.

<sup>23</sup>The Levites, chief of their fathers, who in the Chronicles were written down until the days of Johanan, who was Eliashib's son,

were assigned to praise and to give thanks, just as David commanded and grouped by task.

<sup>24</sup>They were: Hashabiah, Sherebiah and Jeshua, who were chiefs of the Levites.

<sup>25</sup>The porters who kept watch at the gates were Akkub, Mattaniah and Obadiah, Bakbukiah, Talmon and Meshullam.

<sup>26</sup>Ezra was the scribe and Nehemiah the governor.

<sup>27</sup>At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought the Levites out of every place to bring them to Jerusalem to keep the dedication with gladness, with thanksgiving and with singing,



with cymbals, psalteries and with harps.  
<sup>28</sup>And from the plain about Jerusalem, and from the Netophathite villages, the singers gathered,  
<sup>29</sup>and also from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built villages about Jerusalem.  
<sup>30</sup>And the priests and Levites purified the people, the gates, the wall and also themselves.  
<sup>31</sup>Then I brought the princes of the Levites on the wall, and appointed two great companies to give thanks; one went on the wall towards the dung gate, on the right hand;  
<sup>32</sup>after them went Hoshaiah and half of Judah's princes,  
<sup>33</sup>Azariah, Ezra, Judah and Meshullam,  
<sup>34</sup>Benjamin, Shemiah and Jeremiah.  
<sup>35</sup>And with the trumpets, some of the priests' sons; these were Zechariah of the sons of Asaph,  
<sup>36</sup>and his brethren: Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai and Nethanel, Maai, Judah, Hanani, with David's instruments, and Ezra the scribe before these.  
<sup>37</sup>At the Fountain Gate over against them, they went up the stairs by the City of David, at the ascent of the wall above the house of David to the Water Gate to the east.  
<sup>38</sup>And the other company of them who gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and half the people on the wall to the broad wall from the Tower of Furnaces,  
<sup>39</sup>and from above the Gate of Ephraim, above the Old Gate and the Fish Gate and the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of Meah and to the Sheep Gate; where we stood still at the Gate of the Guard.  
<sup>40</sup>Both companies that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers that were with me,  
<sup>41</sup>the priests, Eliakim, Maasieah, Miniamin and Micaiah;  
 Elioenai, Zechariah and Hananiah with trumpets,  
<sup>42</sup>and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar and Uzzi; Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam and Ezer, and the Levites sang very loudly; Jezrahiah was their leader.  
<sup>43</sup>And that day they offered sacrifices and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; their wives and children also rejoiced. So the joy of Jerusalem was heard from a distance off.  
<sup>44</sup>And they appointed some at that time over the treasures for the offering, the first-fruits and the tithes, to gather in out of the fields and the cities

the portion of the law for Levites and priests. Judah rejoiced for the priests and Levites who waited,  
<sup>45</sup>and the singers and porters with them. They kept the stores of their God and the stores of the purification along, as commanded by David the man of God, and also Solomon his son.  
<sup>46</sup>For in the days of David and Asaph of old, these were appointed chief of the singers, and of songs of praise and thanksgiving perpetually to God.  
<sup>47</sup>And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and also in Nehemiah's days, gave each of the singers and porters his portion every day, and sanctified the holy things for the Levites; and for the sons of Aaron the Levites sanctified them.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *It is not good to get comfortable at your place of bondage; always be ready to take the sacrificial journey to freedom.*
2. *Be positioned and found where your divine assignment demands.*
3. *Praise your way to progress.*
4. *Let praise and thanksgiving be the cornerstone of your city and the building of your homes.*
5. *Be extravagant with your praise so that heaven hears your heart and the earth hears your worship.*
6. *Ensure your voice is not excluded from the exuberant praise; do not wait for corporate worship, keep your praise going.*
7. *Prioritize praise and facilitate the placement of, and the provision for worship ministers.*
8. *The worship of a nation attracts the heart of God to that nation; do whatever it takes to make worship an institution.*
9. *God inhabits praise means a nation with continuous praise is His continual habitation; praise and worship is a good investment for any people.*
10. *Cannot imagine a nation without the word of God; cannot fathom the ministry of the word of God without support; cannot imagine why God's people refuse to give to the ministry of the word wholeheartedly; can imagine how much more the kingdom could be expressed by generous hearts and sacrificial giving.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- I refuse to be comfortable in any place of physical or spiritual bondage, in the name of Jesus.
- My heart shall be filled with songs of praise all the day long. Amen.
- Let the high praises of the living God flood this nation; let the sound of revival echo from our coasts and boundaries in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Awesome and amazing God, raise up support for ministers and for the ministering of the word across this nation, in the name of Jesus.
- Let divine excitement for the things of God fall upon us like dew, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**WHY are the things of God forsaken; Is there an answer of the tongue?**

