

Monday (Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Nehemiah 5:1-19</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What social evil did Nehemiah put right? How did he do it?</li> <li>2. What features of his conduct made Nehemiah an excellent governor? Are we aspiring to develop similar characteristics?</li> </ol>
Tuesday (Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Nehemiah 6:1-19</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nehemiah's enemies now tried intrigue. The proposal to discuss <i>everything together</i> is often an attractive one. What made Nehemiah persistently refuse it? Contrast Eve's folly in discussing the question raised by the serpent (Gen.3:1-5). Do you ever discuss questions that should never be allowed consideration?</li> <li>2. What were the subtle attempts to ensnare Nehemiah? Notice how Nehemiah's singleness of purpose and loyalty to God were as a shield to him. What can we learn from this?</li> </ol>
Wednesday (Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Nehemiah 7:1-73</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What further steps did Nehemiah take in ensuring an orderly life in Jerusalem? Why was Hananiah in charge of Jerusalem? Remembering that you may be called to responsibility in your work for God, what are you doing to develop these same qualities?</li> </ol>
Thursday (Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-18</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chapters 8, 9, and 10 describe a remarkable revival. What was its first manifestation, and what further characteristics developed from this?</li> <li>2. Consider how great a change of heart had taken place since before the exile.</li> </ol>
Friday (Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Nehemiah 9:1-38</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What marks do you find here of a genuine repentance (ref. 2 Cor.7:10-11)?</li> <li>2. Meditate upon God's great kindness and many mercies, in spite of great provocation. How much cause have you for similar recollection, repentance, and gratitude to God?</li> <li>3. From verses 6-37, what may we learn about the heart of God and the heart of man?</li> <li>4. The Jews had learnt by bitter experience that disobedience</li> </ol>

	<p>(ref.Ps.130:3-4)? What may we learn from this chapter about the principles of God's action towards His people when they sin (Phil.1:6; 2Jn.8)?</p>
Saturday (Dec 13 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Nehemiah 10:1-39</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make a list of the seven specific ordinances included in the general covenant to walk in God's law (10:29) and not neglecting the house of God (10:39).</li> <li>2. What did the people agree (a) to give up, and (b) to give, that they might observe and do all the commandments of the Lord? What does this teach us about the meaning of whole-hearted consecration?</li> </ol>
Sunday (Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Psalm 78: 23-41</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From verses 1-39 make a list of (a) God's saving acts for His people; (b) the nation's sins; (c) God's judgments. In particular, from verses 34-37, consider the difference between true and false repentance (ref. Jer.29:13).</li> <li>2. Is your life free from a similar monotonous cycle of relapses? How, according to verses 1-8, may we avoid such failure?</li> </ol>

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