

"WHAT GOES ON HERE?"

TEXT: NEHEMIAH 2:19, "WHAT IS THIS THING THAT YOU ARE DOING"

THIS IS THE QUESTION ASKED BY OUTSIDERS, UNBELIEVERS, AND MOCKERS, OF NEHEMIAH AND THOSE WHO WERE BUILDING J'LEM AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

PEOPLE TODAY PASS OUR CHURCHES AND ASK, "WHAT GOES ON HERE?"

I. WORSHIP. Ps. 95:6, "O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN:
LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER."

1. THE PLACE OF WORSHIP

2. THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

3. THE PRACTICE OF WORSHIP

II. PREACHING AND TEACHING. THIS IS OUR MESSAGE:

1. MAN'S SINFUL CONDITION

2. GOD'S GRACIOUS REDEMPTION

A. Ex. 12:14 "WHAT IS THIS?"

BY STRENGTH OF HAND THE

LORD BROUGHT US OUT FROM THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE."

III. SOUL-WINNING

1. THE COMMAND FOR SOUL WINNING.

A. THE GREAT COMMISSION

2. THE PASSION FOR SOUL WINNING

A. THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINS ME

3. THE METHOD OF SOUL WINNING

A. LIVE A CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIFE

B. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

C. WIN THE CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT OF ALL

D. TELL OTHERS WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU AND WHAT
HE CAN DO FOR THEM.

E. WITNESS ABOUT JESUS

F. ASK THEM TO RECEIVE, CONFESS, AND FOLLOW CHRIST THEMSELVES.

(ILLUSTRATION OF THE SALESMAN TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE AND SELL
A KEY-MAKING MACHINE, FINALLY GOT AROUND TO ASKING THE
PROSPECT "WHY DON'T YOU BUY IT?", AND THE PROSPECT ANSWERED
"WELL, WHY DON'T YOU ASK ME TO?")

WHEN LYMAN BEECHER WAS PASTOR OF A BOSTON CHURCH SO EONE ASKED
HIM WHY HIS CHURCH WAS SO NOTABLY SUCCESSFUL. "WHY," EXPLAINED
BEECHER, "I PREACH ON SUNDAY, AND THEN I HAVE 450 MEMBERS WHO
TO OUT ON MONDAY TO PREACH THE SAME GOSPEL EVERY WEEK."

PRAYER

INVOCATION

and 10 Thous whom we cannot love unless
we love our brother: remove from us and
all men both hate and prejudice, that thy
children may be reconciled with those whom
they fear, resent, threaten, or feel
threatened by; Grant that we may all live
together in peace. Jesus Christ, who came
who died rejected on the cross, and who
rose triumphant from the dead. Because He
lives, we live to praise thee, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, our God forever.

Meet us and bless us as we live
up our hearts unto thee in prayer and
worship. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

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Hear us and bless us as we lift
up our hearts unto thee in prayer and
worship. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN