

Week 46
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Transforming Daily
“ . . .all the nations around us . . . ”
Nehemiah 6:16

If there is a single purpose for every believer of God, it is to share His name with every nation. The best means of doing so is being obedient to His Word. The enemy of God is shaken by His power when they see Him shine forth from His children. Upon completing the walls of the city of Jerusalem, the enemies of God and all of the surrounding nations trembled and were in great fear of Him because of what He had accomplished through Nehemiah and the faithful servants.

Following the will of God isn't always as easy or as clear as "Thus says the Lord." Sometimes the details of our assignments aren't quite that concise. For instance, regarding the calling of a minister, the Bible says that if a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work (1 Timothy 3:1). This isn't the same thing as Moses being Divinely drawn to a burning bush by God's light and voice, Joshua confronted by the Captain of the Lord of Hosts, Abraham being spoken to by God or visited by angels of God, David being anointed by the man of God (Samuel), the Apostles being chosen by Jesus, "Come follow Me," and Saul/Paul being confronted by Jesus on the Damascus Road "Saul, how long will you kick against the goads," etc. The most one can say about, "If a man desires," is that God places the desire in the heart of that man, but is it that definitive enough to say "God called" him? What about the individual that you are supposed to marry, or even if you are supposed to marry at all, is it that clear? No, and in any case, your spouse is not mentioned in the Bible. What about the house you are to buy, state in which you are to live, vocation that you are to pursue? Is it mentioned in the Bible, "Thus says the Lord?" No, but the principles surrounding our relationship to them, and everything else in life, are found in the Bible.

It is the one who lives according to biblical principles that shines forth for Christ and the name of God. That biblical lifestyle brings praise to God and draws men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ. That biblical lifestyle causes the enemy of God to tremble, and causes the enemy of God to faint. It's not our goal to cause the enemy of God to fear and tremble, that's God's department. Our goal is to glorify God through obedient acts according to His will.

What does your testimony for Christ say to those around you? Is your spiritual life apparent to the surrounding nations? Is obedience to the biblical principles of God your goal? It needs to be our goal if for no other reason than for the sake of all the nations around us.