



# RISE UP AND BUILD

A STUDY IN NEHEMIAH

# **Godly Response To Suffering**

**Nehemiah 1:1-11**

**Those who know God and His purposes respond to suffering with godly compassion.**



**The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.  
Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in  
the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the  
citadel**

*– Nehemiah 1:1, ESV*



**And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.” As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.**

*– Nehemiah 1:3–4, ESV*



# Why don't I respond like Nehemiah?

- **Because I'm concerned about**
  - **My Kingdom**
  - **My Happiness**
  - **My Agenda**



# Godly Response: Worship

- **And I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love...”, Nehemiah 1:5, ESV**



# Godly Response: Worship

- **On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” Exodus 19:18–19; 20:18-19, ESV**



# Godly Response: Confession

- **“let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father’s house have sinned. We have acted very corruptly against you...” Nehemiah 1:6–7, ESV**



# Godly Response: Hope

- Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’ They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand.

**Nehemiah 1:8–10, ESV**

