Nehemiah Walkout Part 1 (redo)

I chose this study due to recent and personal struggles in my own life due to trauma and physical symptoms the enemy brought on. In the midst of the battle God sent in reinforcements to undergird me through friends who prayed and fought alongside of me. One friend, during a particular tough day, suggested I read Nehemiah out loud while she listened. An amazing thing happened as I read, I could see my life spiritually unfolding on the page. I could see how the enemy was at work in my life. As I read through those pages my spirit began to lift and strength returned to my spirit and my body.

Psa 107:20  He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Jos 1:8  This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Nehemiah the Governor

The book of Nehemiah is a picture of the church of the last days and also a picture of our race to the finishing line. The course that lies ahead of us is full traps and it takes knowing the Wisdom of God and SEEING how to AVOID these traps.

God called Nehemiah to leave his service as the cup bearer (1:11) in the Persian king’s courts - to go to Jerusalem. He was sent to rebuild its walls, which had been destroyed when Babylon attacked Judah and led them into captivity. Nehemiah became the governor of a very important building project that revealed God’s plan in Christ and in His body. Nehemiah is seen, as a "type" of Jesus Who is the Governor that controls our helm.

Nehemiah came to Jerusalem with the "King’s letters" even as Jesus declared that He came on the authority of Him Who sent Him – His Father. Nehemiah was equipped with all the materials to complete the job just like Jesus was anointed and equipped by the Spirit to complete the job before Him. Observe very carefully the responses and activities of Nehemiah. God wants us to see a MODEL of how He wants to respond - through us. Nehemiah is a "type" representing Jesus and we must see that Jesus the Hope of glory in us wants to manifest in these adversities.
Neh 1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month of Chislev in the twentieth year, as I was in the palace of Shushan the High Prince, 

Neh 1:2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, and he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning Jerusalem, concerning the captivity, which were left; and concerning the destruction that was there, and concerning the wall of Jerusalem, which was broken down, and the gates thereof were burned with fire.

Neh 1:3 And they said, We have dealt very corruptly, we have sinned against thee and against thy servants; we have transgressed thy commandments, and have not kept the statutes and the judgments that thou commandedst through Moses, thy servant. 

Neh 1:4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, I sat down and wept, and mourned, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven. 

Neh 1:5 And said, O Lord, the remnant of thy servants, which are left thee, and are cast out of thy sight, and are made a reproach and a byword among the nations, wherefore hast thou, from the days of thy servants David my father even to this day, afflicted thy servants, 

Neh 1:6 That now therefore, O Lord, our God, that art the God of all the remnant of Israel, let thy sight be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants thy brethren, who desire to worship thee with wholehearted zeal; 

Neh 1:7 Who sinned, and have turned from thy commandments and thy statutes, and have trespassed against thee; 

Neh 1:8 But now, O Lord, our God, that hast made heaven and heaven of heavens, with all the host thereof, and hast set therein the power and the glory of thy kingdom, 

Neh 1:9 And hast delivered thy people, according to all thine goodness, and according to the strength of thine hand, from the hand of our enemies, and from the hand of them that hate us; and hast given them into our hands, that we might destroy them, and make the work of thy hands to be remembered; and to gloriﬁc thy name. 

Neh 1:10 Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glory for all thy wonderful works, and for that thou hast revealed this great thing to thy servant: 

Neh 1:11 And now, behold, we are in thy hand; for thy hand is mighty, and thou oughtest to be glorified. And now, we pray, speak unto us in thy holy wisdom, and judge us thy servants, I and my sons, and all that are in Judah and Jerusalem, whereby thou mayest do good in the sight of all the kingdom.

I can see how this is a representation of our lives. God is calling a people out of a people, out of a people--a remnant. A people who have been held captive by their enemies, suffering great affliction, shame, beat up, and busted with our walls broken down and traumas that have burned our gates with fire.

