

Sermon Notes for April 10, 2005

**Morning: “Redeeming The Time”** Nehemiah 2:1-20 (Pew Bible page 429)  
(Leadership Under Lordship)

**I. Opportunity— A Reward from God—** “Then the King said unto me, For what do you make request?”  
Nehemiah 2:1-9

“Redeem the **time** because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:16 (1041)

“Making the most of every **opportunity**, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:16 NIV

**Chronos**— Chronological Time; **Chairos**— Opportunity Time

“LORD, GIVE ME A TONGUE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY” What should you do when God presents you an opportunity?

- Always **Pray**— “For what do you make request? So I **prayed** to the God of heaven.” Nehemiah 2:4
- Always Get **Permission**— “I said unto the King, if it **please the King** . . . send me unto Judah, unto the city or my father’s sepulchers, **that I may build it**. Nehemiah 2:5 “For I am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say to one, Go, and he goeth, and to another, Come, and he cometh, and to my servant Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and said, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.” Luke 7:8-9 (912)

**To Obtain Authority, You Must Be under Authority**

**The Pharisees**— “By what authority doest thou these things? Who gave you this authority?” Matthew 21:23 (871)

**Jesus**— “I am not come of Myself but He that sent me . . . I am from Him.” John 7:28-29 (946)

- Always **Plan**— Nehemiah 2:6-8a
- Always Claim the **Promises**— “The King granted me according to the **good hand** of my God unto me.” Nehemiah 2:8b

“Remember the Prayer of Jabez”

It is the Hand of God that makes all the Difference in a Successful, Godly life.

**II. Opposition— The **Resistance**—** “When Sanballat . . . and Tobiah heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly . . . they laughed us to scorn, and despised us.” Nehemiah 2:10, 19

- “When God works, Satan goes to work.”
- “The measure of a man’s character is the depth of his commitment in the face of opposition.”
- “Whatever causes you to pray more, God has turned into a blessing.”

- “When harsh winds blow, the tree’s roots must grow deeper.”
- “Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” Ephesians 6:10
- “Be strong and of a good courage.” Joshua 1:6, 1:9, 1:18 (194)
- “Greater is He that is with you than he that is in the world.” I John 4:4 (1083)
- “Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6 (1042)
- “Faithful is He Who calls you Who also will do it.” I Thessalonians 5:24 (1050)
- “For the battle is the LORD’S.” David to Goliath I Samuel 17:47 (260)

**III. Obedience— The **Response** to God— “So, I came to Jerusalem.” Nehemiah 2:11**

- Obedience with **Humility**— “Neither told I any man what God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem.” Nehemiah 2:12
- Obedience that seeks **Help**— “Let **us** build up the wall of Jerusalem, that **we** be no more a reproach.” Nehemiah 2:17
- Obedience that gives **Honor**— “I told them of the **hand of my God which was good** upon me . . . So they strengthened their hands for this good work.” Nehemiah 2:18
- Obedience that points to **Heaven**— “Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build.”