

## THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH, Part 1 Mourning Prayer

### INTRODUCTION

- What were the circumstances in Nehemiah's day? \_\_\_\_\_
- God called N \_\_\_\_\_ out as a leader to revive the spirit of the discouraged exiles and bring them h \_\_\_\_\_.

### A CARING HEART

- People of God have a h \_\_\_\_\_ for G \_\_\_\_\_ heart. "Let my heart be br \_\_\_\_\_ by the things that break the heart of God." Bob Pierce

### A PRAYER TO THE LORD GOD

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a central theme of this book. Nehemiah was a man of faith who de \_\_\_\_\_ first and foremost on the Lord God in prayer.
- Nehemiah is a man of great faith and has a deep \_\_\_\_\_ of who God is. How does a great faith come about? \_\_\_\_\_

### WITH HUMILITY AND CONFESSION

- Nehemiah's prayer was devoted to c \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Nehemiah had faith that God who promised judgement against sin also promised f \_\_\_\_\_ if His people would r \_\_\_\_\_ and turn back to Him. (compare 1 John 1:6-9)
- Nehemiah identified \_\_\_\_\_ with the sinners. As it says in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive \_\_\_ our trespasses."

### A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

- Nehemiah is praying for God to bring His promises to bear in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- When we are in dif \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances, we pray to God asking him to remember His promises, and in doing so we \_\_\_\_\_ to those promises. What are some promises of God? (see Hebrews 13:5-6, Romans 8:38-39, John 7:37-38) \_\_\_\_\_
- In His Word we find His p \_\_\_\_\_. And in His promises, we have conf \_\_\_\_\_.

### A PRAYER OF CONFIDENCE

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is to know \_\_\_\_\_ to whom you pray, in whom you have faith.
- "Nehemiah's greatness came for ask \_\_\_\_\_ great things of a great God, and then attempting great things with re \_\_\_\_\_ on Him." Warren Wiersbe

### HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

- When we look upon the cross, we should see our \_\_\_\_\_ for which Jesus died. We should also see the great for \_\_\_\_\_ that we receive when we place our trust in him.
- Through the cross, through the very gospel itself, we are called to con \_\_\_\_\_ come to Him in pr \_\_\_\_\_;
- Pray not only to hear His call, but to say, "Here I am Lord. Send me."



## How to Prepare for The Lord's Supper

In order that you may receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner you should carefully consider what you must now believe and do.

From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; This is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins;" you should believe that Jesus Christ is present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words, "For the remission of sins," you should also believe that Jesus gives to you His body and blood to strengthen your assurance that your sins are forgiven. And, finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says: "Take, eat; Drink of it, all of you; This do in remembrance of me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He has commanded, then you have properly examined yourselves and may eat Christ's body and drink His blood in a worthy manner. You should, also, unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus, with the whole Christian Church, have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father give you His

## Sermon Notes

Scripture Readings  
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Pew Bible page numbers

Nehemiah 1:1-11  
p. 468

Colossians 1:9-14  
p. 1168

Matthew 6:7-13  
p. 964

## The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance. We believe that the in Lord's Supper Christ Jesus is truly present in body and blood, given in bread and wine for us to eat and drink. We also believe it is a means by which we receive true forgiveness of sin.

The Lord's supper is for those who baptized and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Learn more on how to prepare for  
The Lord's Supper