

gracious promises. **The place that I have chosen**; the temple at Jerusalem. **To set my name there**; to make it the centre of My worship.

**10; 11. Thy servants.** They were His, even though they had sinned and suffered. **Whom thou hast redeemed**; especially

from the bondage of Egypt. **Prosper, I pray thee, thy servant.** He was about to ask permission to go to Jerusalem to help his brethren (2: 5). **This man**; the Persian king. **Cup-bearer**; his special duty was to serve the king his wine. It required a trusty person, whose poisoning was so common.

#### ASK YOURSELF

##### Juniors

**1-3.** Who is speaking? Where was he? What was Shushan? Date? What visitor came? What did Nehemiah ask him? By whom were the walls destroyed? (2 Kings 25: 10). When partly rebuilt? (Ezra 4: 12.)

**4, 5.** What did Nehemiah do? Why? To whom did he pray? How did he address Him? What should we plead in prayer? (Psa. 51: 1; Dan. 9: 16; Psa. 119: 49.)

**6, 7.** For whom did he pray? What did he confess? What had they failed to do?

**8, 9.** When were such threats made? (Lev. 26: 33; Deut. 28: 64). What had God promised? (Lev. 26: 40-42; Deut. 30: 1-5). What the condition?

**10, 11.** When had God delivered His people? (Ex. 14: 30). What does Nehemiah ask? What kind of prayer is effectual? (Jas. 5: 16).

#### PRACTICAL

1. A good man loves God's people and cause.

2. The true patriot feels his country's woes as a personal sorrow.

3. "Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer."

**1-3.** Who was Nehemiah? Who were the reporters? What the report? What "province"?

**4.** How did the report affect Nehemiah? Give noted instances of fastings and prayers during the captivity? (Dan. 9: 3-10; Esther 4: 16; Ezra 10: 6.)

**5-11.** "What is prayer?" (Shorter Catechism, Ques. 98). In which verse is adoration expressed? Confession? Pleading the promises? Former mercies? What were the sins referred to? (Ezra 9: 1; 2 Chron. 36: 14). What promises had God fulfilled? (Lev. 26: 40-45; Deut. 30: 1-5). What did Nehemiah intend to ask? Of whom? When did he receive the answer? Chap. 2: 6. Through whom is prayer acceptable? (John 14: 13). How should it be offered? (Heb. 10: 22). How are answers granted? (Isa. 30: 19; Eph. 3: 20; 2 Cor. 12: 8, 9.)

4. Confession is a good preparation for prevailing petition. (v. 6, 7.)

5. God's promises are a mighty leverage in prayer. (v. 9.)

6. "There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea."

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Describe Nehemiah's duties in the king's court.

3. What did he do when he heard of the afflictions of his brethren?

3. In what points is his prayer a pattern for us?