

**God Remembers (Nehemiah)**  
**Part One: The Hand of God**  
**Nehemiah 1:1-2:20**  
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1. The Tragic Situation (1:1-3)
  - Jerusalem had no defensive wall.
  - This put the people in imminent danger.
2. The Fervent Prayer (1:4-11)
  - Nehemiah was deeply moved by the plight of his people (1:4)
  - He fasted and prayed for days (1:5-11)  
In his prayer he:
    - ✓ Acknowledged God's promise-keeping character
    - ✓ Humbly asked God to listen to him.
    - ✓ Confessed his sin and that of the people.
    - ✓ Made specific requests of God.
3. The Hand of God (2:1-8)
  - Nehemiah's heavy heart put his life in danger in the king's presence (2:1-4)
  - The king granted his bold request for permission to rebuild Jerusalem (2:5-8)
4. The Shrewd Preparation (2:9-16)
  - He 'held counsel' regarding what God had moved him to do (2:9-11)
  - He made sure he was well informed before recruiting others (2:12-16)
5. The Mixed Response (2:17-20)
  - Nehemiah presented the rulers with a clear call to action (2:17)
  - He credited God for his providential work (2:18a)
  - The rulers caught his vision, and prepared themselves for what lie ahead (2:18b)
  - His enemies began a smear campaign against him (2:19-20)