

**TELECAST SERMON FOR  
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“IT WAS MORE THAN REBUILDING A WALL”  
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Thank you, Jose!

The greatest teacher I know is the Lord. Through the Holy Spirit we learn and accept His teachings without exceptions. Do you recall the simple fishermen, whom He pressed into His service?

They heard the Gospel, believed without reservations, repented of their sins, and were baptized in the name of Jesus. Then along with the Lord, they became fishers of men, whose primary goal was to bring souls to Jesus.

Thus, viewers, the main purpose of my TV sermon, "IT WAS MORE THAN REBUILDING A WALL," is to bring Jesus to you and cause you to realize how serious and necessary His salvation is for every participant out there in our viewing audience.

Nehemiah is most remembered for his perseverance in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. What is significant is that he demonstrated individual faith, acting upon the power of the Word of God.

In the Bible God spoke to Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and other prophets. However, in the book of Nehemiah we are made aware of an equally important aspect of believing.

The book of Nehemiah tells us how to exercise our faith by resorting to and relying on prayer. You will not find passages in the book, Nehemiah, where it says, "God said, or the Lord spoke to him," likened to other books of the Bible.

However, what you will see television viewers, is patience, the willingness to understand man's relationship with God, and embracing that relationship in a manner that is applauded by God.

This is a quality of faith that should be perfected in every believer, and especially in the latter days, where the Word of God is often ridiculed, disregarded, and discredited.

The message to every believer in the last days is to have faith in Jesus' name, to plead for His blood, and to be confident in His Word. Today, God speaks to us through the power of the Holy Ghost through Spiritual gifts.

However, viewers, when God does not speak to you in the manner that brings satisfaction to you, will you keep the faith? Will you remember that you have the Word of God that does not change, and the name of Jesus that rises above all else!

There is a song that you will find in many hymnals that is entitled, "All I Need." Because of its simplicity in nature, it is often overlooked.

However, those lyrics prepare us for the days that lie ahead. When it becomes necessary to make those tough decisions regarding your faith, your salvation, and the kind of life Jesus wants you to live, will you be able to say, "Jesus is all I need?"

Nehemiah loved Jerusalem and what it represented to the Jews. He, without question, loved God's people unconditionally, and being an oracle of God, he would go so far, as to deny himself in order to bring them back to God.

On that accord, the Spirit of the Lord moved him to accomplish that task of restoring Jerusalem. He remained motivated, regardless of the obstacles that lay ahead of him because the joy of the Lord was his strength.

That joy transcended to the Jews to "Rise up and build," and they developed a mind to support the cause.

Nehemiah boldly faced strong opposition from Tobiah, the Ammonite, and Sanballat, the Horonite. The opposition was designed to stop the restoration, solely because it would benefit the wellbeing of the children of Israel.

Though threats were made against his life, Nehemiah pressed on, keeping himself covered with the blood of Jesus.

For him, he found refuge and employed the significance of the Passover and kept it paramount in his life.

Jealousy, envy, and covetous spirits conjured up lies and deceit against him, in an effort to degrade and deface his loyalty and integrity to the ruling government.

No matter how organized the conspiracy was, the truth vindicated him in the end. Therefore, regardless of the level of adversity, by putting his faith and trust in God, Nehemiah successfully galvanized the mind and hearts of the remnant of Jews.

We must remember that the task was not only to rebuild Jerusalem, but it was also purposed to rebuild the faith and discipline of the Jews, such that they could once again be the apple of God's eye.

Similarly, Paul preached on the ministry of reconciliation. Let us read in II Corinthians 5:18-20, "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ' stead, be ye reconciled to God."

God's people were treasured in his eyes because stemming from a royal priesthood and a holy nation that gave God the praise, they were Spiritually, a chosen generation.

Let us find out what moved the spirit and heart of Nehemiah. Let us read in Nehemiah 1:2-4, "That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

And they said unto me, the remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven.”

Nehemiah, likened to those prophets before him and those to follow, was of a character that God employed to further His work upon the earth. Nehemiah certainly had the heart to do whatever God requested him to do without question.

In life he was a noble man, honest, credible, full of strict integrity, and a disciplinarian for the sake of Godliness.

He was a true patriot for his God, willing to leave a position of wealth, power, and influence in the court of the king of Persia, in order to embrace his countrymen in time of sorrow, and to share and deliver them from their sorrows.

We can also perceive through the scripture that Nehemiah possessed great humility, kindness, and extraordinary hospitality. But regardless of how great a man he may be assessed to be, he was most remarkable in his piety, walking with God in the singleness of heart, standing firmly on the promised and prophecies of God.

In his Spiritual life, he was intense and deliberate in prayer, exhibited profound faith, and without fail, always gave thanks to God. Nehemiah heard of the sorrow, affliction, and oppression of his brethren, and his spirit could not be at peace.

