《天路导向》双语讲义

重建废墟、转忧为喜(9)

FROM RUBBLE TO REJOICING - Part 9

Section A 甲部

- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好。
- 2. We are delighted that you tuned in and knowing that this program is a blessing to you. 很高兴你能收听这个节目,并且借着这节目使你蒙福。
- 3. I want to thank all of you who have written to us, 也很感谢每一位写信给我们的朋友,
- 4. and I hope that more of you would write and let us know how this program is helping you. 盼望有更多朋友写信来,告诉我们这节目如何帮助你。
- 5. I want to begin by telling you a story that comes from a very ancient culture. 首先我要讲一个故事,这故事发生在一个古老的文化中。
- At a certain age, young males had to go alone into the wilderness.
 每个男孩到了某个年龄,必须独自到荒野去。
- 7. They had to go to a place of complete solitude. 他必须单独到渺无人烟的地方,
- 8. Each had only to rely on his wit, a knife and a blanket to survive. 单单靠着自己的机智、一把刀和一条毛毯求生,
- 9. It was a rite of passage into manhood. 这是男孩子进入成年的必经之路。
- 10. One such youth hiked into a beautiful valley. 有一个青年来到一个美丽的山谷,
- 11. This valley was green with trees and lush with beautiful flowers. 谷中满是青翠的树木和美里的花朵。
- 12. There, he fasted; 他在那里禁食,

- 13. but, on the third day, as he looked up at the surrounding mountains, 到了第三天,他看见四周围的高山,
- 14. he noticed one tall, ragged peak capped with dazzling snow.
 他注意到雄伟的高山峰顶覆盖着白雪。
- 15. He said to himself, "I am going to test myself against that mountain;" 他对自己说,我要接受高山的考验。
- 16. so, he threw his blanket over his shoulder and set off to climb the peak. 于是他披上毛毯开始爬山,
- 17. When he reached the top, he stood on the rim of the world.

 当他爬上了山顶,他站在世界的巅峰,
- 18. He could see forever and his heart swelled with pride.
 他似乎看见了永恒,心中充满骄傲。
- 19. "I have made it," he said; 他说,我做到了。
- 20. then, he heard the rustling at his feet. 然后,他听见脚边有声音,
- 21. and when he looked down, he saw a snake; 他往下看,见到一条蛇。
- 22. and the snake said to him, 蛇对他说:
- 23. "I am about to die." 我快要死了,
- 24. "It is too cold for me here and I'm freezing." 这里太冷,我就要冻死了。
- 25. "There is no food and I'm starving." 没有吃的,我快饿死了。
- 26. "Put me under your shirt. Take me down to the valley." 请你把我放在你衬衫里,带我下山。
- 27. "No," said the young man. 青年回答说:不,

- 28. "I am forewarned about you." 早有人警告过我,
- 29. "I know your kind." 我知道你非善类,
- 30. "You are poisonous." 你有毒。
- 31. "If I pick you up, you will bite and your bite will kill me." 我若捡起你来,你就会咬我,让我中毒而死。
- 32. "Not so," said the snake, 蛇说:不会的,
- 33. "I will treat you differently." 我不会这样对待你。
- 34. "If you do this for me, you will be special. I will not harm you." 如果你肯帮我,你是特殊的,我不会伤害你。
- 35. After resisting for a while, 青年有拒绝了一会儿,
- 36. the youth found his snake to be very persuasive; 蛇很有说服力,
- 37. so he tucked the snake under his shirt and carried it down to the valley; 于是,他把蛇放进衬衣里,带他下到山谷,
- 38. then, he laid it gently on the grass; 又把蛇放在草地上。
- 39. but, suddenly, the snake coiled and leaped, biting him on the leg. 突然,蛇盘立起来,在青年腿上咬了一口。
- 40. "But you promised!" cried the youth as he lie dying; 青年临死前喊着说,你答应过不咬我的。
- 41. but the snake said to him as it slithered away, 蛇一边爬走一边说,
- 42. "You knew what I was when you picked me up." 你捡起我时,就知道我是条蛇啦。
- 43. My friends, Nehemiah's dealings with enemy is quite a contrast to this story of this young man. 亲爱的朋友,尼希米对付敌人的办法,和故事中的青年大不相同。
- 44. Nehemiah's model of leadership makes us stop and take notice.尼希米的领导模范值得我们留心,

