

# Stand in the Gap

Intro:

- A. Text: *"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one."* - Ez. 22:30.
- B. Compare this to the events of Nehemiah 4.

1. Jews are \_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem.
2. Because of opposition they needed men to \_\_\_\_\_ - Neh. 4:10.

- C. In reflecting on the condition of Israel prior to their Assyrian exile, God was looking for someone to " \_\_\_\_\_ " for Him. In other words, take the initiative to stand up for what was right. But sadly, the Scripture records that " \_\_\_\_\_ ."

- D. What were the issues:

1. The prophets \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ - Ez. 22:25
2. The priests \_\_\_\_\_ what was \_\_\_\_\_ - Ez. 22:26
3. The princes \_\_\_\_\_ lives for \_\_\_\_\_ - Ez. 22:27
4. The people \_\_\_\_\_ extortion and \_\_\_\_\_ - Ez. 22:29

- E. What are the principles for us in this Biblical example?

- F. I Peter 2:5 reminds us of our status as Christians.

- G. *Are we priests that stand in the gap to.....?*

I. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Holy \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. Sanctity of \_\_\_\_\_.

II. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Unclean \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. Unclean \_\_\_\_\_.

III. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Give God His \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. Make \_\_\_\_\_ a priority.

Conclusion: Will we be people of \_\_\_\_\_?