

Rebuilding Our Lives with Christ Nehemiah 1:1-11

- I. Recognize the demand, vs. 1-3.
 - A. The question that was asked, vs. 2.
 1. ...I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped... vs. 2.
 - B. The answers that were given, vs. 3.
 1. ...are in great affliction and reproach... vs. 3.
- II. Respond in desperation, vs. 4.
 - A. A time of compassion, vs. 4.
 1. ...sat down and wept, and mourned certain days... vs. 4.
 - B. A time of contemplation, vs. 4.
 1. ...sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed...
 2. And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: But if ye turn unto me, and keep my

commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer. Nehemiah 1:5-11.