《天路导向(粤)》 双语讲义

重建废墟、转忧为喜 - 8 From Rubble to Rejoicing (Nehemiah) - 8

- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好。
- 2. Again, we are very thankful that you have tuned in to listen to this broadcast; 很感谢你再次收听我们的节目,
- 3. and, also, I am glad, if you are a new listener today, we are glad you tuned in. 如果你今天是第一次收听这节目,我们很高兴在这儿欢迎你。
- 4. We have been studying the book of Nehemiah; 这些日子我们都在查考尼希米记,
- 5. and, today, Nehemiah tells us that moral integrity is the over-riding qualification for godly leadership.今天的资讯,尼希米告诉我们,"道德操守"是一个属灵领袖的最高品质。
- 6. In Nehemiah, Chapter 5, 从尼希米记第五章中,
- 7. we see the importance of moral and spiritual character in leadership. 我们看见一个领袖的人品和属灵气质是多么重要。
- 8. If we are to see God's blessing, 如果我们渴慕神的赐福,
- 9. then, spiritual integrity is of uttermost importance. 那么,属灵的操守就是最重要的条件。
- 10. One of the ways inner character is revealed. 要知道一个人内在的修养如何,
- 11. is the way we handle money. 只要看他怎样用钱就知道了。
- 12. If you are listening to this broadcast for the first time,
 如果你今天是第一次听我们的节目,
- 13. I hope that you can catch up with us in this series of messages. 我希望你很快就能跟上我所讲的进度。
- 14. Nehemiah is leading the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem. 尼希米带领百姓重建耶路撒冷四周的城墙,

- 15. and he has been encountering problems all along the way.
 - 一直以来他都遇到不少麻烦。
- 16. In Chapter 5, 在第五章里,
- 17. we see that, in the middle of this major building program, 我们看见在这样一个庞大的工程里,
- 18. he faced an economic crisis. 他碰上财政上的危机。
- 19. You know, money is often a subject that is misunderstood.
 通常人们对于金钱方面的事有误解,
- 20. Some people think that the Bible says that money is the root of all evil. 有些人认为,圣经说,金钱是万恶之根。
- 21. In fact, the Bible never said this at all. 其实,圣经从来没有这么说。
- 22. In I Timothy 6:10 tells us. 提摩太前书六章 12 节说,
- 23. that the love of money is the root of all evil. 贪财是万恶之根。
- 24. One of the surest measuring stick of a person's character.
 有关一个人的品格如何,最准确的量尺,
- 25. is how they handle their material possessions. 就在于他怎样看待财物。
- 26. Why is this? 为什么?
- 27. Because you either master your money or material possessions, or your money will become your master.因为你要不是钱财物质的主人,就是钱财的奴隶。
- 28. There are two thousand verses in the Word of God that speak directly to the subject of handling money and possessions. 在圣经里,有 2000 节直接谈论到如何处里 钱财和物质的经文。

- 29. The Lord, Jesus, said more about the right and the wrong use of material possessions than He spoke about Heaven and Hell. 耶稣基督谈论正确与否的金钱观和物质观,多过祂谈论天堂与地狱。
- 30. Why is that? 为什么呢?
- 31. Because material possessions are related to the eternal.
 因为拥有财物和永恒有关。
- 32. How? 有什么关系?
- 33. "Because," said Jesus, "you either master money or it masters you;" 耶稣说,你若不是金钱的主人,金钱就会成为你的主人。
- 34. and, if money masters you, then Jesus is not your master; 如果金钱是你的主人,耶稣就不是你的主。
- 35. and when Jesus is not your master, 当耶稣不是你的主,
- 36. you are not going to be with Him in Heaven. 你就不能和祂永远同在天堂里
- 37. In Nehemiah, Chapter 5, 尼希米记第五章,
- 38. we see an example of mishandling of material possessions. 我们看见一个误用金钱和物质的实例。
- 39. The people in Nehemiah's time were mastered by their possessions.尼希米的时代,人们被自己的财物奴役。
- 40. They were in financial bondage. 他们受钱财辖制。
- 41. Verse 1 of Chapter 5 tells us 尼希米记第五章第一节告诉我们,
- 42. that there was a division among them. 他们中间有纷争。
- 43. As they were making progress in the building of the wall, 当他们的建筑工程进行到一半时,
- 44. a crisis regarding management of money came up. 出现了财务方面的危机。
- 45. This crisis could have torn down the wall. 这危机足以拖垮整个城墙的工程,