BUT GOD....
to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

GOD is merciful and keeps His covenant with the obedient. Captivity comes into our lives a result of our personal and family sins yet mercy is available to us when we turn to GOD and love HIM with all our hearts and choose his ways.

In Neh 2:1-8 Nehemiah is sad concerning the desolation of the city and its condition. Truly our sins vex us and grieves the Godhead. He has done everything to redeem us for the curse.

Neh 2:10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

When we come with the intention of building the walls, we will immediately acquire enemies. Let us observe Nehemiah’s enemies for a moment.

Nehemiah’s enemies are represented throughout the entire book under the names of two main leaders San ballat and To bi ah.

History records San ballat as the governor of Samaria. San ballat means in the Strong's “the enemy is secret” that sounds deceptive.

Samaria in the time of Nehemiah were a mixed race of Israelites and Assyrian, they were mixed in their religion as well. It is said that their religious beliefs in Nehemiah’s day taught that only the first five books of the scriptures were from God and REJECTED the rest of God’s word. There are folks today who still believe the same thing. These Samaritans may only receive part of the Word and OPPOSE someone who builds with the rest of the scriptures. Spiritual Samaritans today are those who are MIXED – like fresh h2o and salt water – this ought to not be says James. Hopefully we are in the process of becoming UNMIXED!
Tobiah was the governor of Ammon – an enemy outside of Israel. Tobiah it seems was under a bastards curse due to incest in his family. Amon and Moab.

Tobiah means “the goodness of God”, he seemed to have type of “Judas role”.

From H2896 and H3050; goodness of Jehovah; Tobijah, the name of three Israelites and of one Samaritan: - Tobiah, Tobijah.

Tobiah represents an enemy that comes from the world system-Babylonian religion. The world will also oppose your building of the walls.

Now what we see here is a collaboration of "the religious" and "the world" to oppose God’s builders. This is a demonic union that is seen in the book of Revelation concerning the people of the earth and the great harlot. Even today we can observe Christians tearing down other Christians using secular media – these are possibly the same exact spirits that are seen in Sanballat and Tobiah.

The first activity of Nehemiah upon his arrival was to assess the damage to the present walls (and he did it from within the walls). This is the purpose of this teaching I think in Neh – to see God’s plan concerning your present walls and the walls of others in Christ. You see the CURRENT condition of the walls and you devise a BUILDING PLAN, but more accurately, you obtain what God has already devised for you.

God created order in the rebuilding of the walls. Nehemiah allotted to every man a portion of the wall to build upon. "Arise and let us build" cried Nehemiah and we need to heed these words today. We are responsible for our portion of the wall that God allotted us. One plants and one waters God gives the increase (boy that will put and end to being driven in this) 1Corinthians chapter 3; one man lays a foundation in the lives of others and another build upon that foundation. Don’t desire another man’s portion (envy and Jealousy); or building activity that has not been allotted to you. We MUST LABOR TOGETHER in UNITY.

God uses the five-fold ministry to help us rebuild – apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. God also uses all of us, we all are assigned a part on the wall.
The walls of our city need rebuilding. **Walls represented what kept the enemy out of the city.** A defenseless wall, a broken down wall represents an area of our life where we are vulnerable to the enemy. This is a place where we have yet to fortify; it is a place of sin, a place we have not overcome. For example, All this stuff we deal with in walkout, your walls are not fortified yet. **Then there are the gates, the door we begin to shut…**

Neh 2:17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

The church has been a reproach with her walls in a shambles. God's voice from His prophets says "Let us arise and build". I believe God wants to raise us up in these last days and we will no longer be a reproach when we become a reflection of Jesus.

Folks in ministry like “the prophets” are suppose to help us. They see our present walls and have a vision of the walls God wants to build, then they say to others – **ARISE AND LET US BUILD.** They do not stop there, they teach you how to build, and they encourage you as you build, and they also will correct your improper building.

Neh 2:18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

Neh 2:19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?

