

An Outcry that Must Be Heard

Nehemiah 5:1-6

Chapter 4 dealt primarily with _____ from _____ perspectives. All the workers face it from a _____ perspective first and then they faced the threat of _____ violence. Nehemiah faced these opponents with prayer, planning and encouraged his workers all the while.

Chapter 5 reveals another attack. To this point the opposition had been from the _____. Now, Nehemiah had to deal with opposition from _____. There are excellent truths to consider from our passage today.

When the _____ has not faced genuine challenges, it has tended to grow _____ in appearance but not _____ in _____. What would happen when churches begin corporately worshiping again if there were no _____, no _____, no _____, no _____, no \$300 _____. Truthfully, most churches don't need pressure from the outside to _____. It only needs _____ on the _____. While covid-19 has made us

hit the pause button on _____ and _____, most Christians don't need a _____ to _____.

I don't really fear the _____ shutting a church down. What I genuinely fear is that vast _____ of _____ are not redeemed.

Nehemiah has some real difficult issues here.

I. The Outcry

Nehemiah tells of _____ groups of people who were part of this outcry.

A. Paid _____

B. Those with _____

C. Taxpayers

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There were specific guidelines that are in Scripture that would have been very helpful at this point.

1. Ex 22:25

2. Lev 25:39-40

3. Num 36:7-9

Remember that this outcry was not against _____, or _____. These groups were being exploited by their _____. This was far more _____ than what Sanballat and Tobiah threatened.

Nehemiah's Response: _____

II. The Outcome 6-14