

# CHAPTER 15.6

## NOTES

“WORSHIP LIVED”  
Nehemiah 13  
October 25, 2015

The riptide of our affections easily sweeps us away from being completely His. So guard your heart!

Lives where worship is lived are centered in an exclusive love for God.

### The Riptide of our affections ...

#### I. Pursuit of Position vs. Purity (4-9, 28-29)

Do we position ourselves next to influential people for personal benefit?

Or close to God, pursuing purity and His glory?

#### II. Greed vs. Thanksgiving (10-14)

A thankful people will return to God a liberal portion of what God gives!

#### III. Independence vs. Dependence (15-22) Honoring the Sabbath

It was a weekly reminder that God provides and they are dependent.  
It was a weekly assault on their sense of independence.  
It was a weekly reminder that worship is essential.

#### IV. Desire vs. Worship (23-29)

### How does this apply to me?

# NEXT WEEK

“THE MUSICAL WORD”  
1 Chronicles 25; Ephesians 4:11-16

### Historical Timeline:

At the time of Nehemiah (445 – 432 BC) worship leaders were instrumental in both celebration and revival. King David had formally installed them as Levitical servants who were responsible for the ministry of music, about 600 years earlier.

### Passage Overview:

This coming week we will be examining the role of worship leaders in the life of God’s chosen people during the time of the Old Testament. The importance of music is clear from the very beginning of the Exodus. Moses, and all of Israel, sang a song of deliverance after crossing the Red Sea on dry land. This song is recorded for us in Exodus 15.

David was an accomplished musician himself. Many of the songs he authored are preserved for us in the book of Psalms. His worship songs have inspired and instructed the people of God for three millennia now.

As David brought the Ark of the Covenant up to Jerusalem, he placed it in a tent. Then he began to make preparations for the construction of the temple, which God told him would be the task of his son, Solomon. But as David prepared for this great work, he set apart certain Levitical families to lead in the worship through music and song.

The New Testament tells us that it is Jesus who gives leaders to the church for the purpose of equipping the saints. Jesus continues to equip local churches with called and qualified leaders. It is both right and appropriate to recognize those He has given to us to lead us before the throne.

Next Sunday, we will be following David’s example as we formally set Derrick Jackson apart for the ministry. Derrick has prepared well and has been examined by our elders and by representatives of like-minded churches in the area. The calling that the Lord has placed on his life has been clear to us as a congregation, as we have sat under his music ministry for the past eight years. His musical and theological preparation have prepared him well to be set apart for the ministry.

**Reading for Next Week:** 1 Chronicles 25; Ephesians 4:11-16