**Was it not written,  
“In the congregation, these men shall not  
come?”**

**Why are the things of God forsaken?  
My eyes are opened and I can see.  
When my zeal reaches new measure,  
O Lord, remember me.**

NEHEMIAH 13

<sup>1</sup>On that day they read the book of the law in the audience of all Israel. They found written, *I remember distinctly, “The Ammonite and Moabite should not enter the congregation of God forever.”*

<sup>2</sup>For they did not meet Israel with bread or water, and to curse them they hired Balaam. But God changed the curse into a blessing! *There was no harm that he could do!*

<sup>3</sup>And when the people heard the law, they separated from them the mixed multitude.

<sup>4</sup>Before this, the priest Eliashib, who over the house of God had oversight, had prepared a large room for Tobiah, with whom he was allied.

<sup>5</sup>This is the room where in times past they laid grain offerings and frankincense, vessels and tithes of grain, new wine and oil, which for the Levites were commanded, and for the singers and porters, and the offerings of the priests then.

<sup>6</sup>And all this time I was not at Jerusalem; it all happened in my absence. For in Artaxerxes’s thirty-second year I came to the king of Babylon, and after certain days I received his permission to return to this land.

<sup>7</sup>And when I returned to Jerusalem, I heard of the evil Eliashib did in preparing Tobiah a room in the courts of the house of God.

<sup>8</sup>It grieved me to my heart. I cast out all the Ammonites’ stuff

<sup>9</sup>and commanded them to cleanse the room, and bring back the vessels of God’s house, with the grain offering, and also with the frankincense.

<sup>10</sup>And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, for the Levites and singers who did the work had fled to their field, everyone.

<sup>11</sup>And I contended with the rulers and said, “Why is the house of God forsaken?” And I gathered them together, and set them in their place again.

<sup>12</sup>Then all Judah brought the tithe of grain, new wine and oil into the treasuries.

<sup>13</sup>And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest and Zadok the scribe; of the Levites I selected Hanan, for these were faithful men. Their office was to distribute to their brethren. Concerning this, O Lord my God,

please remember me.

<sup>14</sup>Remember me, O My God, and do not wipe out the good deeds I have done for the house of my God and for the offices thereof.

<sup>15</sup>In those days I saw in Judah some treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, wine, grapes and figs and all manner of burdens on loaded donkeys. They brought them into Jerusalem on the Sabbath.

And I testified against them in that day.

<sup>16</sup>There also dwelt men of Tyre there who brought fish and all manner of wares. They sold them on the Sabbath day in Judah and in Jerusalem.

<sup>17</sup>And I contended with the nobles of Judah, and I said this to them:

“What thing is this that you do, and profane the Sabbath day?”

<sup>18</sup>Did not God bring evil on us and on this city when your fathers did the same? Yet by profaning the Sabbath you bring more wrath on Israel.”

<sup>19</sup>And so when it became dark before the Sabbath, I commanded them to shut the gates, and I charged that they should not be opened until the Sabbath day was past.

