

Nehemiah, part 13:
“Endeavoring after a New Obedience”
Nehemiah 9:38 – 10:39

Another mark of true revival

1. A Serious Endeavor!

9:38 – 10:29

(1) The Fruit of True Repentance

- Note the full and free confession of sin which preceded this. cf. 9:3
- Recognizing that God had been just in disciplining His people cf. 9:33

(2) Embraced by a Broad Representation of the People!

- Governor, the Priests, the Levites, the Leaders vv. 1-27
- All who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God v. 28

(3) An Act of Faith

“everyone who had knowledge and understanding”

- Those possessed of a true knowledge of God
- Those who were understanding of the Word of God

(4) A Binding Agreement

9:38 *“and because of this we make a sure covenant and write”*

- A pledge, a covenant **10:29** *“these entered into a curse and an oath”*

2. A Specific and Focused Endeavor!

vv. 29-39

(1) Biblical

*“these...entered into a curse and an oath to walk in God’s Law
 ...and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord,
 and His ordinances and His statutes.”*

- Informed, directed by the Word of God
- A clear pledge to give attention to the preaching and teaching of the Word of God

(2) Spelled out!

- 1- A sanctifying of marriages! *“We would not give our daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons”* **30**
- For spiritual purity in the family
- For generational blessing

-2- A sanctifying the Sabbath

“if the peoples of the land brought wares or any grain to sell on the Sabbath day, we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day” **31a**

-3- A new dependence upon God as Provider

“and we would forego the seventh year’s produce and the exacting of every debt.” **31b**

-4- A new regard for the means of grace

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- Maintenance of the Temple of God and its worship - the means of grace!
- Support for those laboring in ministry

Further Application: