**Nehemiah 13 - The Promises**

THE SEPARATION PROMISE (13:1-9, 23-31)

THE SUPPORT PROMISE (13:10-14)

THE SABBATH PROMISE (13:15-22)

1. QUOTE: In ministry, we must be "geared to the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and anchored to the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**."

2. Oswald Chambers QUOTE: "Today the world has taken so many things out of the church, and the church has taken so many things out of the world, that it is difficult to know **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**".

3. Children and grandchildren can drift from the faith and try to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** their way on the testimony of their ancestors, and fathers and mothers can depart from the faith just to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** their children.

4. The mixed marriages of the New Testament are between the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

5. The believer who is happy in the Lord and walking in His will has a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  heart and wants to share with others.

6. QUOTE: "The world is full of two kinds of people, the givers and the takers. The takers **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** well-but the givers **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** well."

7. The child of God must choose **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** wealth rather than **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** wealth and claim the promise of Matthew 6:33, "But seek first His king­dom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (NASB).

8. We ought to use the Lords Day to the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of the Lord.

**STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. When has it been hard for you to keep a promise or commitment?

2. Why was it important to exclude people of foreign descent from the Jewish nation? In the context of that situation, why wasn't this narrow-minded and unloving?

3. Think about what Eliashib the priest did. What might be something similar that someone might do wrong today?

4. What other abuses did Nehemiah have to dean up?

5. Why was it such a big deal that people were buying and selling on the Sabbath?

6. How did Nehemiah respond to the people's broken promises? Why?

7. What do his responses tell you about Nehemiah?

8. What might the Jewish people have done to protect themselves from breaking so many of their promises?

9. How can we prepare ourselves for a lifetime of obedience?

10. How can we guard ourselves against breaking promises or our covenants with God?