



There is Nothing New Under the Sun

Nehemiah 13

- I. _____ don't just go away — they must be actively kept at bay.
(*Nehemiah 13:4–7, 28, 4:1–3*)
- II. Old _____ don't abate - they just sit back and lie in wait.
(*Nehemiah 13:10–13, 15–22, 23–27; Jeremiah 17:9; I Corinthians 10:12; I Peter 5:8; Hebrews 12:1*)
- III. Old _____ don't fail - but we often fail to utilize them.
(*Nehemiah 13:8, 11, 17, 19, 22, 29, 31; Jeremiah 6:16; James 4:7–8; Romans 1:16; I Thessalonians 5:16–18; II Corinthians 10:3–5*)

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. How does Nehemiah 13 reveal the ongoing spiritual warfare that persists even after apparent victory?
2. What does the reappearance of Tobiah and Sanballat teach us about the persistence of evil and the subtlety of compromise? What safeguards can help you maintain holiness when the world's pressures tempt you to compromise or convenience?
3. Why does Scripture repeatedly link vigilance in leadership with the preservation of holiness (Acts 20:28–30)? How does this episode illustrate the biblical pattern that spiritual decline often begins with compromised leadership (I Kings 11:1–6)?
4. What does this cycle teach about sanctification - that holiness requires not only repentance from sin but also resistance to recurrence?
5. How do texts like I Peter 5:8 and Hebrews 12:1 frame temptation as a persistent enemy rather than a one-time test? What does it look like to "take heed lest you fall" (I Corinthians 10:12)?
6. Why does Scripture consistently call God's people to return to "the ancient paths" (Jeremiah 6:16) rather than innovate new ones? What "old remedies" - prayer, Scripture, accountability, fasting - might be neglected in seasons of busyness?
7. How can Nehemiah's final prayer, "Remember me, O my God, for good," reshape your own approach to ministry motivation?
8. How does Nehemiah's pattern of praying in the midst of confrontation show that reform is as spiritual as it is structural? Where in your leadership or discipleship would Nehemiah's blend of zeal and prayer be helpful?
9. How does Nehemiah's faithfulness despite opposition reflect the gospel truth that God remembers faithfulness, even when men forget (Hebrews 6:10)? When you feel unseen in obedience, what encourages you to keep saying, "Remember me, O my God, for good"?