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Today's Scripture Passage: Nehemiah 7:1-73 page 346-347 Pew Bible
Verses 1-5 included below

¹ After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers, the musicians and the Levites were appointed. ² I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most people do. ³ I said to them, "The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses."⁴ Now the city was large and spacious, but there were few people in it, and the houses had not yet been rebuilt. ⁵ So my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials and the common people for registration by families. I found the genealogical record of those who had been the first to return. This is what I found written there:

Questions:

1. Why do you think Nehemiah appointed these persons to these posts?
2. Nehemiah's instructions re. the gates are very specific. What wisdom is suggested by them?
3. Hananiah "feared God more than most men." Can one fear God too much? Are fear of God and love of God mutually exclusive?
4. What was Nehemiah's intention now that the walls were rebuilt? Why?
5. Why did Nehemiah list these names and what others had given?
6. What lessons should we take from this passage?

Prayer:

1. Our leaders from national to local to church.
2. Our pastoral search team
3. Jim Lombardi's family upon the death of Jim's Mom.
4. The family of Barbara Redding (friend of Elsa Wiltshire)