

## #18 "Worship In Jerusalem"

Ready, Pray...Action!

A Study of the book of Nehemiah – Study Notes

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Text Nehemiah 12:27-47

- ? Do you agree with the statement that all people are worshippers; that we are made to worship and therefore we will always worship something?

Rom 11:36-12:2

*For from him and through him and to him are all things.*

*To him be the glory forever! Amen. Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship.*

**From this passage we see that Worship entails each of the following. Define them with your home group and discuss how they fit into the explanation of worship.**

1. **Glory** – Define:
  - a. What does it mean to glorify something or someone?
2. **Dedication** (presenting, offering) – Define:
  - a. What are some things to which you are dedicated?
  - b. Is dedicating yourself to something a bad thing? Explain. When could it become so?
3. **Sacrifice** - Define:
  - a. What have you had to sacrifice for that which you are dedicated to.
  - b. What kind of sacrifices have you made for your faith?

- ? As you read through Nehemiah 12:27-47, what is the attitude of the people? What words or phrases in the text give you that impression?
- ? Why are they even dedicating the wall? What are they dedicating it to?
- ? What do you learn about corporate worship from this passage?
- ? What was the role of the singers and musicians?
- ? Do you consider yourself a joyful person? Why or why not? Is your joy dependant on your circumstances or is it tied directly to your relationship with the Lord?
- ? In what ways have you been transformed through the years? Describe these changes to your Home Group? Is that joyful to reflect on?
- ? Have you given much thought to dedicating your things to the Lord? i.e. car, home, office, checkbook etc. What difference do you think it would make to formally do this?

The atheistic German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche said...

*"If the Christians expect me to believe in their Redeemer, they have got to look a lot more redeemed." He also said, "God is dead and if you don't believe me go to one of their churches, it's nothing but a funeral."*

- ? Do you know people who think this about Christians? How can we help change this attitude?
- ? How can you as an individual prepare for our gathered time of worship?
- ? How is this glorifying to God and what does it show about our dedication? What sacrifices do we make to prepare ourselves?

Sixteen times in the book of Revelation we see the word "GLORY". Read the following & discuss what/who is being given glory & who is giving glory.

Revelation 4:11 Revelation 5:12 Revelation 5:13 Revelation 18:7 Revelation 19:1 Revelation 19:7