

## A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

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**Read Nehemiah 13**

Compare this chapter with chapter 10. How many of the vows made by the people have been broken here? What purpose do you think making the commitment served when it was abandoned so quickly?

The sermon talked about how when we fail repeatedly, we either go to "I'll try harder" or "I give up" responses. Which direction do you tend to go?

Eliashib the priest had given up space in the Temple store rooms to a known enemy. He most likely had come up with good justification for it. What rationalizations do we tend to use for giving the enemy a foothold in our lives?

What do you consider to be the greatest distractions that pull you away from being wholehearted for God? How can you address them without going to shame OR becoming legalistic?

What difference has it made to read this book with the idea that Nehemiah pictures Christ? What has been your biggest takeaway?