

The importance of God's family
Our Mission part 7
Nehemiah 7

"So my God gave me an idea..." Nehemiah 7:5a

1. We are important in God's plans

- Prophets (Ezra 5:1)

- Leaders

"I gave the responsibility of governing Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah, the commander of the fortress, for he was a faithful man who feared God more than most." Nehemiah 7:2

- People of faith

"Here is the list of the Jewish exiles of the provinces who returned from their captivity. King Nebuchadnezzar had deported them to Babylon, but now they returned to Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah where they originally lived." 7:6

2. God keeps a record of his people

"Here is the list..." 7:6

"Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God." Romans 14:12

3. God will keep his work going

"So the work on the Temple of God in Jerusalem had stopped, and it remained at a standstill until the second year of the reign of King Darius of Persia." Ezra 4:24

"Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down..." Nehemiah 1:3

4. Am I in God's family?

"They searched for their names in the genealogical records, but they were not found, so they were disqualified from serving as priests." Nehemiah 7:64

"Nothing evil will be allowed to enter... only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Revelation 21:27