

Nehemiah Journey: Day 19 of 52

As I continue to study Nehemiah chapter 5, I am convicted by how Nehemiah responded to the injustice taking place. Many of his Jewish brethren were suffering because of the great poverty in the land. Some had mortgaged their possessions just to buy grain and food to eat. Others could not afford the heavy taxes or have money for food and had been forced into slavery. The major problem was that many were being oppressed by their own countrymen.

What was Nehemiah's response? Verse 6 says, "And I became very angry when I heard their outcry and these words." There are some things that happen around us that should make us "very angry". There is a place for righteous indignation, but we must not sin in our anger. Notice what Nehemiah did in verse 7, "After serious thought . . ." or "I took counsel with myself." Sometimes we react while we are still in the midst of anger, I do not know about you, but that is not when I do my best responding.

So in these days when something makes you angry be sure to give it serious thought and prayer BEFORE you respond. Ask God for wisdom in how to best handle your response in a way that most glorifies Him!

If you have questions you want to ask, prayer requests, or testimony you want to share I would love to hear it. You can email me at tommy.k@elbchurch.org or text/call at 337 424 8407

Have a great Friday and hope to see many of you Sunday!

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