

## **A Pillow of Rest**

Nehemiah 5:19

### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Nehemiah spoke boldly to God, but there is freedom of access to the throne of grace for every believer (cf. Heb. 4:16).
2. When we know that God is pleased with us because we do His will, we are encouraged by it.
3. It was comforting for Nehemiah to pour out his heart, according to truth, to God Who had blessed him.
4. His grace in our lives should be acknowledged (cf. 1 Tim. 1:12-17).

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **I. Life's Review**

- A. Life involves good and bad.
- B. When we look back on our lives, we are going to need the recollection of pure thoughts and kind deeds.
- C. To know one is doing God's will has to be comforting.

#### **II. Life's Reward**

- A. One is saved by grace "waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life" (Jude 21; cf. Eph. 2:8-10).
- B. Yet, labor in the kingdom has some kind of return.
  1. "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done" (Rev. 22:12).
  2. Cf. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.
  3. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Cor. 5:10).
  4. "'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Rev. 14:13).

### **CONCLUSION:**