Standing for the Truth

Jeremiah 15:16

16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

Romans 12:2 (NASB)

2 And do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of
your mind, so that you may prove what
the will of God is, that which is good and
acceptable and perfect.

Psalm 19:7-10 (NASB)

7 The Law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalm 19:7-10 (NASB)

8 The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring
forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true; they
are righteous altogether.

Psalm 19:7-10 (NASB)

10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much pure gold;
Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Key leaders of Biblical History of Israel

2000 BC — Abraham (patriarch, covenant founder)

1400 BC — Moses (lawgiver, exodus leader)

1000 BC — David (king)

400 BC — Nehemiah (rebuilder, postexilic restoration)

Nehemiah 12:44-47

44 On that day men were appointed
over the storerooms, the contributions,
the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into
them the portions required by the Law
for the priests and for the Levites according
to the fields of the towns, for Judah
rejoiced over the priests and the Levites
who ministered.

Nehemiah 12:44-47

45 And they performed the service of their
God and the service of purification, as did
the singers and the gatekeepers,
according to the command of David
and his son Solomon. 46 For long ago in the
days of David and Asaph there were
directors of the singers, and there were
songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Nehemiah 12:44-47

47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel
and in the days of Nehemiah gave the daily
portions for the singers and the
gatekeepers; and they set apart that which
was for the Levites; and the Levites set
apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

I. Know God's Word

Nehemiah 13:1–3

[1]On that day
they read from the Book of Moses
in the hearing of the people.
And in it was found written that
no Ammonite or Moabite
should ever enter the assembly of God,

Nehemiah 13:1–3

2 for they did not meet the people of Israel
with bread and water,
but hired Balaam against them
to curse them
—yet our God turned the curse into a
blessing.

Nehemiah 13:1–3

3 As soon as the people heard the law,
they separated from Israel all those of
foreign descent.

Deuteronomy 23:3-6

3 “No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the LORD forever,

Deuteronomy 23:3-6

4 because they did not meet you with bread and with water on the way, when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

Deuteronomy 23:3-6

5 But the LORD your God would not listen
to Balaam; instead the LORD your God
turned the curse into a blessing for you,
because the LORD your God loved you. 6
You shall not seek their peace or their
prosperity all your days forever.

Romans 12:2 (NASB)

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I. Know God's Word

II. Correct Rejections of God's Word

A. Oppose those who reject God's word

Nehemiah 13:4–7

4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest,
who was appointed over the chambers of
the house of our God,
and who was related to Tobiah,

Nehemiah 13:4–7

5 prepared for Tobiah a large chamber
where they had previously put
the grain offering, the frankincense,
the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine,
and oil, which were given by
commandment to the Levites, singers, and
gatekeepers, and the contributions for the
priests.

Nehemiah 13:4–7

6 While this was taking place,
I was not in Jerusalem,
for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes
king of Babylon
I went to the king.
And after some time I asked leave of the
king

Nehemiah 13:4–7

7 and came to Jerusalem,
and I then discovered the evil that Eliashib
had done for Tobiah,
preparing for him a chamber
in the courts of the house of God.

Nehemiah 13:8-9

8 And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah
out of the chamber.
9 Then I gave orders, and they cleansed the chambers, and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

Nehemiah 13:10-11

10 I also found out that the portions of the
Levites had not been given to them,
so that the Levites and the singers,
who did the work,
had fled each to his field.

Nehemiah 13:10-11

11 So I confronted the officials and said,
“Why is the house of God forsaken?”
And I gathered them together and set
them in their stations.

Galatians 2:11-13

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. **12** For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles;

Galatians 2:11-13

but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. **13** And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

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II. Correct Rejections of God's Word

A. Oppose those who reject God's word

B. Encourage/enable obedience to God's Word

Nehemiah 13:12-13

12 Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses.

Nehemiah 13:12-13

13 And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and as their assistant Hanan the son of Zaccur, son of Mattaniah, for they were considered reliable, and their duty was to distribute to their brothers.

STANDING FOR THE TRUTH

NEHEMIAH

I. Know God's Word

II. Correct Rejections of God's Word

III. Rest in our Righteous God

Nehemiah 13:14

14 Remember me, O my God,
concerning this,
and do not wipe out my good deeds
that I have done
for the house of my God and for his
service.

Hebrews 6:10

10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

Standing for Truth:

- Eliashib — Neglected the truth
- Tobiah — Opposed and undermined the truth
- Nehemiah — Stood for the truth doing what was necessary