Neh 2:20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we will arise and build: for ye have no portion nor right, nor memorial in Jerusalem.
The enemy says, "How dare you build", "Do you really thing you are gonna get it together?" "Do you really think you can minister to others". We are a mocked as soon as we make the decision to build. BUT "Our God in heaven will "GIVE US SUCCESS" in our labor". Nehemiah and all of Jerusalem just continued in their monumental project. We have to too!

As much building had been accomplished the attack of the enemy got worse.

Neh 4:1 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard we had builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

Neh 4:2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

Man they are talking trash and the are pissed off too!

I think this Sanballat represented "a form of godliness but denying the power thereof" he heard of Israel’s rebuilding, he became really angry. I found when I began rebuilding my walls I was atted by the "scriptural learned" men denying healing was for today.

Sanballat continues to wear us down by calling us weak. Satan will quickly resort to name calling for the purpose of getting us to believe it; he also uses name-calling to gather together a following against you.

Satan and his devils will tell us that our condition is hopeless, how could we possibly restore these walls as damaged as they are? he will magnify the damage (Self Pity) and diminish the work (affliction) that has already been performed. "How can we ever overcome?"
The enemy will bait us with lie after lie, symptom after symptom, to wear us down. Satan says "You cannot make it", or how about this broken record "your burnt up stone is BEYOND GOD’S ABILITY TO RESTORE".

The spirits attacks through our thoughts” and will attack us through the use of people others too; it is life and death – resist these attacks because we win! Satan’s ONLY power against you is – you believing him over GOD…

**Neh 4:3** Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

To make matters worse, the world jumps in and attacks us with words as well. They might say "I see you are healed or deliverd from your addiction but it will never last". The enemy knows that it will but he also knows that if he can get you to accept the lie.. then by your unbelief and doubt the walls will crumbly around you.

**Neh 4:4** Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

**Neh 4:5** And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

**Neh 4:6** So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

**Neh 4:7** But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, Tobiah, Arabians, and the Ammonites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, then they were very wroth.

**Neh 4:8** And conspired all of them together to come and to fight it.
Praise God, they did not stop, they were half way there, and they worked with all their heart. Now the gaps were being closed - and that brought the anger from the enemy. Satan tries to attack us in different ways, but it is when he sees unity the plot thickens.

Evil spirits will use doctrinal differences to separate us, he will use personality differences to separate us, he will put a wedge between you and your fellow believer anyway he can!

Unity means walking in agreement and those walking in love, forbearing one another and esteeming the other above himself. The gaps close when we build together. Unity does not come because we all get along, it comes as we grow up in Christ and labor together to rebuild according to the Word. Remember the evil spirits will attempt to "Arise and tear down"... to kill steal and destroy.

Neh 4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them Nehemiah responds to the threat with prayer to GOD and warfare. He is aware of the emeny but his focus was GOD.

Neh 4:10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. There are attacks from outside of the walls and there are problems that occur within the walls as well. It appears that in "building our walls" we find struggle after struggle, we put out one fire and another one pops up.

I feel like this often, if you can also identify then we can assuredly learn from Nehemiah’s responses.

Neh 4:11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. Neh 4:12 And it came to pass that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you.
Satan roams as a roaring lion seeking to devour, seeking to kill...he uses wrath, intimidation, and mockery, he will try to dash our hope and put us into fear and guilt...

Nehemiah now faces an internal problem and a very dangerous attack from the enemy. Don’t hang with those murmuring and complaining, don’t listen to accusation about others get away from them...fast!!

The word of God is meant to sober you as to the seriousness of this project we can’t build ½ heartedly. THIS IS LIFE AND DEATH!

Neh 4:13 Therefore set הָאָכֵל be in the lower הָאָכֵל places הָאָכֵל behind the wall הָאָכֵל and on the higher places הָאָכֵל I even set הָאָכֵל the people הָאָכֵל after their families הָאָכֵל with their swords הָאָכֵל their spears הָאָכֵל and their bows הָאָכֵל.

