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Today's Scripture Passage: Nehemiah 13:1-31p 352-353 Pew Bible

Our Fallen Condition: During times of spiritual renewal, we make promises to God and later when faced with the reality of everyday life, we neglect those promises.

Main Idea: God wants everything to be done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40). We need to put our spiritual house in order.

For Reflection & Discussion

- What preferences do I have for church life that have become more important to me than God's purposes for the church?
- In my personal life, what preferences have I placed above what God has said?
- God wanted every room in the Temple dedicated to Him. If Christians are the temple of God now, this means that God wants every part of my life dedicated to Him.
- In my finances, am I giving the first and best of what I have to God or am I giving Him leftovers?
- Have I been tempted to leave my ministry post even though God hasn't told me to make a change?
- What is keeping me from getting involved in a regular ministry at church?
- How am I trusting God with my work life? How am I seeking Him first above my work?
- What influential relationships in my life are pulling me away from God?

Prayer

- God, help me to depend on Jesus to put my spiritual house in order.
- Lord, give me a glimpse of your Holy City and my life with You forever in eternity. Help me live now in light of that reality.
- Jesus, make me a trustworthy servant like you.
- For the pastoral search team as they read resumes and start interacting with candidates.