

Daily Devotional, March 8, 2021

“But After They Had Rest”, (Nehemiah 9:28, NKJV)

“But after they had rest, They again did evil before You.” (Nehemiah 9:28)

In **Nehemiah Chapter 9**, we read an inspired review of the history of Israel. Throughout her history, Israel would fall into sin, enter into bondage, repent, and then enjoy a time of rest. Instead of learning from the pattern, the nation would repeat it. Israel would go back to what they were doing, rather than continuing an ongoing revival.

We live in a difficult time. In March 2020, our lives changed. There has been uncertainty, dislocation, trial, and unrest. As the pandemic has continued, many Christians went into hiding. Instead of the children of America seeking spiritual solutions, by and large, they looked to politicians, government tyrants, bureaucrats, scientists, and virologists for hope. The signs seem to point to an ending of the widespread nature of the pandemic. What will you, Christian friend, do then? Some of you may have been worldly Christians before the virus came from China to your town. But since you had nothing worldly to do, you took steps to cultivate your relationship with God through Christ. What now will you do with your newfound freedom of movement and options in life? Will you **“again do evil”**, putting the Lord last? Or will you thank God for the **“rest”** and seek new ministry opportunities daily? Let us ask ourselves this question before the **“rest”** comes, lest we get wrapped up in the world because of cabin fever, and forget to thank God for getting us through these times of pandemic. For we know that surely the Lord has a purpose for what we have gone through, for His glory.