- 46. and left them in worse shape than [when] the Babylonians had first attached them. 他们的光景比起当初巴比伦掳走他们时更 惨。
- 47. The devil often causes division over the subject of money. 魔鬼常常利用金钱的纠纷来分化我们,
- 48. He does that in families. 在家庭里他这么做,
- 49. He does that in churches, 在教会里他这么做,
- 50. and he does that among business partners. 魔鬼也挑拨事业上的夥伴。
- 51. I want you to look at Chapter 5, verse 2. 请看第五章第二节,
- 52. This tells us that there was a shortage of human necessities.
 在那里出现了民生资源短缺的现象。
- 53. and that those necessities had a high price; 这些民生必需品价格昂贵,
- 54. but it gets worse. 更糟的是,
- 55. In verse 3, 在第三节,
- 56. we meet some people who were in such bad debt that everything they owned was mortgaged. 有些人欠债极深,甚至他们所有的一切都抵押出去了。
- 57. In verse 4, 第四节,
- 58. they were borrowing money, not just for necessities, but even to pay their taxes. 他们不但为日常生活所需借债,甚至还要借钱缴税。
- 59. The Bible does not prohibit borrowing, 圣经并不禁止借债,
- 60. but it teaches us to pay our debts. 但教导我们有债必还。
- 61. Psalm 37:21 said 诗篇 37篇 21 节说:
- 62. "The wicked borrow and do not repay but the righteous show mercy and give." 恶人借贷而不偿还,义人却恩待人,并且施舍。

- 63. When the Scripture says, "Owe no one anything," 当圣经说不要欠债,
- 64. it means pay your debt always. 意思就是说,债务一定要偿还。
- 65. Nehemiah's people were in total financial slavery to debt in verse 5. 在第五节里,尼希米的百姓完全成为债务的 奴隶。
- 66. Let's read it together. 让我们来读这段经文。
- 67. They were mortgaging the future of their children.
 他们甚至把儿女的未来都抵押了。
- 68. They said, "We are selling our children into slavery, we are in such debt."
 他们说,我们欠下重债,甚至把儿女卖给人为奴。
- 69. There are many people today who are in financial bondage.

 今天也有许多人被债务缠身。
- 70. Nehemiah shows us that financial bondage is not God's will for His people. 尼希米告诉我们,被债务缠身,并非神对他子民的旨意。
- 71. Jesus said, 耶稣说,
- 72. "You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free." 你们必晓得真理,真理必叫你们得以自由。
- 73. In fact, sometimes, God does not answer the prayers of a person who is in financial bondage. 事实上,有时神不会回应欠债者的祷告。
- 74. In Deuteronomy, Chapter 28, 申命记 28 章,
- 75. God promised His people blessings, not bondage; 神应许祂的子民要赐福给他们,而不是叫他们成为奴隶。
- 76. but the devil wants to keep you in bondage and away from blessing.
 但魔鬼却要捆绑你,剥夺你的福气,
- 77. Satan often uses our money to put us in financial bondage, 撒但常常用金钱使我们被债务缠身。

