

JOYFUL DEDICATION & THANKSGIVING | NEHEMIAH 12:1-47

The leaders occupied Jerusalem. They were good leaders in that they did not ask the people to do what they themselves were not willing to do. Another group of willing people also lived in “the holy city” (11:1). The third group, the reluctant became the willing as one out of ten Israelites were chosen by lot to live in the Jerusalem, and they were added. Now the day had come to dedicate the walls to the Lord. Others from outside of the city would have come to be part of this celebration. Nehemiah was aware that the task of rebuilding the wall was only part of the greater task, which was rebuilding the people. There is a lesson that we learn in this chapter: there is no dedication without purification. In other words, what is dedicated to God must be cleansed and holy. When we are cleanse by God and dedicated to Him, what will be the result?

1. Our lives will be marked by _____ and _____ toward Him.
2. We will have such _____ that others take notice.
3. There will be adequate _____ for the _____ of God and His servants.