Neh 4:14 And I looked הָאָכֵל and rose up הָאָכֵל and said הָאָכֵל unto הָאָכֵל the nobles הָאָכֵל and to הָאָכֵל the rulers הָאָכֵל and to הָאָכֵל the rest הָאָכֵל of the people הָאָכֵל Be not הָאָכֵל ye afraid הָאָכֵל of them: remember הָאָכֵל the Lord הָאָכֵל which is great הָאָכֵל and terrible הָאָכֵל and fight הָאָכֵל for הָאָכֵל your brethren הָאָכֵל your sons הָאָכֵל and your daughters הָאָכֵל your wives הָאָכֵל and your houses הָאָכֵל.

Neh 4:15 And it came to pass הָאָכֵל when הָאָכֵל our enemies הָאָכֵל heard הָאָכֵל it was known הָאָכֵל unto us, and God הָאָכֵל had brought their counsel to nought הָאָכֵל that we returned הָאָכֵל all הָאָכֵל of us to הָאָכֵל the wall הָאָכֵל every one הָאָכֵל unto הָאָכֵל his work הָאָכֵל.

Neh 4:16 And it came to pass הָאָכֵל from הָאָכֵל that הָאָכֵל time הָאָכֵל forth, that הָאָכֵל the half הָאָכֵל of my servants הָאָכֵל wrought הָאָכֵל in the work הָאָכֵל and the other half הָאָכֵל of them held הָאָכֵל both the spears הָאָכֵל the shields הָאָכֵל and the bows הָאָכֵל and the habergeons הָאָכֵל and the rulers הָאָכֵל were behind הָאָכֵל all הָאָכֵל of Judah הָאָכֵל.

Neh 4:17 They which builded הָאָכֵל on the wall הָאָכֵל and they that bare הָאָכֵל burdens הָאָכֵל with those that laded הָאָכֵל every one הָאָכֵל of his hands הָאָכֵל in the work הָאָכֵל and with the other הָאָכֵל hand הָאָכֵל a weapon הָאָכֵל.

Gideon-Judges 6-lapping the h20 with armor on….
Neh 4:21 So we laboured in the work; and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

In other words expect long hours and NO VACATIONS!

Listen to GOD’S voice and DO WHAT HE SAYS and DO NOT go into FEAR it is a faith killer!

We have to "work with one hand" and "hold a weapon with the other hand". We have to stand and build our lives and at the same time reach out and help our brothers lives (Isaiah 58)

The "lowest points" of the wall could be those in the faith that have yet to strengthen their walls.

At times in the church we may compare ourselves with others (evny and Jealousy) or criticize them saying "look at my walls, what is your problem, why do you have such shabby walls?"

What God requires, is for us to defend our walls and even help others build up their section.

In the body I have observed almost a “competition with others” even I ministry but God is wanting us to defend the walls of other ministries. Therefore observe God’s response to the attack – UNITY.

Neh 5:1

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Neh 5:2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live.

Neh 5:3 Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, because of the dearth.

I wanted to go point by point through the book of Nehemiah to show you the relentlessness of how Satan and his kingdom are. AND HOW GREAT GOD IS TO HELP US OVER!
Nehemiah now faces another internal problem that caused him to turn his attention away from the walls of Jerusalem and to the burdens of the poor. Nehemiah was angry because the leaders were fleecing the sheep of Israel. They were like a loan shark…

Nehemiah had the rich give from their abundance and the result is much like what we saw in Acts with the Jerusalem church – "ALL THINGS WERE COMMON". Let’s share the wealth!

Neh 5:13 Also I shook my lap, and said, shake out this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

Why would God redirect Nehemiah’s attention away from the walls and to such a natural problem as providing for the poor? Because greed and a lack of providing for the poor in the church, will cause separation in God’s plan of unity..

