

Nehemiah Cared

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God's will done on earth." But for God's will to be done on earth, He needs people who are readily available for Him to use them in His service. What about the times when volunteers are needed to teach a class, prepare the communion trays, prepare a meal, make a visit, write a letter, send a card, make a phone call, etc.? Do we make ourselves available?

God is still looking for people who care, people like Nehemiah, who cared enough to ask for the facts, weep over the needs, pray for God's help, and then volunteer to get the job done. Nehemiah cared! Or, as another prophet once said to the Lord, "*Here am I, send me!*" (Isaiah 6:8).

Editor's Note: If you are feeling "left out" of things here, the perfect cure is to **volunteer** to do some work. We have lots of things to do! Just ask!

Woe Is Me!

by Wayne Goff

The Bible, both Old & New Testaments, is full of "woes." Sometimes we get to feeling sorry for ourselves and say "Woe is me! Poor me!" We have so much for which to be thankful, so let's get off the "pity party!" Here are some serious woes found in God's Word:

1. **"Woe" to the drunkard** who has sorrow, contentions, complaints, wounds and redness of eyes, Proverbs 23:29. He should know better! Stay away from that first drink. "*Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may follow intoxicating drink; who continue until night, till wine inflames them!*" (Isaiah 5:11).
2. **"Woe" to the man who falls alone**, with no companion to help, Ecclesiastes 4:10. Be sure you have friends who care about you. *The best way to have friends is to **BE** one!* Proverbs 18:24. Jesus is a Friend who sticks closer than a brother.
3. **"Woe" to the wicked, Isaiah 3:11**. It shall be ill with him because he will reap what he has sown (Gal. 6:7-8). What are you sowing, friend? Do you live like the world and then hope for a "crop failure"? **BEWARE!**
4. **"Woe" to those who call evil good, and good evil, Isaiah 5:20**. These people really think they can change the world to suit themselves by **forcing** their warped values on others! The liberal agenda has done a pretty good job on our young, "brainwashing" their minds. But "woe" to them if they do not follow God!
5. **"Woe" to those who do not reverence God, Isaiah 6:5**. Isaiah had a humbling experience when God appeared to him in a vision and called him to prophesy! Seeing God on His throne, he proclaimed: "*Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.*" It is our job to **"see"** God this way every day in our mind's eye so that we might glorify Him in word and deed. We need to purify ourselves as He is pure, 1 John 3:3). Otherwise, we will experience a **FATAL** "*woe is me, for I am undone!*"
6. **"Woe" to those who already know it all! Isaiah 5:21**. "*Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight.*" These people have been around forever...

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