

## #19 "No Compromise"

Ready, Pray...Action!

A Study of the book of Nehemiah - Study Notes

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### Text: Nehemiah 13

*There is somewhat of a literary connection between Nehemiah 10 and 13 in that chapter 13 illustrates how they had broken all four of the vows they made in chapter 10. Here is a quick review of the four vows.*

1. *To obey and submit to His word. To live by it not just quote it.*
2. *To be faithful stewards of their relationships especially in the area of marrying or allowing their children to marry people who believed in pagan gods.*
3. *To be faithful stewards of their time including the Sabbath.*
4. *To be faithful stewards of their resources.*

Specifically this week we are looking at how they compromised vow #2.

- ? In what ways (there are more than one) in chapter 13 have they compromised this vow?
- ? How does compromising vow #2 directly relate to compromising the first vow?
- ? Who was Eliashib and what do we know about him from Neh.
- ? What does this story remind us about leadership, example and humanity?
- ? What was Eliashib's role in Tobiah moving into the temple? Who was Tobiah? What kind of compromise did Eliashib make? What was his role in the city?
- ? What is Nehemiah's reaction?
- ? Who were the Moabites?
- ? Who were the Ammonites?

Eliashib allowed Tobiah, an apparent worshipper of pagan gods to have influence in Jerusalem. This is a warning to us about how easily other religions can infiltrate the Gospel of Jesus.

- ? What are some ways people compromise the gospel which in turn can leave the gospel impotent?
- ? How tolerant should we be about our faith in Jesus? Give examples.
- ? Did Nehemiah have a right or a reason to be frustrated? Did he react in a Godly manner? Discuss.
- ? Was it really Nehemiah's responsibility to throw Tobiah out of the temple and try to restore order in Jerusalem? Why or why not? Who should have done this before now?
- ? Do you consider "anger" to be a wrong or bad emotion to have? Explain.
- ? Was Jesus ever angry? What was the circumstance and what was the reason for the anger?
- ? Look up Mark 3:1-6. Why was Jesus angry? What would be an example of the same type thing today? How did Jesus respond in his anger?
- ? Is the anger itself typically the sin or is it how we respond to the anger that becomes the sin?

**Righteous anger** = Angry for the right reason and you respond in the right way.

**Unrighteous anger** = Angry for the wrong reason and you respond in the wrong way.

*Something to live by...*

***When the unholy infiltrates the holy, we need to evict it and clean out the house.***