- 45. Whether you are an important person, or young, or just starting your career, 不论你已身居要职,或还年轻刚开始立业,
- 46. Nehemiah's leadership is relevant to you. 尼希米的领导都值得你效法。
- 47. If you are a parent or a teacher, 如果你身为父母或老师,
- 48. Nehemiah's leadership is relevant to you; 尼希米的领导都值得你效法。
- 49. and, if any of you is joining this broadcast for the first time, 如果你今天是第一次收听我们的节目,
- 50. I want you to know that we are in the middle of a series of messages from the book of Nehemiah; 我们正在讲尼希米记里的信息。
- 51. but before we look at the 6th Chapter of Nehemiah, I want to summarize the last few passages.

 在继续讲尼希米记第六章前,让我们温习一下前几次所讲的重点。
- 52. Nehemiah was comfortable as cup-bearer to the King of Persia.尼希米原是波斯王的酒政,养尊处优。
- 53. He was a man who was born and grew up in exile.
 他生长于犹太人被掳异邦的时期,
- 54. God favored him and gave him the King's ear, 神喜悦他,使国王信任他。
- 55. and Nehemiah heard the call of God. 尼希米听到神的呼召,
- 56. He saw the need and he became part of the solution.
 他看见有需要,就投身其中。
- 57. He relied on the power of God, 他倚靠神的大能,
- 58. and Nehemiah said in effect, 他甚至说:
- 59. "God, if You equip me and send me, I will go to Jerusalem." 神啊! 你若装备我,差遣我,我就去耶路撒冷。
- 60. So, with the King's blessings, he returned to Jerusalem and began to rebuild the wall of the city.
 于是,有了国王的恩准,他回到耶路撒冷,开始重建城墙。

- 61. He relied on the direction of God. 他倚靠神的指引,
- 62. He said in effect, 他说:
- 63. "God, if Your face goes before me, I will go and reflect Your glory;" 神啊! 只要你走在我前面,我就要彰显你的荣耀。
- 64. thus, Nehemiah returned and saw the awesome task ahead; 就这样,尼希米回去了,他看见前面是多么艰巨的工作,
- 65. but he kept his eyes on God's vision, 但他定睛仰望神,
- 66. and he challenged the people saying, "Let's rise and build." 并鼓励百姓说,让我们一起来建造。
- 67. During the building program, Nehemiah experienced all kinds of opposition. 工程进行中,他遭遇各样的反对。
- 68. Some of his enemies were subtle. Some were not very subtle. 有些敌人在明处,有些在暗处,
- 69. Attacks were launched upon him in order to destroy the building effort. 敌人开始攻击,企图摧毁他们的建设。
- 70. He faced ridicule, slander, intimidation and manipulation.
 他面对嘲笑、毁谤、恐吓、操纵和谋害。
- 71. He faced lies, treachery and fraud. 他面对谎言、叛逆和欺诈。
- 72. He faced a financial crisis of great proportions; 他面对严峻的财政危机,
- 73. but, by keeping his eyes focused on God, the building continued. 但他定睛在神身上,继续建造的工程。
- 74. and, here, in Chapter 6, we find the work almost finished; 到了第六章,就快完工了,
- 75. however, his enemies were not finished. 然而敌人不罢休。
- 76. His enemies finally decided that if they could not destroy the work, 他的仇敌下定决心,要是不能摧毁工程,
- 77. they would endeavor to destroy the worker. 他们就要摧毁工人。

