

The Hand of God

Nehemiah 2:10–20



Week Three

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Read This Week's Passage:
Nehemiah 2:10–20

MOVING ON

When God moves in your life, it is one thing to enjoy the experience by yourself; it is another thing to share the experience with others around you. In the story of Nehemiah, God had worked out miracles in Nehemiah's secular context to advance his religious goals. Nehemiah had received all the things that were needed to rebuild the wall. From the small details to the large logistical concerns, materials and diplomatic clearance were not only boldly requested but also astonishingly granted.

But now, more important than the project itself, Nehemiah was called to rally God's people, the people of Jerusalem, to rebuild the city walls. After years of sluggish progress, it was not only the wall that needed to be rebuilt but the confidence of the public. The testimony of the heavenly King touching the heart of the earthly king was evidence that the hand of God was upon Nehemiah. He made sure that the people heard this story and used it to encourage their faith to rebuild once again. If earthly powers were moving, how much more the heavenly powers that were behind them?



Write out Nehemiah 2:10–20 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out Nehemiah 2:16–18. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, outline it, or mind map the chapter.



Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you



Draw Arrows to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases



Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

Are you experiencing antagonism in your life? How do you respond to antagonism from your family? What factors help you to persevere when the odds are against you?



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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?



What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?



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What relationship do the following verses have with Nehemiah 2:10–20?

Prov. 6:6–8

Prov. 16:9

Luke 14:28–33



What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Nehemiah 2:10–20?

Review your memorized verse from Nehemiah 2:10–20.



Meditate on Nehemiah 2:10–20 again and look for Jesus in the passage.



Could Nehemiah have accomplished his goals without Christ's aid?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?



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Review your memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?



As you have studied this
week, what personal
applications have you been
convicted of in your life?

What are practical applications
you must make in your school,
family, workplace, and church?

A large grid of small dots for writing answers to the reflection questions.



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Share insights from this week's memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.



What experiences has God given you that you have already shared with others to encourage them?

What experiences has God given you that you have not shared with others? Why have you not shared?

What is the danger of only believing another's report of a situation?

What principles of witnessing and tact can we learn from Nehemiah's experience?

What are the principles of biblical leadership for eliciting people's support?

What are the principles of leadership in handling opposition?

What walls in your life need rebuilding?

How does one balance the emphasis between the people and the project?