

*Nehemiah, part 14:*  
**“A Reformer’s Legacy – Heroes Needed!”**  
Nehemiah 13:4-31

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*Nehemiah’s final reforms – and his prayers that he might be remembered.*

**1. The Temple Cleansed!** vv. 4-9

**(1) Discovery: Favors for the Influential!** *“Eliashib...was allied with Tobiah.  
And he had prepared for him a large room...”*

- The sin of Eliashib, the High Priest
- The Temple defiled!
- Provisions for offerings and priests displaced!

**(2) Nehemiah takes action 8-9** *“And it grieved me bitterly; therefore I threw all the household goods of Tobiah out of the room.”*

- **Tobiah thrown out – along with his goods**

- **The Temple cleansed** *“Then I commanded them to cleanse the rooms; and I brought back into them the articles of the house of God...”*

**2. The Support of the Levites Restored!** vv. 10-14

**(1) Discovery** *“I also realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given them...”*

**(2) Rebuke** *“So I contended with the rulers, and said,  
‘Why is the house of God forsaken?’”*

**(3) Restoration** *“So I gathered them together and set them in their place.”*

- The stores and supplies returned 11
- The support of the people restored 12
- Provision made for proper oversight 13

**(4) Nehemiah’s Plea 14** *“Remember me, O my God, concerning this,  
and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done  
for the house of my God and for its services!”*

**3. Sabbath Violations Corrected!** vv. 15-22

**(1) Discovery 15-16** *“In those days I saw people in Judah treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and brining in sheaves, and loading donkeys...”*

**(2) Rebuke 17-18** *“And I warned them...  
Then I contended with the nobles of Judah”*

**(3) Measures Taken 19-22**  
- Nehemiah commanded that the gates be shut before the start of the Sabbath  
- Posted watchmen at the gates on the Sabbath

**(4) Nehemiah’s Plea 23** *“Remember me, O my God, concerning this also,  
and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy.”*

**4. The Purity of Marriage (again!) Restored!** vv. 23-31

**(1) Among the People 23-27** *“In those days I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.”*  
- **Marriages to pagans!**  
- **Having children who could not speak Hebrew!**

**(2) Within the Priesthood 28-30**

**(3) Nehemiah’s Plea** *“Remember me, O my God, for good!”*