

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," **1Peter 2:7**

Store In My Heart Nehemiah 2:5

I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

Nehemiah heard of the condition of Jerusalem, and he decided to rebuild the broken city.

The book of Nehemiah continues the story of the return of the exiles to Judah and Jerusalem. It is a record of how he led the people in rebuilding the city and its walls. In doing this work, he along with Ezra and the Levites also instructed the people in the Law. This brought about a renewed focus on worship of the God of Israel according to the Law.

This story should impress us with a desire to take action when we see work that needs to be done. Only service to God is guaranteed to bring reward. Though we see it as a story of renewal, it is a story of service.



Do You Believe?

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Thus begins God's history of mankind. This simple sentence teaches us how life came into existence. Do you believe it?

This statement is one of, if not, the most disputed in the Scriptures. Yet in it is found the very basis of our salvation. Atheists would have us believe there is no God; evolutionist, humanist, and the popular media would have us believe there may be a God but He didn't create us, we created Him. Theistic evolutionist would have us believe there is a God and He created all we know but, He lied about how He did it.

The Bible tells us simply "God created". Following this statement the passage in simple, easy to understand language, shows He created all we know in six days. *...And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Genesis 1:5 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Genesis 1:31*

How long were those days? In Exodus God commanded Israel to work six days and rest on the seventh because He worked six days in creating the world and rested on the seventh.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Exodus 20:8-11

How long is your work day? Why is it so difficult for men and women to believe this?

First, if we believe this first sentence, we are forced to believe in accountability to God. Since God created us, He is above us in authority. Even the atheist understands the chain of command. Our basic instincts teach us that the most powerful is in control. Since God created us we are no longer "top dog".

When we find ourselves under the authority of another, we understand that we must obey them. Since God created us, we must be obedient. We are accountable to God.

Second, realizing our accountability to God we are no longer able to do as we please. What we want is not what matters. God is in control, yet as human beings we don't like the idea that we can't control every aspect of our lives. When we believe "God created" we must accept that we are no longer number one.

Some people are so caught up in self that they will not accept the authority of someone else. If they admit belief in God, they must relinquish control and stop their evil practices. Men and women refuse to believe "God created" because belief necessitates obedience.

What about you? Do you believe **Genesis 1:1**? Have you obeyed God?

*And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. **Hebrews 11:6***

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. **Romans 10:17***

Hearing and believing are but the beginning of salvation. They are though, absolutely necessary to salvation.

*For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief. Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. **Hebrews 3:16-4:2***

If we do not believe "God created" we are doomed to eternal destruction.

Once we believe we must change in repentance. **Acts 17:30; 2:37-38** We must confess Christ as the Son of God. **Romans 10:9-10** We must be obedient in baptism. **Mark 16:16; Acts 2:37-38; 1Peter 3:20-21**

Again, I ask, do you believe? Have you demonstrated and completed your belief in obedience to the simple Gospel of Christ?

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We like opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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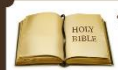
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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

For Our Information

Ruben Keisler was moved to a regular room Saturday and was sitting up and talking.

Brenda Keisler is dealing with hip pain

Jim Soliday's heart has been in a more regular rhythm.

Sue Soliday has had some swelling in her arm. She is waiting on a new sleeve.

Paula Laubach is healing slowly, and her spine is fusing well.

Vickie McNees is still dealing with severe migraines.

Adene Gray is feeling better.

Sunday Evening – **Nehemiah 9:38** Wednesday - **John 6:22**