

## **An Inside Job**

Nehemiah 5

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **I. The Complaint of the Poor**

- A. A shortage of food (v. 2)
- B. A mortgage of property (v. 3)
- C. From slavery to slavery (vv. 4, 5)

#### **II. The Confrontation of the Protector (vv. 6-11)**

- A. Nehemiah confronted those who were sinning against their brethren.
- B. He pointed out their sin in a public assembly (vv. 6-10).
- C. He demanded they make things right (v. 11).

#### **III. The Correction of the Problem (vv. 12, 13)**

- A. The wrong were convicted.
- B. They promised to fix the problem.

#### **IV. The Conduct of the Preacher (vv. 14-19)**

- A. Nehemiah practiced what he preached.
- B. As governor, he did not require traditional payments.
- C. He did not needlessly add to the financial burden of the people, although he could have.
- D. The reason he acted this way was because of his fear of the Lord (v. 15).

### **CONCLUSION:**