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Restoring Foundations

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NEHEMIAH 2:1-20

HONOR

Honor means, “to be looked upon with great respect.”

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NEHEMIAH 2:17

“Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach.”

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- Burden
- Vision
- Commitment
- Prayer

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NEHEMIAH'S VISION OF JERUSALEM

“At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the LORD, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart.”

(Jeremiah 3:17)

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NEHEMIAH'S VISION OF JERUSALEM

“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.”

(Isaiah 62:1)

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NEHEMIAH'S VISION OF JERUSALEM

“You [Jerusalem] shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.”

(Isaiah 62:3)

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What could a city of disregard ever really offer but
hopelessness?

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MODERN DAY "GHOST TOWNS"



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Are we in danger of becoming a reproach to the unbelieving world?

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WE HONOR GOD IN OUR:

1. Readiness (vs. 1-8)



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1. WE HONOR GOD IN OUR READINESS

“So I prayed to the God of heaven.”

(Nehemiah 2:4)

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1. WE HONOR GOD IN OUR READINESS

“Prayer is where planning starts.”

(*Excellence in Leadership*, James White)

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1. WE HONOR GOD IN OUR READINESS

Because he had been praying and patiently waiting on the Lord, his heart and mind were ready for action.

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WE HONOR GOD IN OUR:

1. Readiness (vs. 1-8)
2. Preparation (vs. 9-16)

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2. WE HONOR GOD IN OUR PREPARATION

God's work and our planning are not contradictory;
neither is research contrary to dependence on God.

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2. WE HONOR GOD IN OUR PREPARATION

A good steward is one who manages well all that they have been given.

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I also believe God is honored when Nehemiah worships Him in his stewardship.

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WE HONOR GOD IN OUR:

1. Readiness (*vs. 1-8*)
2. Preparation (*vs. 9-16*)
3. Conviction (*vs. 17-20*)

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3. WE HONOR GOD IN OUR CONVICTION

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A good that was centered on God, but also focused on others.

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