Sermon Notes ...

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TEXT: NEHEMIAH 13:4+ [#28] **TITLE:** "DEALING WITH SPIRITUAL DECLINE" (1)

INTRODUCTION

A. EVIDENCE OF SPIRITUAL DECLINE?

- 1. GOD'S WORD NEGLECTED
- 2. GOD'S HOUSE MISUSED
- 3. GOD'S HOUSE & SERVANTS FORSAKEN
- 4. GOD'S DAY DEGRADED
- 5. GOD'S PEOPLE NOT PURE

B. EXPLANATION FOR SPIRITUAL DECLINE?

1.	GOD'S WORD IGNORED	NO OBEDIENCE
2.	FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD ECLIPSED	NO DISCERNMENT
з.	Selfishness Flourishes	NO PARTICIPATION
4.	LAX LEADERSHIP	NO CONVICTIONS
5.	LESSONS OF PAST LOST	NO MEMORY/THANKS

C. EXHORTATIONS FOR US?

SPIRITUAL DECLINE . . .

- 1. ...CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!
- 2. ... DOES NOT TAKE LONG!
- 3. ... DOES NOT OCCUR IN A VACUUM!
- 4. ... FOLLOWS LACK OF DISCIPLINE!
- 5. ...IS NOT ALWAYS BEYOND REVERSAL!