

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Nehemiah 13:15-31

Part 2

1. **RESTING** is a way to honor and worship God! (vv.15-17; Exodus 20:8-11; Genesis 2:2-3; Hebrews 4:9-11; Matthew 11:28; Luke 10:38-42; Mark 1:35, 6:30-33; John 4:6,7)
2. We need to learn from the mistakes of those who have **GONE BEFORE** us and from **OUR OWN** mistakes. (v.18a; Zechariah 1:4; Ezekiel 18:14-17; 1 Corinthians 10:11; Psalm 78:5-8; Philippians 3:12-13; Isaiah 43:18-19)
3. When we disobey God, we bring **CONSEQUENCES** upon ourselves and upon the next generation. (v.18b; Proverbs 5:22; Isaiah 59:2; Galatians 6:7-8; Exodus 31:14-15, 35:2; Jeremiah 17:21-27; Ezekiel 20:13-24; James 1:14-15)
4. Let's guard our lives against evil coming **IN** and from even getting **CLOSE!** (vv.19-22a; Proverbs 4:23; Isaiah 62:6; Matthew 5:29-30; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:11, 6:11-17; Colossians 3:5; James 4:7)
5. Our actions **TODAY** will affect our children **TOMORROW**. (vv.23-24; Deuteronomy 6:6-7, 28:1-2,15; Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 4:5-7; Judges 2:10; Psalm 71:18, 78:4-6, 102:18; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4)
6. It grieves the Lord when we join **HEARTS** with those who do not have His **HEART**. (vv.23-31; Deuteronomy 7:3-4; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 7:39; 1 Kings 11:1-13; Ephesians 4:30)
7. If I have drifted somewhere I should not be, I need to **GET OUT OF HERE!**



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. God takes rest seriously! Why do we often downplay the significance of rest? What are the negative consequences of neglecting proper rest? What are the positive results of good rest?
3. Rest was a time to check out of work, but not to check out from God. Of course we all need physical and mental breaks, and purposeful rest provides that. But how do we rest and not 'check out' from God? (Think along these lines: fasting is more than just not eating...) What ultimately did the Sabbath rest point forward to? What are we to learn from this?
4. Nehemiah scolded the people because they failed to recognize that the very actions in which they were engaging were what got them exiled (because of their fathers) in the first place! (They failed to learn from the past.) What is one of the greatest lessons you have learned from a mistake you have made (or someone before you made)?
5. Nehemiah's responses to the people's sins weren't 'easy going' at all. How did he respond? What fueled his responses? How should we stand up for what is right?
6. Judges 2:10 describes a sad period in Israel's history: "a generation arose that did not know the Lord." What are some principles and practices that will help prevent this from happening in our time?
7. Let's say you have a good friend who loves the Lord, and he/she wants to marry someone who has no walk with the Lord (in fact, who professes to NOT be a believer at all.) What counsel would you give your friend?