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AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SERMON

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FIRST THINGS, FIRST

Nehemiah 7:1-3

I. Doctrine: There is a Natural _____ of Life in the Church (Kingdom) of Christ

A. –This *Starts* with the Regulated _____ of God . . . ,
(Neh. 7:1)

B. . . . And it *Envelops* _____ *Family* and *Culture*
Norms, (Neh. 7:5; 8:1)

II. Why Putting *First Things, First* is _____, **vv. 1-3**

A. –Because *Nothing* _____ If God is *Not* Worship-
ped (on His Terms), v. 1

B. –Because *Nothing* _____ If *Other* Churchmen
are *Not* Endued with Responsibility, v. 2

C. –Because *Nothing* _____ If the Church is *Not*
Diligent (in safeguarding the gospel), v. 3

III. How to _____ a *First Things, First* Worldview

A. –Initially, By *Recognizing* How _____ This Is, *To*
Do . . . , (1 Cor. 10:12)

B. . . . And Then, By *Remembering* What _____ *Did* for
us, His Church, (Eph. 5:25)

Key Verse—v. 1: “*Then it was, when the wall was built and I had hung the doors, when the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed . . .*”

NOTES & APPLICATIONS:

Aim: To Put *First Things, First*, by Loving Christ Supremely