- 78. Now, if you have a Bible, please turn to Nehemiah, Chapter 6, beginning at verse 1. 请翻开你的圣经,尼希米记第六章,从第一节开始。
- 79. Nehemiah 6:1. 尼希米记六章一节。
- 80. The first way his enemies tried to destroy him was by trying to entice Nehemiah to compromise. 首先,仇敌为了要消灭他,就引诱尼希米跟他们妥协。
- 81. Now that the job wasn't quite finished yet, 工程虽还没有全部完成,
- 82. but the walls were up, 城墙已经竖立起来了,
- 83. but the gates have not yet been hung on the Temple. 只是圣殿的门还没有安装。
- 84. Some of you listening may know all about these last minute problems in building projects. 有些朋友可能知道,建筑工程到了最后阶段,总有些问题产生。
- 85. The project was still vulnerable if they could discredit the leader. 如果领袖的名声扫地,就会拖垮整个工程。
- 86. Right at that point, Sanballat and Geshem sent Nehemiah a message. 就在这时候,参巴拉和基善送信给尼希米,
- 87. They sent four messages to be exact. 一共发出四个信息。
- 88. They said, "Let's get together." 他们说: 让我们相会。
- 89. "Let's negotiate." 让我们来交涉。
- 90. "Let's discuss this." 让我们来商讨。
- 91. "Come meet with us on the plains of Ono." 让我们在阿挪平原见面。
- 92. Now, the plains of Ono are beautiful valley were located about 20 miles north of Jerusalem. 阿挪平原是一个美丽的山谷,大约在耶路撒冷以北 20 哩外。

93. Now, this was very enticing for a man who had been working hard with bricks and stones and mortar.

这对于一个在砖头灰泥中辛劳工作的人来说,具有很大的吸引力。

- 94. They kept at him. 他们不断地游说他,
- 95. "Listen, Nehemiah, we haven't seen eye to eye in the past but let's get together and go away for a few days and talk." 尼希米,过去我们一直没有机会坐下来面对面好好地谈谈,就休息几天,让我们见见面吧!
- 96. "Take a well-deserved vacation." 也该轮到你放假了,
- 97. "Soften your hardness." 不要那么顽固!
- 98. Ono was about half-way between Jerusalem and Samaria; 阿挪位于耶路撒冷和撒玛利亚的半路上,
- 99. so, they were saying to him, "Let's meet halfway." 换句话说,他们提议,我们各让一步吧!

Section B

乙部

- "Come here and let's compromise. Come to Ono."
 到阿挪来让我们互相妥协。
- Nehemiah heard them say, "Come to Ono," and he said, "Oh, no."
 尼希米听说要到阿挪去,他断然拒绝说,不!
- My listening friends, I want to make this very clear.
 亲爱的朋友,让我清清楚楚地告诉你,
- 4. There are times when the right kind of compromises can be a positive thing. 正确地妥协有时是必要的,
- Compromise is necessary in all kinds of relationships.
 在任何关系中都有必要妥协。
- 6. Compromise can be necessary in business negotiations and in working out contracts. 商业交易要达成协议,需要妥协,

- 7. Compromise is something necessary between colleagues and friends. 同事和朋友之间相处,需要妥协,
- 8. There are many areas where compromise can be very helpful and important 在某些方面,妥协是重要而有益的。
- 9. Marriage is a relationship were compromise is often necessary and valuable. 在婚姻关系中,妥协常常是必要而有价值的。
- 10. When the matter does not affect spiritual or biblical issues, compromise can be a positive thing.
 如果不牵涉属灵和圣经的原则,妥协可以是正面的。
- 11. When the matter does not affect moral or ethical issues, compromise can be a positive thing; 如果不牵涉道德和伦理方面的事,妥协可以是正面的。
- 12. but, my listening friends, what I am going to tell you is very important. 然而,亲爱的朋友,现在我要告诉你一件很重要的事。
- 13. When it comes to the truth of the Scripture, 当我们面对圣经的真理,
- 14. when it comes to Biblical morality, 圣经的道德观,
- 15. when it comes to spiritual conviction, 属灵的信念,
- 16. there can be no compromise. 那就没有妥协的余地。
- 17. The Apostle Paul was very aware of the temptation for believers to compromise, 使徒保罗很清楚,基督徒都会遇到妥协的诱惑,
- 18. so he told the church, in Corinth in II Corinthians 11:3, 在哥林多后书 11 章第三节里,他对哥林多教会的信徒说:
- 19. "Be careful about this distinction." 我只怕你们的心或偏于邪,失去那向基督所存纯一清洁的心。
- 20. When you compromise moral, spiritual and biblical principles, 当你在道德属灵和圣经的原则上妥协时,

