

NEHEMIAH: Overcoming Opposition In Completing God's Work

Nehemiah records the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem following Israel's seventy year Babylonian Captivity which was accomplished in a miraculous 52 days. In Nehemiah we learn that in doing God's work, although opposition is _____ & discouragement _____, God is _____!

THE WEAPONS OF THE ENEMY & NEHEMIAH'S RESPONSE

1. _____ (Nehemiah 2: 10 & 17-20)

2. _____ (Nehemiah 4: 1-6)

3. _____ (Nehemiah 4: 7-9)

4. _____ & _____ (Nehemiah 4: 10-20)

5. _____ (Nehemiah 5: 1-13)

6. _____ (Nehemiah 6: 1-4)

7. _____ (Nehemiah 6: 5-9)

8. _____ (Nehemiah 6: 10-16)

Lessons Learned from Nehemiah

1. Accept the fact that opposition against God's work will be inevitable, inescapable, & innumerable but, when it comes, _____! Why? Opposition comes against success not failure. The _____ God's people shine for Christ, the more _____ a target we make for the enemy.

2. When opposition comes don't get defensive, but take the offensive through _____. Talk more to _____ than to your _____. Follow Nehemiah's pattern of prayer (Nehemiah 1: 3-11).

- Praise God for His _____.
- Remind God of His _____.
- Repent of all _____.
- Surrender human _____ as an opportunity for God to demonstrate His _____.
- Be specific in prayer to get specific _____.

3. Put feet to your prayers by _____. The one thing the opposition never was able to stop in the book of Nehemiah, was God's people mixing the mortar and passing another brick. Personal involvement, sacrifice, & persistence will always be necessary to complete God's work.

4. From God's perspective the _____ development of the workers is more important than the _____ of the work. This is not to say God is not committed to the success of our work, but rather an acknowledgment that the success of God's work is dependent on the purity of God's workers.

5. Power to complete God's work is found in the _____ of God's workers as they lay aside differences that could divide in order to come together for God's glory to complete God's work.