

**HOW IS THE CHURCH TO WORSHIP?
PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE WORSHIP REVEALED
in THE DEDICATION OF THE WALL: Part 1
Nehemiah 12:1-30**

- I. THE WORSHIP SERVICE MUST BE LEAD AND HAVE SKILLED SERVANTS:** Nehemiah gives a list of those who previously served and led in the worship of the Living God, up to the current generation of servants (1-26)
 - A. **The First Return Generation:** The heads of the priests and Levites in charge of worship who came up with Zerubbabel and Jeshua from exile (1-9)
 - B. **The High Priests after the exile** (10-11)
 - C. **A New Generation:** The heads of the priests and Levites in charge of worship and keeping watch the days of Joiakim and Eliashib (12-25)
 - D. **A Summary of Service** that brings us up to date (26)

- II. THE WORSHIP SERVICE MUST BE PLANNED** and thus servants sought: The Levites singers are sought out to celebrate with gladness, hymns of thanksgiving, and accompanied song and they assemble (27-29)

- III. THE SERVANTS, PEOPLE AND PLACE ARE TO BE PURE:** The priest and Levites purified themselves, the people, the gates, and the wall (30)

Next Time

- IV. THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS TO BE ORGANIZED:** Nehemiah organized the leaders and two great choirs, and they proceeded on the wall to the house of God (31-39)
- V. THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS TO BE IMMersed IN GLORIFYING MUSIC AND SINGING:** The singers sang in the house of God (40-42, 27-28, 31, 35,36, 40)
- VI. THE WORSHIP SERVICE MUST BE FOCUSED ON CHRIST and HIS SACRIFICE** which brings joy: *On that day* they offered joyous sacrifices (43)
- VII. THE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL INCLUDE WORSHIPFUL OFFERING:** *On that day* the people worshiped, offering joyous offerings of tithes (44-47)
- VIII. THE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL HAVE CONVICTING PREACHING FROM THE WORD** which elicits a righteous response: *On that day* the Word was read, and the people were convicted and responded in obedience concerning foreigners (13:1-3)