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AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SERMON

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BEING SERIOUS ABOUT THE SABBATH

Nehemiah 13:19-22

I. Doctrine: The Church Must *Be Serious about the Sabbath*

Because Christ's _____ is Connected to it

A. –This is True among _____ Christians . . . ,
(Neh. 13:15)

B. . . . And it is True of _____ Pagans, (Neh. 13:16)

II. How the Church _____ that we *are indeed Serious about the Sabbath, vv. 19-22*

A. –By Taking _____ Measures to Ensure its
Keeping, v. 19

B. –By Making _____ (ecclesiastical/gospel) Policies
that help Ensure its Keeping, vv. 20-21

C. –By Taking _____ - (and Personal)-Account of our
Desire to Keep (the Sabbath holy), v. 22

III. Why God _____ us to *Be Serious about the Sabbath*

A. –Because it *Distinguishes* Christ, His Gospel, and His
Church as _____ (in the world) . . . , (Neh. 13:18)

B. . . . And it Sends a *Strong* _____ to *ALL* the In-
habitants of the earth, (Neh. 13:21)

Key Phrase—v. 19a: “*So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath.*”

NOTES & APPLICATIONS:

Aim: To be Graciously and yet Steadfastly *Serious about the Sabbath* (as the church)