



Sermon Outline

June 6 & 7, 2009

God's Will Never Lacks God's Provision

I. An Understanding of God at Work.

Nehemiah 1:4

⁴ When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

II. God is Using Your Circumstances to Prepare You to Accomplish His Purpose for Your Life.

Nehemiah 1:11

¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king.

III. What God Orders He Pays For

Nehemiah 2:1-9

¹ In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before; ² so the king asked me, "Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart." I was very much afraid, ³ but I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my fathers are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" ⁴ The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, ⁵ and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it." ⁶ Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time. ⁷ I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah? ⁸ And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?" And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests. ⁹ So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king's letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me.

1. God gives you the "what".

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2. The "how" is what you have to trust Him for.

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IV. Don't Expect Everyone to be Thrilled

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Nehemiah 2:10

¹⁰ When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites.

Things to Learn

1. Trusting God with the “what”, will cause your faith to grow.
2. Unless God gives you the how, it will be impossible.
3. A Christian with no vision sees the church as a place to meet his/her needs as opposed to being part of an army.
4. Is there anything in your Christian life that demands courage?
5. When God does reveal the “how”, your faith will soar and you will praise Him for it.

