

## **When Greed Is the Creed<sup>1</sup>**

Nehemiah 5:1-13

### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Nehemiah was dealing with people who had put the temporal above the eternal.
2. He had overcome mockery, discouragement, and combat, but greed stopped the work.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **I. The Cry Greed Caused (vv. 1-5)**

- A. The people the cry was against.....their brethren (v. 1)!
- B. The problems the cry revealed (vv. 2-5):
  1. Shortage of food
  2. Mortgage of land
  3. Bondage of children

#### **II. The Confrontation Greed Caused (vv. 6-8)**

- A. Nehemiah's righteous anger (v. 6)
- B. Nehemiah's personal assessment (v. 7)
- C. Nehemiah's actions:
  1. Public rebuke (vv. 7, 8)
  2. The problem's root (no fear of God)
  3. The people's requirement (vv. 10, 11)

#### **III. The Covenant Greed Caused (vv. 9-13)**

- A. The repentance that laid the groundwork (v. 12)
- B. The regulations of the covenant (v. 13)
- C. The result of the covenant (v. 13)

### **CONCLUSION:** Living for the temporal or eternal?

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<sup>1</sup> Idea and basic plan by David Blizzard. [www.sermoncentral.com](http://www.sermoncentral.com). Main points and adaptation by Andy Kizer. Accessed, 10/17/2012.