

DEDICATIONS
(Nehemiah 12:1-47)

- I. Lists of PRIESTS and LEVITES (Neh. 12:1-26)
 - A. The PRIESTS in the time of Zerubbabel (12:1-7)
 - B. The LEVITES in the time of Zerubbabel (12:8-9)
 - C. The HIGH PRIESTS since the return from exile (12:10-11)
 - D. The PRIESTS in the days of Joiakim (12:12-21)
 - E. More information about the LEVITES (12:22-26)
 - 1. Indicates the use antiphonal CHOIRS as prescribed by DAVID
 - 2. All were INDISPENSIBLE for their WORSHIP

- II. The DEDICATION of the Wall (Neh. 12:27-47)
 - A. PREPARATION for the dedication (12:27-30)
 - 1. Gathering the LEVITES from throughout Judea
 - 2. To “CELEBRATE ... with GLADNESS”
 - 3. To feature “THANKSGIVING CHOIRS”
 - 4. Involved “PURIFICATION”
 - B. The PROCESSION (12:31-39)
 - 1. Mounted to the top of the WALL

2. Processed in OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS around the city
 - a. One moving counterclockwise led by EZRA (v. 36)
 - b. One moving clockwise led by NEHEMIAH (v. 38)
 3. Marched to the accompaniment of INSTRUMENTS
 4. Met at the “GATE of the GUARD”
- C. The dedication SERVICE (12:40-43)
1. The CHOIRS were in their PLACES
 2. The LEADERS took their places
 3. Worship included TRUMPETS and SINGING and SACRIFICES
 4. Worship filled with “GREAT JOY” as a GIFT from God
- D. The organization for ONGOING WORSHIP (12:44-47)
1. Established storerooms for TITHES and OFFERINGS
 2. Restored the regular WORSHIP and SERVICE
 3. Worship leaders were supported by CONTRIBUTIONS from ALL Israel

III. Lessons

- A. God’s WORK is done by INDIVIDUALS
- B. God’s people need EACH OTHER
- C. HOLINESS is important in Christian LIFE and WORSHIP
- D. True worship is filled with JOY and THANKSGIVING