

Nehemiah 10:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse within Nehemiah 10 addresses themes of covenant renewal, specific commitments, accountability. General confession leads to specific commitments regarding temple support, Sabbath observance, and separation from paganism. This passage demonstrates biblical principles applicable across both testaments—God's sovereignty combined with human responsibility, faith expressed through obedient action, and the necessity of both individual and corporate commitment to covenant faithfulness. Nehemiah models leadership that combines vision, prayer, courage, integrity, and perseverance amid sustained opposition.

Historical Context

Nehemiah's account occurs during Persian imperial dominance (539-331 BC), specifically 445-433 BC under Artaxerxes I. The spiritual reforms under Ezra and Nehemiah shaped Judaism for centuries, establishing Scripture's centrality and

patterns of worship continuing into the intertestamental period and beyond. The Persian period was crucial transitional time when Jewish identity shifted from monarchical nationalism to Torah-centered covenantal community. Without political independence, the people's cohesion depended on shared scripture, temple worship, and covenant obedience. This established patterns persisting through the Second Temple period into New Testament times. Understanding this context illuminates Jesus's ministry among a people shaped by these reforms and challenges.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does regular engagement with Scripture transform understanding of God and His will for your life?
2. What specific commitments do you need to make (or renew) regarding Bible reading, worship, and obedience?
3. How does understanding your work as part of God's larger purposes transform your approach to daily responsibilities?

Interlinear Text

לֵלֶּחֶם	הַמִּנְחָה	וּמִנְחָה	הַתָּמִיד	וְלַעֲוֹלָה
H3899	For the shewbread	meat offering	and for the continual	burnt offering
	H4635	H4503	H8548	H5930
הַתָּמִיד	הַשַּׁבָּת	הַחֲדָשִׁים	לְמוֹעֲדֵי	
and for the continual	of the sabbaths	of the new moons	for the set feasts	
H8548	H7676	H2320	H4150	
וְלִקְדָּשִׁים	וְלִחַטָּא	לְכַפֵּר	עַל	
and for the holy	things and for the sin offerings	to make an atonement		H5921
H6944	H2403	H3722		
לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	וְכָל	מְלַאכְתּוֹ	בֵּית	אֱלֹהֵינוּ
for Israel	H3605	and for all the work	of the house	of our God
H3478		H4399	H1004	H430

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 2:4 (Sacrifice): Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

Hebrews 10:11 (Sin): And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: