Nehemiah 1

**Preparing to Rebuild: Prayer**

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Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1-11

**Introduction**

Nehemiah ***theme*** –is about the

Nehemiah’s ***name*** – means “”

***Timeline***:

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**Preparation Question**

***Concerned***  (v1-2)

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– proclaiming who God is (v5)

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- other people to  in the work

- other Jews to help  for the situation

– confessing sins of the nation (v7)

- sin of  against the authority of God

- sin of  against the laws of God

**As we pray in preparation for what God has next for us, let us seek His guidance and forgiveness so that we can move forward His way.**

– agreeing with the fairness of God’s justice (v8-9) **Psalms 37:28**

– desire for revival and renewal (v10-11)

**As we pray in preparation for action, let us acknowledge that we deserve the consequences for our sins, and cry out for a renewal of our faith in God.**

**Take Home**

Let us pray together earnestly for God’s guidance and provision.

**Matthew 6:9-13**  Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

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