And I set some of my servants at the gates; for this remember me, O Lord.

My servants ensured that no burdens, were brought in on the Sabbath day.

<sup>20</sup>And the merchants and sellers of all kind of wares who from outside Jerusalem came, lodged there once or twice.

<sup>21</sup>And I testified against them and said, “Why do you lodge about the wall?”

I will lay hands on you if you do this again!” From then, they came no more on the Sabbath.

<sup>22</sup>And I commanded the Levites to cleanse themselves that they should come and keep the gates to sanctify the Sabbath day.

Remember me, O Lord, concerning this; spare me according to Your great mercies.

*When my zeal reaches new measure,  
O Lord, remember me!*

<sup>23</sup>Yes, then I noticed there were Jews who married wives of Ashdod, Amnon and Moab.

<sup>24</sup>Their children spoke the language of each of the people,

but the Jews’ language they did not know.

<sup>25</sup>I contended with them and cursed them, and I smote some and plucked out their hair; and so to stop these intermarriages, by God I made them swear.

<sup>26</sup>I said, “Think on Solomon king of Israel. there was none like him among the kings; oh, how much God loved him, but he sinned in this same thing. God made him king of Israel;

there was no other as wise as he, yet even he did such outlandish women cause to commit sin!

<sup>27</sup>“Shall we then allow you to do this evil, to transgress in marrying foreign wives?”

<sup>28</sup>And one of the sons of Joiada, the high priest, was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite; I chased him from me, therefore; in my presence he could no longer be, because he defiled the priesthood.

<sup>29</sup>For this, O God, remember me. Yes, they defiled the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites just the same.

<sup>30</sup>So I cleansed them from all the strangers, and appointed tasks that day; duties of the priests and the Levites, in his business everyone.

<sup>31</sup>And for the wood offering and the first-fruits, remember me for my good, O Lord God.

*@When the things of God are forsaken, are your eyes open? Oh, can you see? Will your zeal reach new proportions? Can you say, “O Lord, my God, remember me?”*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *If you close your heart to the move of God, heaven will be closed to you; if you shut your heart to the people of God, heaven will shut you out.*
2. *Treat the house of God with the holiness it deserves; cast out every violation.*
3. *Build memorials to God today by your zeal for Him; God will remember you for good.*
4. *Do some ‘remember me’ actions today; God remembers you when you remember His people, His work and His sacrifice for sinners.*
5. *Free the ministers of God, and the work of the ministry, by giving freely in obedience to God.*
6. *There is enough resources with the people of God*

*to provide for the work of the ministry, but not enough people of God are willing to respond and to obey the God who gave them the resources to steward.*

7. *Too many effective ministries and ministers are sidelined because of lack of resources; too many active ministries are experiencing lack; too many of God’s people are refusing to respond to God.*
8. *You surely do not want God to think on you because of your disobedience, your sin or your failure to pay tithes or give to His work.*
9. *A little folly will mar a lifetime of wisdom; it is not wise to try to prove God wrong.*
10. *You cannot manage corruption to satisfy your need for separation; you must separate or it will corrupt you.*
11. *Make tough decisions for God today; heaven will back you.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, give me the right attitude towards the house of God, the people of God and, the affairs of the kingdom, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God let a fiery zeal for You consume me; let me burn whenever You burn and laugh when You are pleased, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I put myself on the line to stand up for, and to promote the affairs of the kingdom, in the name of Jesus.
- Omnipotent Father, I will give You many reasons throughout my lifetime to remember me for good; I will be strong on Your behalf so You may show Yourself strong on my behalf, in the name of Jesus.
- I commit myself to make the necessary decisions, however tough it may be, to honor You Father; today I start with a committed fasting, prayer and Bible reading discipline. Amen.
- I will pay my tithes; I will give generously to the work of God; I will lay down everything to see my heavenly kingdom advance here in this world; I declare that I am a loyalist to the kingdom of God. Amen.