

Nehemiah's Three Types of Prayer

1. Nehemiah's Long Prayer: Chapter 1.

1:2 Nehemiah not content, like most Jews, in this foreign land: "escaped" "survived the captivity."

1:4 "wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven."

His prayer has praising God, confession, and requesting.

1:11 Praying for a specific meeting with the king. Specifics are good. Others praying too: necessary! Has to be others who revere the name of God.

2. Nehemiah's Quick Prayer: 1:11-2:8

2:4 What does this reaction of Nehemiah show?

3. Nehemiah Prays in Everything: 4:1-9, 5:19; 6:14, 13:14, 13:22

4:4 Imprecatory prayers show Nehemiah's honest feelings before God, but now we pray with the compassion of Jesus for the lost.

4:9 Prayer and action.

5:19 Nehemiah continually in prayer as he leads the people.

6:14 Nehemiah takes his frustration to God. Again, we pray for their salvation.

13:14 Nehemiah's loyalty and devotion to God comes from a fervent prayer life.

13:22 Nehemiah hopes his deeds will count with God, but ultimately it is in God's greatness of lovingkindness that Nehemiah rests.

MacDonald's outline about sickness and healing in the Bible.

1. All sickness is, in a general way, the result of sin in the world.
2. Sometimes sickness is a *direct* result of sin in a person's life. 1Cor. 11:30.
3. Not all sickness is a direct result of sin in a person's life. Job. 1:8; John 9:2, 3, Phil. 2:30; 3John 2
4. Sometimes sickness is from Satan's activity. Job 2:7; Luke 13:10-17; 2 Cor. 12:7.
5. God can and does heal. God is really in every healing.
 1. healing by natural bodily processes
 2. healing by medicines (1Tim. 5:23)
 3. healing by deliverance from inner turmoil
 4. healing by doctors (Matt. 9:12; Col. 4:14)
6. God also heals miraculously.
7. It is not always God's will to heal. 2Tim. 4:20; 2Cor. 12:7-10.
8. Healing is not something we can demand from God. Phil. 2:27: healing is a mercy.
9. Healing is in the Atonement, but many of our blessings in the atonement are not ours yet, like the redemption of the body (Rom. 8:23).
10. It is not true that failure to be healed indicates a lack of faith. Paul, Trophimus, Gaius.

"Prayer Times Seven" James 5:12-20

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0. Seek the Lord before you commit (12)

1. Suffering, pray; cheerful, sing praises. (13)

Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16

2. Pray for the sick. (14)

3. Pray in faith. (15)

4. Pray for one another about sins. (16)

5. Effective prayer. (16)

6. Pray like Elijah, we're like him??? (17)

1 Kings 17:1 – 18:45

7. Pray like Elijah again. (18)

19-20 Go after! RU Recovery.