

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK – Part III

“Praying Should Be Our First Thought... Not an Afterthought”

Reference: **Nehemiah 1:5-11**

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verse four (see screen)

Nehemiah’s favorite position in facing a problem was the _____ position.

This book mentions ___ specific instances when Nehemiah prayed. Nehemiah’s first recorded prayer starts in **verse five** and goes through **verse eleven**.

Nehemiah’s prayer can be divided into four basic parts:

ONE - Nehemiah acknowledged _____.

verse five (see screen)

References: **Psalm 66:3a; 145:3, 6; 150:2** (see screen)

Someone said, “Prayer can do _____ God can do, and God can do _____.”

TWO - Nehemiah confessed his _____ in the _____.

In the first part of this prayer, Nehemiah acknowledged who _____ is; and in the second part, Nehemiah acknowledged who _____ was.

verses six and **seven** (see screen)

Blame shifting is a practice that originated in the Garden of Eden.

Reference: **Genesis 3:9-13** (see screen)

Principle: Successful people share the _____ and accept the _____.

THREE - Nehemiah _____ God of His _____.

verses eight through **ten** (see screen)

Through this prayer, Nehemiah reminded God of a promise He had made to Israel, through the prophet, Moses. Nehemiah quoted statements Moses had made from **Leviticus 26** and **Deuteronomy 30**. In quoting those passages, Nehemiah was claiming a promise God had made to him and to his people.

There were two parts to this promise:

First, if Israel sinned and acted in rebellion and disobedience to God, then God would _____ them into a foreign land, and God had done that.

Second, if the people repented and turned to God, then God would permit them to return _____ the _____.

FOUR Nehemiah tells God his _____.

verse eleven (see screen)

Nehemiah needed Artaxerxes’ permission and assistance to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall.

“It is possible to move men through God using prayer alone.”

Hudson Taylor