



# NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER



## NEHEMIAH 1-2

Nehemiah worked for the king. One day some men went to see Nehemiah. They told him the city of Jerusalem was in trouble. The walls had been broken down and the gates burned.

The news made Nehemiah very sad. He cried for many days. Then Nehemiah prayed all day and night.

Nehemiah said, "God, Your people have not obeyed You, but You promised long ago that you would forgive us and be with us. Please hear my prayer, God. Help me be brave when I talk to the king about this situation."

Then Nehemiah went to the king.

Nehemiah looked sad, and the king asked why. Nehemiah was afraid to answer, but then he told the king how his city, Jerusalem, had been destroyed and the gates burned.

The king asked Nehemiah what he wanted from the king.

Before Nehemiah answered, he prayed to God again. Then Nehemiah said to the king, "Please send me to Jerusalem so I may help my people rebuild the gates and the walls of the city."

The king listened to Nehemiah's plan, then he sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem so that Nehemiah could begin the work.

Nehemiah knew God had heard his prayers.