

From Ruin to Revival

Coming Out Nehemiah 12

²⁷ At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem



²⁷ to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres.



²⁸ The musicians also were brought together from the region around Jerusalem....



³⁰ When the priests and Levites had purified themselves ceremonially, they purified the people, the gates and the wall.



³¹ I had the leaders of Judah go up on top of the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks. One was to proceed on top of the wall to the right,



³¹ toward the Dung Gate. ³² Hoshaiah and half the leaders of Judah followed them, ...



³⁸ The second choir proceeded in the opposite direction. I followed them on top of the wall, together with half the people--



³⁸—past the Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall... At the Gate of the Guard they stopped.



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⁴⁰ The two choirs that gave thanks then took their places in the house of God; so did I, together with half the officials, ⁴¹ as well as the priests....



⁴² The choirs sang under the direction of Jezrahiah. 43 And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy.





⁴³ The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be





After nearly a century of captivity, Jerusalem, the City of God, has been reestablished and its time to celebrate! It is a celebration of what God has done for them!



Key phrase: The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.

No longer ashamed, fearful, or hesitant, they openly worship the Lord

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Coming Out1. You are chosen by
God, for God, to honor

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession,





⁹ that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.





Coming Out 2. God is calling us to come out and be separate. 2 Corinthians 6:14-17



¹⁴ Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common?



14 Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? ¹⁵ What harmony is there between Christ and Belial (devil)? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?



¹⁶ What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the





16 As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

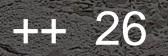


17 Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."





Come Out & Be Separate Separate from the participation in sin. Ephesians 4:20-32



²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.





²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;





²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.





²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.²⁶ "In your anger do not sin"





²⁶ Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.





²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. ++ 32 **Ephesians** 4

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ++ 33**Ephesians** 4

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.





³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.



Ephesians 4

³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.





Come Out & Be Separate Separate from professing believers who are living in sin without repentance. • 2 Corinthians 5:9-11



⁹ I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people ¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral,



¹⁰ or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.



¹¹ But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy,



¹¹ an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.



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Separate from professing believers who are living in sin without repentance. Differentiate between those who are weak vs. those who are reckless or rebellious.



Come Out & Be Separate Rep. Emmanuel Cleaver (D) Missouri ended his prayer "in the name of the monotheistic god, Brahma," before finishing with "and god known by many names by many different faiths. ++ 43 Amen and a-woman."

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Separate from relationships with others that lead to compromise. > Missionary dating > Business > Inner circle of friends

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Coming Out 3. We remain "in the world but not of the world." John 17:14-15



Can others see your life, your posts, your comments your language, your actions, your viewing and know you are a Christ follower?



Are you coming out of the world and living in the light?



Your challenge: 1. Allow God to help you separate....

2. Celebrate Christ so that it can be heard far



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