- 78. and, in the book of Nehemiah, God's people were turning on one another. 在尼希米记中神的子民互相对峙,
- 79. because of financial bondage. 就是因为债务问题。
- 80. It was the devil's strategy to divide God's people over money and stop the work of God, 魔鬼的计谋就是要借著钱财的纠纷,离间神的子民,来阻止神的工作。
- 81. and that is still his plan; 直到今天仍使用这诡计。
- 82. but it was not only those who were having a hard time with their spending habits that were in financial bondage, 但不仅是那些乱花钱的人会陷入债务的捆锁中,
- 83. it was not only those who were unable to pay their bills that were in financial bondage, 也不仅是那些付不了帐的穷人会陷入债务的捆锁中,
- 84. but there was another group who were in financial chains, too. 还有另外一批人也会被钱债缠身。
- 85. Nehemiah had to confront the nobles and the rulers who had plenty of money. 尼希米必须对付那些富有的贵族和官员,
- 86. but who were using money for manipulation and exploitation.
 他们用钱来操纵剥削百姓。
- 87. In verses 6 and 7 of Nehemiah 5, 尼希米记第五章 6-7 节,
- 88. we see that they were charging exorbitant interest rates. 我们看见他们放高利贷。
- 89. Nehemiah rebuked them for the sin of usury; 尼希米因他们放高利贷的罪谴责他们,
- 90. but then he came up with a creative idea to solve the problem.

 然後他想出一个妙计来解决问题,
- 91. The nobles accepted his solution. 贵族都接受了他的办法。
- 92. My listening friends, before I talk some more about this, I want you to listen to me very carefully. 亲爱的朋友,在我继续讲下去之前,请留心听。

- 93. Money is a wonderful servant and a great tool. 金钱可以是很有用的工具和仆人,
- 94. Money can be a tremendous blessing; 金钱可以带来很大的福气,
- 95. but it also can be a terrible master, 但金钱也可以成为暴虐的主人。
- 96. and the point of this chapter is very important. 这一章的重点很重要,
- 97. These businessmen, nobles and rulers, when they heard Nehemiah's challenge, they responded and they repented. 这些商人贵族官长,当他们听见尼希米的建议时,都同意并情愿悔改。
- 98. They were breaking the laws of God by taking money from their investors and clients; 他们榨取顾客和投资者的钱,犯了神的律法。
- 99. but they repented and paid it back. 但他们悔改,并归还所榨取的金钱。
- 100. These are all found in verses 14 to 19 of Chapter 5. 你们可以从第五章 14-19 节里看到这段记载。
- 101. Number 1, 首先,
- 102. Nehemiah says to put God first. 尼希米说,以神为首。
- 103. Nehemiah was appointed by the King to be the governor, 国王派尼希米担任省长,
- 104. yet he did not take advantage of his position and personally profit. 但他没有利用职权,谋取自己的利益。
- 105. He laid aside his personal rights in order to put God first.

 他放下自己的权利,让神居首位。
- 106. He was living by the New Testament principle. 他遵照新约的原则,
- 107. What is that principle? 是什么原则?
- 108. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. 先求神的国和神的义。

- 109. It was the lordship of God that dominated his life and not the love of money or accumulation of things.
 是神的主权掌管他的人生,而不是金钱或财物。
- 110. My friend, I want to tell you that, if money is your god, 亲爱的朋友,如果钱财是你的神,
- 111. then you will never be free until you renounce it. 除非你公开弃绝他,否则你永不自由。
- 112. Why do I say this? 为什么我这么说?
- 113. Because money is an idol that will devour its worshippers.
 因为金钱是个偶像,专门吞吃敬拜他的人。
- 114. In verse 16, Nehemiah said, "I continued to work and bought no land."16 节里尼希米说,我恒心修造城墙,并没有置买田地。
- 115. That means that he did not buy land cheaply by taking advantage of others. 意思是说,他没有擅用职权,占人便宜,以 贱价买入地产。
- 116. He could have personally profited and made a fortune; 他可以因此谋取私利发财,
- 117. but he was completely honest in his financial dealings.

