

GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE AND HAS A PLAN

Family Devotion — Lesson 89

MEMORY VERSE — NEHEMIAH 2:20

“The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build”

- The Babylonians were the ones who broke down the wall around Jerusalem and took the Jews captive for seventy years. Nehemiah was the one who led the Jews in rebuilding it. Notice three things about this verse:
 - 1) He acknowledges God.
 - 2) He trusts that God will give success.
 - 3) He knows they are God’s servants.
 - 4) He is ready to go to work.
- All of this was based on God knowing the future and having a plan. God told them, *“For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place”* (Jeremiah 29:10).
- God’s plan for us is the best plan we could ever follow! We too should be like Nehemiah.
 - 1) Acknowledge God in everything we do or even plan to do.
 - 2) Trust that God will bring success and bless what we do for His glory.
 - 3) Remember that we are servants to God and not ourselves.
 - 4) Understand that serving God and fulfilling His will takes work.
- Knowing God’s word and promises encourage us to step out by faith and follow God.
- The more we know His word, the more it will work in and through us.
- Knowing how everything ends also motivates us to live for God. We are on the winning side!
- *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”* (Rev. 21:4).



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Why do you think it is important to acknowledge God in everything we do?
- What will happen if someone believes in God, but they are not willing to serve Him?
- Nehemiah had a lot of enemies trying to intimidate him. Why is it important to not let fear control you?



PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to fill your mind with Scripture.
- Ask God to increase your faith in His word.



CHALLENGE

- Memorize a Bible verse that will help you overcome fear.