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TO LOVE OUR
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WELL



INTRODUCING THE ANZARDO FAMILY

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THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH



NEHEMIAH CH 8:13-18
**TRADITIONS THAT
MATTER**



HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT TRADITIONS MATTER TO GOD?

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to last*

And **they** found it written in **the Law** that **the LORD** had **commanded** by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,

NEH
8:14



The background of the image features a scenic landscape with a large, multi-story house perched on a rocky cliff. The house has a dark roof and several windows. In the distance, there are rolling mountains under a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall color palette is warm and natural, with blues, greys, and earthy tones.

**TRADITIONS THAT MATTER ARE
REMIND US WE NEED GOD**

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to last*

FEAST OF BOOTHS, SUKKOT OR FEAST OF THE TABERNACLE

LEV. 23:33-44

A YEARLY
JEWISH HOLIDAY

SET AT THE END OF
THE HARVEST

7 DAYS OF SLEEPING
AND EATING IN
HOME MADE HUTS



INCLUDES, READING,
FEASTING AND REST

MARKED BY JOY,
GRATITUDE AND
TOGETHERNESS

TO REMEMBER
GOD'S PROVISION
IN THE WILDERNESS

TRADITIONS THAT MATTER ARE...

COMMANDED BY GOD SEE 2 THESS. 2:15

**HANDED DOWN THROUGH
SCRIPTURES** SEE 2 TIM 3:16

STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH SEE 2 COR 11:17-30

PASS OUR FAITH TO OTHERS SEE 1 COR. 11:26

**TRADITIONS THAT MATTER SERVE TO DRAW US
CLOSER TO GOD AND REMIND US ABOUT
GOD'S PRESENCE, PURPOSE, PROVISION AND
POWER.**

**TRADITIONS THAT HURT TAKE PROITY OVER
SCRIPTURE, BECOME EMPTY REPETITION, AND
CAUSE DIVISION**

You (pharisees) **nullify
the word of God by
your tradition** that you
have handed down

**MARK
7:13**



TRADITIONS THAT HURT ...

ARE ALWAYS MAN MADE SEE EX 32:1-6

**ARE SEEN AS EQUAL OR ABOVE
SCRIPTURE** SEE EX 20:3; DEUT 5:7

BECOME EMPTY REPETITION SEE MATT 6:7-8

**BECOME MORE ABOUT ME
THAN ABOUT GOD** SEE MARK 7:8-12



**HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT
TRADITIONS MATTER TO GOD?**

**SCRIPTURE HAS TO
ALWAYS TRUMP TRADITION**

The background of the image is a photograph of a large, multi-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, perched on a rocky cliff. The house is partially obscured by a semi-transparent blue rectangular overlay that covers most of the image. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

SOLA SCRIPTURA

SCRIPTURE ALONE

LOOK

THINK

DO

OBSERVATION
WHAT DO YOU SEE?

**MARK
IT UP**

INTERPRETATION
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

**QUESTION
& ANSWER**

APPLICATION
HOW WILL I CHANGE?

(AI)

**ACTION
ITEM**

LOOK
OBSERVATION

THINK
INTERPRETATION

DO
APPLICATION



BIBLE
ISLAND

UNIVERSAL TRUTH
BRIDGE

TODAY'S
ISLAND

3 TYPES OF TRADITIONS

TRADITIONS PRESCRIBED BY GOD

NECESSARY PRACTICES GIVEN BY GOD FOR US TO FOLLOW

TRADITIONS PERMITTED BY GOD

HELPFUL PRACTICES NOT GIVEN OR FORBIDDEN BY GOD

TRADITIONS PROHIBITED BY GOD

PRACTICES FORBIDDEN BY GOD OR IN CONTRADICTION TO SCRIPTURE

BEWARE OF TRADITIONS THAT HURT

- * PRAYING TO SAINTS OR ANGLES
 - * CHURCH LEADERS ABSOLVING SIN
 - * PAYING FOR BLESSINGS
 - * EMPTY LITURGY
-

HOLD LOOSLY TO HEALTHY TRADITIONS THAT ARN'T FOR EVERYONE

- * HEAD COVERINGS
 - * COMMON PRAYERS
 - * CHRSTMAS EVE SERVCIES
 - * WORSHIP STYLES
 - * ADVENT CANDLES
-

HOLD FAST TO TRADITIONS GIVEN BY GOD

- * COMMUNION
1 COR 11:24
- * BELVERS BAPTIMS
ACTS 2:38
- * GATHERING AS THE CHURCH
HEB 10:25



**TRADITIONS THAT MATTER ARE
INTENTIONALLY DIFFICULT**

*Built
to last*

**They kept the feast
seven days, and on the
eighth day there was a
solemn assembly,
according to the rule**

**NEH
8:10**





**IT IS HARD TO GET IN SHAPE SPIRITUALLY
IF YOU ONLY WORKOUT SUNDAYS**

**IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET IN SHAPE
SPIRITUALLY IF YOU ONLY WORK OUT
ONE SUNDAY A MONTH**

ARE AVOIDING
TRADITIONS THAT
MATTER TO GOD?

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

THIS GOSPEL QR IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH QUESTIONS

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NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

RESPONSE, QUESTIONS, PRAYER REQUESTS

I AM A ...

☐ Guest

☐ Regular Attender

☐ Member

TODAY I ...