 然而,在钱财方面他完全诚实。
- 118. Why? 为什么?
- 119. Because he put God first. 因为他让神居首位。
- 120. If you want God to come first in your life, 如果你让神在你生命中居首位,
- 121. He can unshackle you from the love of money. 祂就会把你从贪财的陷阱中释放出来。
- 122. The second principle is found in verses 17 and 18: 在 17-18 节中可找到第二个原则,
- 123. It is more blessed to give than to receive. 施比受更为有福。
- 124. There were 150 nobles and rulers eating at Nehemiah's table.
 有 150 位犹大平民和官长,天天在尼希米席上吃饭。

- 125. They were feasting on ox, sheep and foul, all freshly prepared every day.
 他们每天都有新鲜的牛羊和飞禽,
- 126. Nehemiah was generous for 12 straight years. 一连 12 年,尼希米都慷慨待客,
- 127. and God kept on supplying his needs. 神也不间断地供应他的需要。
- 128. Nehemiah did not tax the people to meet his needs; 尼希米也没有向百姓徵税,以供自己的需求,
- 129. instead, he depended on God for all of his needs; 他完全仰望神供应一切。
- 130. and God kept on providing because Nehemiah kept on giving; 尼希米不断地施予,神也不断地供应。
- 131. and Nehemiah's generosity was joyously given. 尼希米是甘心乐意地给予,
- 132. The Bible says that God loves the cheerful giver. 圣经说,神喜悦甘心乐意的奉献者。
- 133. The Bible does not emphasize what you have, 圣经从来不强调你拥有什么,
- 134. but rather what you give. 但很强调你能付出。
- 135. Most people who love Jesus want to give. 爱主耶稣的人都乐意给予,
- 136. The problem is that some people are in such bondage financially that they do not know how to give.
 问题是,有些人被钱财控制,而不懂得施予。
- 137. They have the desire for freedom, 他们渴望获得自由,
- 138. but they don't have the design to get that freedom. 却不得其道。
- 139. Only God can give them their freedom but they must submit to Him. 唯有神能释放他们得自由,但他们必须先顺服神。
- 140. Nehemiah lists a third principle, and it is this: 尼希米提出第三个原则,那就是,
- 141. You cannot out-give God. 你不可能比神付出更多。

- 142. Nehemiah depended on God to supply his every need and God did. 尼希米完全信赖神供应他一切所需,神从不失信。
- 143. If you put God first in your life, 如果你让神居首位,
- 144. when you become free from financial bondage, 当你脱离财务的纠缠时,
- 145. God will take care of all of your needs. 神会照顾你一切需要。
- 146. The greatest example of giving is what God gave to us: 最伟大的赐予是神给我们的,
- 147. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. 神爱世人,甚至将祂的独生子赐给他们。
- 148. Because our greatest need was forgiveness, 我们最大的需要就是罪得赦免。
- 149. God sent us a Savior, Jesus Christ, 神赐救主耶稣基督给我们,
- 150. that He might give us eternal life. 以致祂能赐给我们永生。
- 151. Do you want to live a godly life? 你愿意过敬畏神的生活吗?
- 152. The God who sees straight through us wants to reach down to our inner character today and liberate us. 神看透我们的内心,今天祂要进入我们的心灵,释放我们得自由。
- 153. Let the masks fall and the façade drop. 让我们放下伪装的面具,
- 154. Let God bring you freedom from any bonds that hold you.
 让神把你从捆锁中释放出来。
- 155. God sees the real you, 神看得见你的真我,
- 156. and He wants to liberate the real you, 祂要释放你的真我。
- 157. and you can join with me in this prayer. 请你和我一起祷告,
- 158. Lord, I have been in financial bondage for too many years. 主啊,我被钱财辖制多年,
- 159. I want to ask You to liberate me in Jesus' name, 靠著耶稣的名求你释放我,

160. so that I may live as a master of money and not money the master of me. 让我做金钱的主人,而不是金钱的奴隶。

161. I pray this in Jesus' name. 奉耶稣的名祷告,

162. Amen.

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