



Depth Perception - Part I

Nehemiah 5

- I. The depth of the _____ – ending rampant ruthless exploitation.
(Nehemiah 5:1-5)
- II. A great _____ of mouths – created the now _____ poor.
(Nehemiah 5:2)
- III. A great _____ – created the newly _____ poor.
(Nehemiah 5:3)
- IV. Always Great _____ – created the newly _____ poor.
(Nehemiah 5:4)
- V. A great _____ – created the conditions for _____.
(Nehemiah 5:5; Leviticus 25:39–40; Deuteronomy 15:12–18)
- VI. A great _____ – what God’s people worked to avoid from the pagans was happening to their own by their own.
(Nehemiah 5:8; I Timothy 6:10; Matthew 6:21, 33; Luke 10:27; Galatians 6:10)

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. How does this passage challenge the idea that “as long as we’re doing God’s work, He’ll bless us,” even when our hearts are corrupt toward each other?
2. How might Nehemiah 5:1–2 reveal that the measure of our faith is not in how we worship publicly, but in how we treat the vulnerable privately?
3. How does this scene expose the tragedy that God’s people can be laboring for Him yet simultaneously wounding one another?
4. Why does Scripture emphasize that *both the people and their wives* cried out? What might that tell us about the depth of their suffering and God’s attentiveness to every voice? (Romans 2:11-16)
5. What does the famine teach us about God’s sovereignty in hardship?
6. What does this passage teach us about trusting God in scarcity, especially when our instinct is to preserve rather than provide? What practical disciplines (giving, generosity, accountability, confession) help guard your heart against greed’s subtle rule?
7. When have you seen believers respond to crisis either with sacrificial generosity or self-preserving greed? What was revealed about their theology of provision?
8. Nehemiah was stunned that God’s people were reenacting the sins of their pagan captors. Why do you think even redeemed people can repeat the very patterns they were saved from? What are some ways we may tend to fall into this same temptation?
9. How does remembering our redemption by God shape the way we treat others who are indebted, weak, or dependent on help?

10. How can believers guard against the subtle shift from stewarding resources for God's kingdom to serving resources as their own master?
11. David prayed, "Cleanse me from hidden faults." (Psalm 19:12) What might some of those hidden faults be in the way we view wealth, worth, or one another?