



# "VIOLATING THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW"

SUGGESTED HYMNS  
FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

LESSON 5: OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1, 2019

*"Restore now to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also a hundredth of the money and the grain, the new wine and the oil, that you have charged them' " (Nehemiah 5:11, NKJV)*

H Y M N S F O R W O R S H I P . O R G

## MAIN THEME IN THIS WEEK'S LESSON

### A. Dealing with oppression and injustice, taking care of the poor, respecting the rights of the people

- "Every attempt to take advantage of the ignorance, weakness, or misfortune of another is registered as fraud in the ledger of heaven. He who truly fears God, would rather toil day and night, and eat the bread of poverty, than to indulge the passion for gain that oppresses the widow and fatherless or turns the stranger from his right." – {PK 651.3}
- We were all debtors to divine justice, but we had nothing with which to pay the debt. Then the Son of God, who pitied us, paid the price of our redemption. He became poor that through His poverty we might be rich. By deeds of liberality toward His poor we may prove the sincerity of our gratitude for the mercy extended to us. "Let us do good unto all men," the apostle Paul enjoins, "especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10. And his words accord with those of the Saviour: "Ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good." "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Mark 14:7; Matthew 7:12. – {PK 652.2}

## HYMN LIST

- What does the Lord require SDAH 571  
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-571-lord-require/>
- Let your heart be broken SDAH 575  
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-575-let-heart-broken/>
- Come all Christians, be committed SDAH 634  
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-634-come-christians-committed/>
- Lord I want to be a Christian SDAH 319  
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-319-lord-want-christian/>
- Lord, whose love in humble service SDAH 363  
<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-363-lord-whose-love-humble-service/>

## HYMN NOTES

### WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE, SDAH 571

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-571-lord-require/>

### SHARPTHORNE 6.6.6.6.3.3.6.

This hymn takes its verses from Micah 6:8, which says "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" The second stanza is highly relevant to Sunday's lesson, with regards to the treatment of the lesser privileged.

*Rulers of men, give ear!  
should you not justice show?  
Will God your pleading hear,  
while crime and cruelty grow?  
Do justly; Love mercy;  
Walk humbly with your God.*

## HYMNS NOTES

### **LET YOUR HEART BE BROKEN, SDAH 575**

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-575-let-heart-broken/>

#### **BJORKLUND 6.5.6.5.D.**

At the writing of this hymn, Bryan Jeffery Leech said, "At first all I could think of was the terrible plight of the needy people, of starving bodies and the ravages of drought, which did not seem suitable subjects for a hymn. And then I thought of what our reaction to such things should be, and immediately the recurring idea of 'Let Your Heart Be Broken' was born."

Let the song leader especially highlight the line in 4th stanza which says, "In the world's great trouble -- risk yourself for God." This aptly describes Nehemiah, as well as what our responsibility should be toward the needs of the world around us.

### **COME ALL CHRISTIANS, BE COMMITTED, SDAH 634**

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-634-come-christians-committed/>

#### **BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.**

This challenging hymn reminds us that our relationship with God should also consist of dedicating our time, talents, love, and even financial means towards serving others. Nehemiah himself was a model of generosity and benevolence. Not only pointing out the selfish acts of the wealthy Hebrews, but he gave his own means to help the poor. As a result, his leadership influenced a change of heart among the Hebrews.

Song leader can emphasize this thought by reading the 3rd stanza or having the congregation say it in unison.

### **LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN, SDAH 319**

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-319-lord-want-christian/>

#### **8.6.8.3.3.3.8.3.**

Many times it is easy to say that we love God. But the test truly comes in how much of real Christianity is reflected in our lives.

"Christ has placed upon His church a sacred charge, the fulfilling of which calls for self-denial at every step. When those who believe in Him are seen lifting the cross and bearing it after Him in the path of self-denial, willingly doing all in their power to bring blessing to those for whom Christ died, witness will be borne to the power of Christianity." CME 24.3

### **LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE, SDAH 363**

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-363-lord-whose-love-humble-service/>

#### **BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.**

**Suggested Tune: NETTLETON (SDAH 334 -- Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing)**

This hymn is based from Isaiah 58:6-7 which says, "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"