

SERMON OUTLINE 14 JUNE

Hope Amidst Crisis: When God's People Backslide into Worldliness

Nehemiah 13:1-14

"In the world, but not of the world".

- Being holy without being 'holier-than-thou'
- Being wise and loving without compromising

Easy to know and talk about, much harder to live out consistently! (see Neh 13:1-3)

1. A Crisis of Worship: God's House Filled with Rivals (vv. 4-6, 10)

2. A Reformation of Worship: God's House Restored (vv. 7-9, 12-13)

Conclusion: A Better Hope in the Better Nehemiah - Jesus (v.14)

Some questions to reflect on:

1. In your engagement with the world, where are you more prone to drift: self-righteous withdrawal or worldly compromise? What competitors to God's rightful place have taken up residence in your heart?
2. How can we pray specifically for God to bring about spiritual reformation in our church and in our own lives?