

Through Hidden Opposition: Discernment

Nehemiah 6:10–19



Week Nine

inTro



Read This Week's Passage:
Nehemiah 6:10–19

BLIND SIGHT

Modern medicine now has the ability to heal some forms of congenital blindness. The blind eye can be corrected through the use of latest restorative procedures. However, to the brain that has never seen the spectrum of the rainbow, the different intensities of light, and the various forms of shapes, nothing registers. Though the physical condition of the eye is functioning, the mind itself needs to be healed. Beyond the work of the physicians, the brain must be reprogrammed. So, when Jesus healed the boy who had been blind since birth (John 9), giving him the ability not only to see but to recognize everything, it was a tremendous miracle! Jesus not only healed his eyes but regenerated his mind, too.

Similarly, though our eyes might be functioning, we also need the miracle of sight. Not physical sight; our spiritual vision needs remedying so that we may discern different entities at work. Simple things like invitations, letters, and words may not be so simple. This week's lesson looks at two instances in Nehemiah 6 where the veil of blindness was lifted and discernment was granted.



inScribe

Write out Nehemiah 6:10–19 from the translation of your choice. If you're pressed for time, write out Nehemiah 6:12, 16. 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.

How is your perception? Do you look beyond the surface in your relationships? Do you ask God to open your eyes to your own true condition?



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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 the primary passage?

Deut. 13:1–5; 18:20

1 Cor. 2:14

Heb. 4:12; 5:14



What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Nehemiah 6:10–19?

Review your memorized verse from Nehemiah 6:10–19.



Meditate on Nehemiah 6:10–19 again and look for Jesus in the passage.



How did Jesus display the gift of discernment during His earthly ministry?

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?



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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.



Are you a Tobiah who talks, or are you a Nehemiah who walks?

How should you meet personal attacks upon your work and/or character?

How can you influence others to work for Christ in a positive way?

How can prayer strengthen courage?

Who are other false prophets? What lessons do you learn from them?

When has fear overshadowed your faith?

When has mystical awe overshadowed your faith?

How do we keep faith always before us, especially in front of fear and awe?

What is your relationship with the Spirit of Prophecy?