☐ decided to follow Jesus!

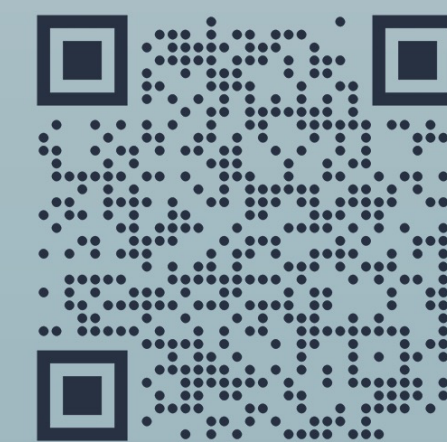
☐ am interested in baptism.

☐ am interested in serving.

☐ am interested in joining a group.

☐ am interested in becoming a member.

☐ am celebrating the salvation of a friend!



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HAVE YOU ASKED JESUS TO SAVE YOU?

JOHN 3:16 / ROMANS 10:9 / EPH 2:8-9

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EACH WEEK**



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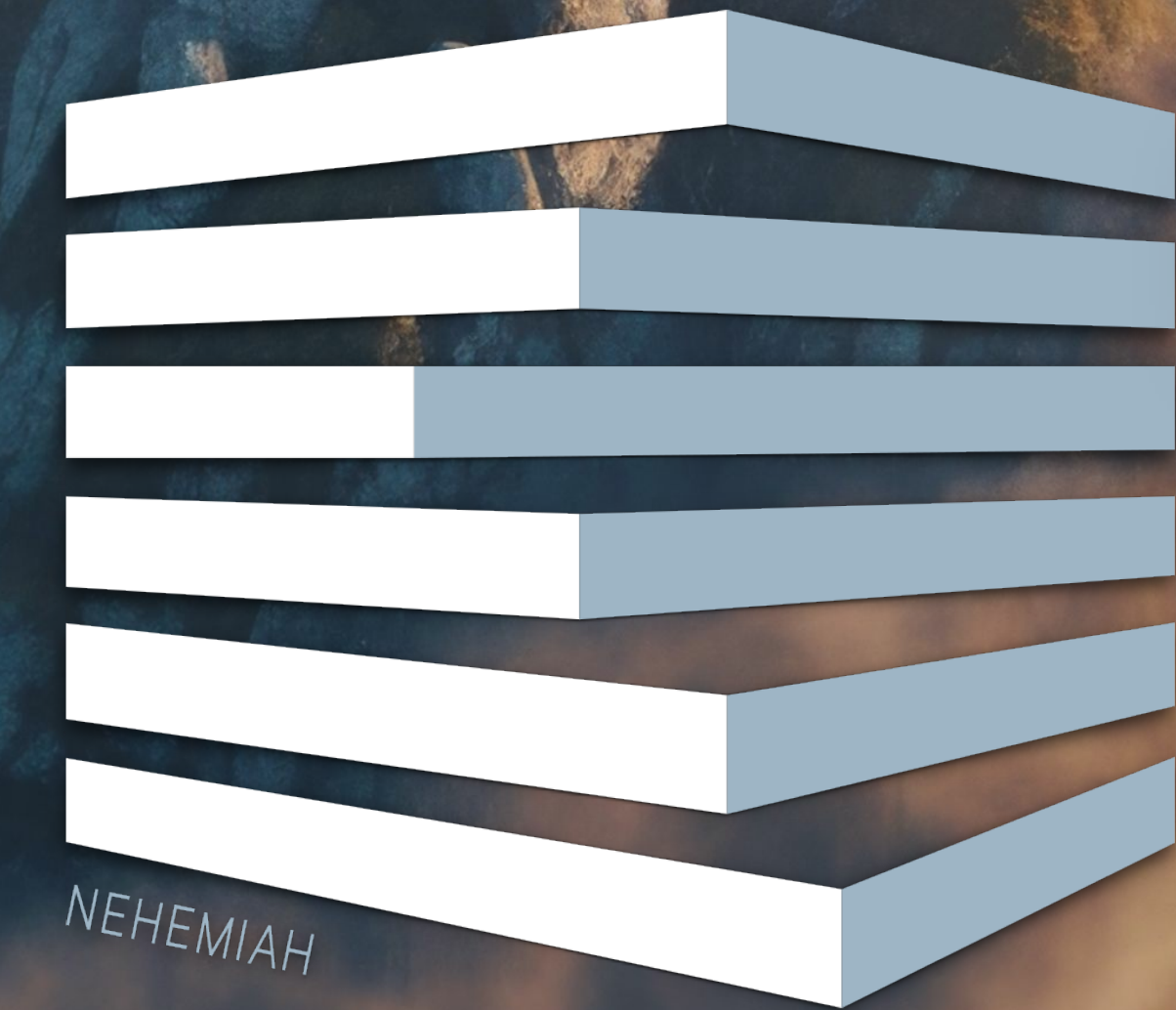
DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

WE ARE AVAILABLE TO PRAY WITH YOU
NEAR THE PLATFORM AFTER EACH
SERVICE.

PRAYER TEAM PLEASE
COME TO THE FRONT



THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH



NEHEMIAH

NEXT WEEK:
WHY REPENTANCE
MATTERS NEHEMIAH 9:1-37

