

Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their fellow Jews. Some were saying, “We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain.

Nehemiah 5: 1-2



Others were saying, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine.”

Nehemiah 5: 3



Still others were saying, “We have had to borrow money to pay the king’s tax on our fields and vineyards.

Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our fellow Jews and though our children are as good as theirs ...

Nehemiah 5: 4-5



4 different groups

1. Those who had no land and needed food



4 different groups

2. Families who owned land but had to mortgage it to buy food



4 different groups

3. Those who were being crushed because of the high taxes



4 different groups

4. The wealthy who were loaning money to those in need, but were taking their lands and children for security.



Be on guard

ABOVE ALL ELSE

GUARD

YOUR HEART

FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO
FLOWS FROM IT. PROVERBS 4:23

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Know yourself



“When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry”

Nehemiah 5: 6

A white rectangular sign with bold, black, sans-serif text. The text is arranged in four lines: "IF YOU'RE NOT", "OUTRAGED", "YOU'RE NOT PAYING", and "ATTENTION". The sign is placed on a dark, textured background that looks like a wooden surface.

IF YOU'RE NOT
OUTRAGED
YOU'RE NOT PAYING
ATTENTION

I pondered them in my mind and then
accused the nobles and officials.
I told them, “You are charging your own
people interest..”

Nehemiah 5: 7



So I continued, “What you are doing is not right. Shouldn’t you walk in the fear of our God

Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them...

Nehemiah 5: 9-11