Bearing that in mind, we must be mindful of the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ was of the same character, exhibited the same concern, but made a greater sacrifice for you and for me. Jesus left the royalty of heaven and came to earth only to be rejected and crucified. But Jesus rose from the dead at His will and on His own power. Doing so, every person that is born again will have the forgiveness of sin and the promise of the eternal life, when He returns for His own.

There is one fact that is certain, that Jesus Christ will return! Every passing day brings this glorious event nearer. I am sure, television viewers, that you can see how this civilization is crumbling because of corruption, sin, envy, covetousness, violence, and deceit to name a few.

The present lifestyles that men choose to live make their world of worship superficial. There is but one way to have sins forgiven and removed, and that is through the name of Jesus.

In other words, Jesus did not remove the penalty of sin, but separates the sinner from his sin. David tells us in Psalm 103:12, “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”

Let us find out what Jesus says about salvation. Let us read in John 3:5, “Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

Jesus made it clear that the saving of the soul surpassed the healing of the body and even the longevity of life.

Acquiring all of life's pleasures and conveniences does not help salvation either. Jesus drew the comparison by saying that it would be more profitable for thee, that one of thy members of your body should perish, rather than to have your entire body be cast into hell.

"The Gospel of the Kingdom of God" ends with souls being redeemed from the earth and living in heaven forever.

Lazarus, who was raised from the dead, and those that were resurrected from the dead, when Jesus died on the cross, have since died. They were restored to life to the glory of God. However, the promise of eternal life is yet to be fulfilled.

They, along with many others, await that promise. When Jesus called Lazarus and others back from the grips of death, He did not snatch them out of the joy and glory of heaven. These, as many today, are sleeping with the promise of being resurrected.

Men, such as Enoch and Elijah, are examples of the redemption of the Saints, when, Jesus returns. The thief, on the cross, was promised a place in paradise.

But the Romans soldiers broke his legs and body, removed him from the cross, and buried him. Here we learn of repentance and the forgiveness of sins with promise. But where are they?

Simply put, they, too, are asleep and resting in the promise and bosom of their forefather, Abraham. They, as well, are waiting to hear those words, "Come Up Hither!" On that day, spirit, soul, and body will be reunited in heaven.

Jesus said in John 3:13-15, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Therefore, the name of Jesus is the key to salvation, God's word has credibility, and blessed are those who have faith in Him and in His name.

Let us read in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

You have heard the phrase, "A marriage made in heaven!" Indeed, there is a union, which God blesses. This union is when a soul becomes the "Bride of Christ," through the "Gospel of Jesus Christ."

As believers, we anticipate the "Blessed hope" of the church, referred to by Paul in Titus 2:13. The "Glorious appearing" is the initial return of Jesus in clouds of glory.

When Jesus returns, He will rapture His Saints into heaven. Likened to Enoch of the Old Testament, their testimony upon the earth will have pleased the Lord and thus be worthy of the reward.

The Bride of Christ will number 144,000 stemming from generations, when the first sacrifice for sin was made with obedience. On that glorious day of the rapture, "corruption will put on incorruption," referring to those who have died, and "mortal will put on immortality," referring to the living.

They will be redeemed from the earth and be translated and transformed in the twinkling of an eye.

Nicodemus inquired about “The Gospel”, using the darkness of night, as a cover, for fear of his peers. The answer to his question, regarding how one can be saved is, “You must be born again!” Nicodemus was very surprised and startled over the answers given to him.

Regardless of the miracles and irrefutable report that preceded Jesus, there was still a great degree of doubt. Tradition and the lack of knowledge prevented Nicodemus from seeing the true intent of the law and scripture.

How did Jesus respond to the doubts and fears of Nicodemus? How will Jesus respond to your doubts and fears, viewers?

Jesus tactfully approached the disciplined spirit of the Pharisee, likened to how he instructed the disciples. He did so in the form of parables.

He took an event in life that was common to all men, such as childbirth, to impress the point of Spiritual rebirth. The need for the rebirth is because of sin.

Mankind was born into sin; therefore a spiritual rebirth was necessary to have a sinless life in Jesus.

Jesus’ response to Nicodemus cut straight to the heart of the matter, and made him aware of what must be done to obtain salvation. However, Nicodemus did not readily absorb the statement given by Jesus.

The impossibility of one returning to the womb of one’s mother was absurd! Being a scholar, the message of salvation could not be received because it conflicted with prevalent practice.

The natural man is incapable of “seeing” and therefore is unable “to enter into” the Kingdom of God. However gifted, moral, or refined a person may be, the natural man is absolutely barred from God’s presence because of sin.

The point being made is this. It is impossible for mankind to remove inherent sin! Jesus’ response to the traditionally based believers was this.

Let us read in John 3:9-10, “Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?”

Most of the Christian realm will not accept the name of Jesus in water baptism, or His deity, as being God in the flesh. Most of the world will not view themselves as sinners.

