***“For Our Good”***

**Nehemiah 13:1-31**

**I. The Elephant in the Room**

Nehemiah 13:25

 **A) Question of Legitimacy of Marrying a Foreigner**

 **B) Question of Apparent Abuse**

**II. The “Slippings” of the People of God**

 **A) Reminders of Israel’s Past**

1) Promises made before Nehemiah leaves to go back to king

*Were they just words?*

Nehemiah 10:28-29

2) Promises broken

**B) Reminders of our Past**

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Psalm 51:5

Romans 7:15-25

James 1:14-15

Christians can live differently … Romans 6:8-14

**III. The Confrontations of Nehemiah**

**A) Nehemiah Challenges and Corrects**

**B) Nehemiah’s Reason for Confrontation**

Neh 13:26-27

John 8:24

Isaiah 53:4-5