**“Recipient of God’s Grace”**

**Nehemiah 1:1-11**

**I. The Plight of Jerusalem [v.1-3]**

**A) Humbled Pride**

**B) Disappointed Desires**

**C) Temptation not to Attempt the Difficult**

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**II. The Prayer of Nehemiah [4-11a]**

**A) Invocation of God**

•"O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God

• God who keeps covenant and steadfast love

**B) Confession of sin**

1) … which we have sinned against you.

2) … Even I and my father's house have sinned.

**C)** **Request to remember**

**D) Request for success**

**III. The Position of Nehemiah [11b]**

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**A) By grace, God raised N. up to a position to influence a nation**

**1:11** *Now I was cupbearer to the king*

**B) By grace, God influenced N. heart to accomplish a task**

**2:12** *my God had put into my heart*