- 21. you are like the young man who put the snake in his pocket. 你就像那个把蛇放在口袋里的青年一样,
- 22. You are collaborating with the enemy. 你跟敌人勾结了。
- 23. In Nehemiah's case, compromise would have been deadly. 在尼希米的处境里,妥协足以致命。
- 24. Compromising with the enemy has ruined more believers than any other factor. 和敌人妥协,比其它任何因素更能摧毁一个基督徒。
- 25. In Nehemiah's case, compromise would have led to the destruction of the wall. 对尼希米来说,妥协会摧毁城墙。
- 26. His enemies said to him, "Come down, Nehemiah. Let's discuss the matter," 他的敌人对他说,尼希米,来跟我们商量商量。
- 27. and Nehemiah said, "No." 尼希米说,不。
- 28. He said "No" once. 他一次说不,
- 29. He said "No" twice, 他两次说不,
- 30. and he said "No" three times, 他三次说不,
- 31. and he said "No" four times. 他四次说不。
- 32. Nehemiah said, 尼希米说:
- 33. "I am doing a great work for God. I cannot come down." 我现在办理大工,不能下去。
- 34. Nehemiah was not suggesting that building the wall was a great work because he was doing it. 尼希米并不是说,因为是他负责的,所以建造城墙是伟大的工程。
- 35. No. 不,
- 36. Rebuilding the wall was great because God was doing it, 重建城墙是伟大的工程,因为是神的工作,
- 37. and Nehemiah was making himself available for God. 尼希米让神使用他。

- 38. When you are serving the Lord, Jesus Christ, you are doing great work. 当你服事耶稣基督时,你就是做大工。
- 39. When you are working where God has placed you, 当你在神所摆的位置上工作时,
- 40. whatever that work may be, 无论做什么,
- 41. you are serving the Lord. 你都在服侍神。
- 42. Nehemiah refused to be detoured into areas of his own and others' choosing. 尼希米拒绝随波逐流,
- 43. "I will not come down," he said. 他说,我不下去。
- 44. As believers, we must refuse to get side-tracked from our great work that God called us to do. 身为基督徒,我们必须拒绝转移方向,离开神对我们的呼召。
- 45. Believers must stand by the Word of God and do what God calls them to do. 基督徒必须遵行神的话,作神叫我们去做的事。
- 46. My listening friends, please listen carefully as I conclude. 亲爱的朋友,请你留心听,我就要结束今天的信息。
- 47. There are thousands of good things that we can be involved in, 有许多好事我们都可以去做,
- 48. but we must only do what God calls us to do. 但我们只能作神呼召我们去做的事。
- 49. Had Nehemiah gone to Ono, 如果尼希米去了阿挪平原,
- 50. the whole project would have been sabotaged. 整个重建的工程就会被破坏。
- 51. Four times Nehemiah said, "I will not come down." 尼希米四次说,我不去。
- 52. "I will not give in." 我不屈从,
- 53. "I will not compromise." 我不妥协,
- 54. "I will not capitulate." 我不投降。

- 55. My friend, I want you to tune in next time when we will see what other methods Nehemiah's enemy tried to use to destroy him; 亲爱的朋友,请下次继续收听我们的节目,我要告诉你,尼希米的敌人如何使用其它的方法来攻击他。
- 56. and, until that time, I wish you God's richest blessing. 愿神大大地赐福给你,下次节目时间再会。