

REMEMBER THE GOOD NEHEMIAH DID
LESSONS IN GODLY LEADERSHIP
Part 3: CONFRONTING AND CLEANING OUT WORLDLY DEFILEMENT
Nehemiah 13:23-31

- I. GODLY LEADERS IMMEDIATELY AND STRONGLY CONFRONT THOSE WHOSE SIN THREATENS THE CONGREGATION: Nehemiah strongly confronted and corrected the Jews who committed great evil through intermarriage with foreigners (23-27)**
 - A. Nehemiah saw** that the Jews had intermarried with Ashdodite, Ammonite and Moabite women, fully integrating in their evil culture to the point the nation of Israel was at great risk (23-24)
 - B. Nehemiah thus** contended and cursed them and struck some of them and pulled out their hair, made them swear by God not to do so and reproved them with the Word concerning their great evil and unfaithfulness against God (25-27)

- II. GODLY LEADERS IMMEDIATELY DRIVE OUT LEADERS WHO DEFILE THE MINISTRY: Nehemiah drove out the High Priest Eliashib's grandson who had intermarried the daughter of Sanballat the Horonite, called upon God to judge the leadership (28-29)**
 - A. Nehemiah saw** the depth of their great evil, unfaithfulness, and defilement manifest in the High priests Eliashib's grandson intermarriage with the daughter of Sanballat the Horonite (28a)
 - B. Nehemiah thus** drove away a son of Joiada and called upon God to act against them for their defiling the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites (28b-29)

- III. GODLY LEADERS THEN PURIFY AND RESTORE THE MINISTRY: Nehemiah purified and reestablished the priesthood and Levites (30-31a)**

- IV. GODLY LEADERS DO SO, RELYING ON THE LORD: 'Remember me, O my God, for good (31b)**