However, in God’s eye, from the poor to the very affluent, whether one is a Jew or a Gentile, theologically enlightened or not, Jesus tells us that all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God.

The apostle Peter was empowered through the experience of Pentecost. His renewed boldness and confidence in the Lord was apparent. No longer having reservations about the faith, he confidently revealed the keys to the Kingdom of God.

Let us read in Acts 2:36-38, "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

And in Acts 2:38 it reads, "Then Peter said unto them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Repentance simply means Godly sorrow for sin. Before anyone can be saved, one must acknowledge one's self as a sinner. Being truly sorry for one's sins starts the journey to eternal life.

Doing so, one acknowledges the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. You will notice, television viewers, that the scripture says, "repent and be baptized."

Water baptism is essential to salvation, and is a rite of worship that is defined as an "act of a good conscience toward God." Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan and thus set a pattern of good works for all of us to follow.

Why is the name of Jesus so important? One of the most important facts made after Pentecost was that one must have faith in Jesus and faith in His name.

Being baptized in His name causes a person to pass from death unto life. Water baptism resembles the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

By passing through water baptism, a new lease on life is obtained, thereafter, one's identified with Jesus, by His name. Through the act of baptism, with the applied name of Jesus, one's past sins are removed forever.

In the same scripture the promise of the Holy Ghost is given. Who is the Holy Ghost? It is none other than Jesus in the Spirit. The 120 followers of Jesus tarried in an upper chamber in the city of Jerusalem with faith and a yearning spirit.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost fell upon them, and they spoke in an unknown tongue. It was not "stammering lips" as some erroneously interpret the scriptures, but a deliberate "tongue" sent down from heaven known only to God.

What moved them to follow Jesus' instructions to tarry was that they saw Jesus ascend into heaven, and while doing so, they heard and felt the power of God.

Let us read in Acts 2:4, "And they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The evidence of having received the Holy Ghost was speaking in tongues, similar to that what they heard at the Mount of Olives.

It should not be misconstrued that the sudden ability to converse in another language is the evidence of being filled with the Holy Ghost. It is undeniable that these spoke in manner that Spiritually awakened Jerusalem.

However, that could not have come about without first having the Spirit dwelling in them. Jesus does not manifest Himself through our inherent spirit, but only through His Holy Spirit that dwells in us. The Spiritual gifts are manifest through His Spirit only. Other than that, it is not of the Lord!

What happened on Pentecost was something remarkable and which every Pentecostal church should be praying for and exercising. We, as Pentecostals, should be praying fervently for another day of Pentecost and that it arrives in greater measure than the first.

Elisha asked for a double portion. We should be doing the same! There is a great need for His Spirit to be present in His church. Through His Spirit, there is an assurance that the perfect will of God will be done.

The overview of the born-again message is this: water baptism, performed in the name of Jesus, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost, as evidenced by the speaking in tongues. There is no other way to receive complete salvation!

Let us read in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." We are reminded; "If you love me keep my commandments."

There is nothing superficial or deceptive about this born again message. Water baptism in His name is not an option but a mandate from the Lord.

Thus, no Clergy or Pastor can list water baptism as one of many alternatives. They do not have the authority to change God's plan of salvation and most certainly need to be enlightened.

Is the saving of the soul worth the effort? Yes! Today is the day of salvation, if you will hear His voice!

Being that the cause to rebuild Jerusalem was purposed by the Lord, Nehemiah was victorious in this endeavor. However, what was in the heart of God and of Nehemiah, exceeded the obvious. Yes, rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem would be a landmark accomplishment.

Numerous years would have passed with Jerusalem under siege and the Jews oppressed. The reason for the affliction that was placed upon the Jews was because of their disobedience to the known will of God.

Thus, restoring the walls and the city of Jerusalem was the beginning of a new era for the Jews.

However, the restoration was not restricted to walls and buildings, but a deliberate effort on God's part to restore His people into His grace.

Let us read in Nehemiah 6:15-16, "So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month of Elul (September), in fifty and two days.

And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God."

The restoration of Jerusalem's wall was remarkably completed in a matter of 52 days. The finished product gave God the praise, and also sent a message to those that conspired against the effort that if God were for you, who can be against you!

Peter demonstrated Spiritual stamina, when he preached the gospel to the Jews. Likened to Nehemiah the cause was of the Lord. Peter was vindicated of his faith, when a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, spoke on behalf of God.

Let us read in Acts 5:34-39, "Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space.

And said unto them, ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

For before these days rose up Theudas boasting himself to be somebody: to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves; who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

After this man rose up Judas of Galilee, in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him; he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."

At a specific time, the city of Jerusalem and the temple would be restored to its glory, and Israel would be restored and reconciled to.

The restoration would bring a revival in righteousness. For us, we should ask the Lord to send a Holy Ghost revival that we might reclaim the joy of being saved and be faithful servants to Him.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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