# “Joyful Musical Worship” – Nehemiah 12:1-47 (June 30, 2019)

Chapters 7-11 which reported a worship service, corporate confession, covenantal renewal and practical sacrifice in repopulating Jerusalem seemed to have interrupted the story of Nehemiah which centered on Jerusalem’s walls. In fact, this was not an interruption because all along it brought to the forefront the central theme of Nehemiah which is the worship of God. God’s blessings on His people were never meant to be end goals, but they were always means to draw us into deeper and deeper worship of Himself. So after receiving the blessing of protection in the city walls, the Jews rightly respond by worshipping God through song and giving Him the praise that He deserves.

1. **Joyful musical worship is the priority of God’s people from generation to generation** 
   1. **Music *accompanies* our worship and *expresses* our joy towards God**
   2. **Joyful musical worship should be our response when we experience God’s blessings**
2. **Exuberant joy is the affectional goal of worship**
3. **Joyful (musical) worship keeps us obedient to God’s commands from generation to generation**