

# Setting Your Heart on the Kingdom



## NEHEMIAH

### *The Enemy That Lies Within!*

*(The Principle of Mixture and Spiritual Warfare)*

Nehemiah 13:4-9, 28-29

No one could have ever thought of such a diabolical plan...except for the devil himself! Not in the wildest of dreams could anyone have believed who was living in the inner chambers of God's House. It was Tobiah...the very one who conspired with Sanballat! And what's equally unbelievable is that the High Priest invited him to live there! Even worse, the High Priest had married Sanballat's daughter! Inconceivably, these two wicked men, who tried to overthrow God's cause, had wormed their way into the inner family of the highest leadership in Israel. When Nehemiah discovered the enemy's subversive plan, he dealt swiftly and decisively with Tobiah and Sanballat. ***He threw them out, drove them away, cleansed the Temple, and re-established the Covenant of God.***

Anyone who reads this amazing story has to marvel at two things...*the cunning tactics of the devil and the utter stupidity of man!* How could a thing like this have happened? But before you criticize too quickly, take a close look at your own soul. The same has happened to you! Though you're a Christian, sin abides deep within your heart (Jer. 17:9; Rom. 7:14-23). ***And even worse, unrestrained sin invites demons to live within the inner chambers of your soul*** (Eph. 4:27; Luke 22:3)!

Beloved, life is a constant battle of Kingdom against kingdom. The devil will do anything to defile and disqualify you. Don't let him make a fool out of you! ***By allowing unrepented sins (or world religions) to be MIXED into your life, you open doors for evil spirits to steal your dignity and self-respect.*** If you don't deal decisively with them, you'll find yourself secretly participating in deeds of darkness (Eph. 5:11). Who then will deliver you from this diabolical plan of the devil? The only answer is Jesus! Through His shed blood, you can be set free from the bondage of sin and the devil (Rom. 6:6-8). Recognize demonic work and renounce mixture! War against evil by following the pattern of Nehemiah. ***Throw the devil out (along with sin and demonic ideologies), drive him away, cleanse your temple, and re-establish your Covenant with God. When you take authority over your sin and the work of demons, the Kingdom of God has certainly come upon you*** (Luke 11:20).

***Next: The Kingdom of God in Esther...The Esther Spirit!***