Neh 5:15 But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did I not, because of the fear of God.

Leaders should always observe Nehemiah’s example. If a leader is called to oversee a work they should refrain from lording it over the people (aka Pastor Wendell), they must not place heavy burdens of any kind upon God’s people; instead they should be DEVOTED to do the work of the ministry. Leaders are servants and gifts to us. We should be praying for them.

Neh 6:1 Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard.
That I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) Neh 6:2

Neh 6:2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. The enemy tries again to overthrow God’s plan. The walls are finished, the gaps are closed, and all we have left is to set the doors. If the enemy cannot get into your camp, he will try to get you into his camp. GIVE NO PLACE TO THE DEVIL.

The evil spirits will invite you to a pow wow, a yoga class at the “Y” or to sit a spell and smoke a peace pipe—don’t buy it! he wants to take you down with the ship!

Do not enter into the camp of the enemy, do not be a friend of the world.

The word "Ono" means "vigorous or strong". The enemy’s meeting place is a place where the enemy is strong and a place where you are weak.

Neh 6:3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

As we mature, we must discern the enemy’s schemes. Get busy with the labors of God - you will be too busy to accept the devil’s invitations. Volunteer to help Pastor Wendell and the team!

Sometimes the church seems to come to a place where they want to be entertained instead of laboring for God. Entertainment can be a diversion tactic of the enemy to mesmerize us; instead we should become involved in God’s GREAT PROJECT!

Neh 6:4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

Neh 6:5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand,
Neh 6:6 Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen and Gashmu saith, it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

Neh 6:7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king.

FIVE TIMES the enemy sends the same boring message to wear Nehemiah down. Wearing us down is a device of Satan to stop completion. Just reading these accounts can cause us to be weary, we say, "here we go again". But don’t stop, God will prove over and over that He is faithful to uncover the schemes of the enemy.

Nehemiah receives a letter and in the letter comes another attack – FALSE ACCUSATION. False accusation is the newest attack on Nehemiah via this letter. False accusations can come from any source, sometimes from the ones closest to you. It is painful to be falsely accused of something and in Nehemiah’s case it was an accusation that hit him where it hurt the most. The very king that Nehemiah sought to serve, will now think him to be a rebel. It was a lie but if the king believes the lie then it will become devastating for Nehemiah. This accusation is designed to produce one thing – FEAR!

The enemy figured it would weaken their hands so that they could not complete the walls. Nehemiah again responded in prayer – "God strengthen my hand".

The response again confounded the enemy.

In the book of Ezra we see the temple of God being rebuilt by the governor Zerubbabel, The high priest Jeshua, and the two prophets Hagai and Zechariah. The enemy sent false accusations against them in the same manner to the king but it backfired on the enemy.

Not only did Zerubbabel not have to stop building the temple but also the king gave out of the treasury and PAID IN FULL the cost of the temple building project. God can turn around that false accusation against you as you rebuild His temple in you.

Neh 6:10
Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

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Neh 6:11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

Neh 6:12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

Neh 6:13 Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

Neh 6:14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and Noadiah, the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

Neh 6:15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

Neh 6:16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

Neh 6:17 Moreover in those days sent of Judah many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them.

Neh 6:18 For there were many that were sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah, the son of Arach; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Mihullam, the son of Berechiah.

Neh 6:19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.
This attack was meant to get Nehemiah to RUN! We have to rise up and tell the enemy "SHUT UP-I WILL NOT GO!" I will fear, I will not quit, and I will not give in to the sin.

**We must perceive the enemy just like Nehemiah did.** If you give in to the persuading of the enemy then he will keep trying to discredit you.

So we will end here tonight and pick up where we left off next week.

In the final chapters we will see how the people stood up in their generation’s, committed to do the Word and deal with their generational issues. I am hoping to lead us through some ministry time next week. So come expecting from God!

Now I would like to open the floor for any thoughts, comments, prayer request, or testimonies!