

## 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<sup>H7971</sup> his word,<sup>H1697</sup> **and healed**<sup>H7495</sup> **them,** **and delivered**<sup>H4422</sup> **them** from their destructions.<sup>H4480 H7825</sup>

**Jos 1:8** This<sup>H2088</sup> book<sup>H5612</sup> of the law<sup>H8451</sup> shall not<sup>H3808</sup> depart<sup>H4185</sup> out of thy mouth;<sup>H4480 H6310</sup> but thou shalt meditate<sup>H1897</sup> therein day<sup>H3119</sup> and night,<sup>H3915</sup> that<sup>H4616</sup> thou mayest observe<sup>H8104</sup> to do<sup>H6213</sup> according to all<sup>H3605</sup> that is written<sup>H3789</sup> therein: for<sup>H3588</sup> then<sup>H227</sup> thou shalt make<sup>H6743</sup> (H853) thy way<sup>H1870</sup> prosperous,<sup>H6743</sup> and then<sup>H227</sup> thou shalt have **good success**.<sup>H7919</sup>

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<sup>H1697</sup> of Nehemiah<sup>H5166</sup> the son<sup>H1121</sup> of Hachaliah.<sup>H2446</sup> And it came to pass<sup>H1961</sup> in the month<sup>H2320</sup> Chisleu,<sup>H3691</sup> in the twentieth<sup>H6242</sup> year,<sup>H8141</sup> as I<sup>H589</sup> was<sup>H1961</sup> in Shushan<sup>H7800</sup> the palace,<sup>H1002</sup>

Neh 1:2 That Hanani,<sup>H2607</sup> one<sup>H259</sup> of my brethren,<sup>H4480</sup> H251 came,<sup>H935</sup> he<sup>H1931</sup> and *certain* men<sup>H376</sup> of Judah;<sup>H4480</sup> H3063 and I asked<sup>H7592</sup> them concerning<sup>H5921</sup> the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> that had escaped,<sup>H6413</sup> which<sup>H834</sup> were left<sup>H7604</sup> of<sup>H4480</sup> the captivity,<sup>H7628</sup> and concerning<sup>H5921</sup> Jerusalem.<sup>H3389</sup>

Neh 1:3 And they said<sup>H559</sup> unto me, The remnant<sup>H7604</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> are left<sup>H7604</sup> of<sup>H4480</sup> the captivity<sup>H7628</sup> there<sup>H8033</sup> in the province<sup>H4082</sup> *are* in great<sup>H1419</sup> affliction<sup>H7451</sup> and reproach:<sup>H2781</sup> the wall<sup>H2346</sup> of Jerusalem<sup>H3389</sup> also is broken down,<sup>H6555</sup> and the gates<sup>H8179</sup> thereof are burned<sup>H3341</sup> with fire.<sup>H784</sup>

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....

Neh 1:4 And it came to pass,<sup>H1961</sup> when I heard<sup>H8085</sup> (H853) these<sup>H428</sup> words,<sup>H1697</sup> that I sat down<sup>H3427</sup> and wept,<sup>H1058</sup> and mourned<sup>H56</sup> *certain* days,<sup>H3117</sup> and fasted,<sup>H1961</sup> H6684 and prayed<sup>H6419</sup> before<sup>H6440</sup> the God<sup>H430</sup> of heaven,<sup>H8064</sup>

Neh 1:5 And said,<sup>H559</sup> I beseech<sup>H577</sup> thee, O LORD<sup>H3068</sup> God<sup>H430</sup> of heaven,<sup>H8064</sup> the great<sup>H1419</sup> and terrible<sup>H3372</sup> God,<sup>H410</sup> that keepeth<sup>H8104</sup> covenant<sup>H1285</sup> and mercy<sup>H2617</sup> for them that love<sup>H157</sup> him and observe<sup>H8104</sup> his commandments:<sup>H4687</sup>

Neh 1:6 Let thine ear<sup>H241</sup> now<sup>H4994</sup> be<sup>H1961</sup> attentive,<sup>H7183</sup> and thine eyes<sup>H5869</sup> open,<sup>H6605</sup> that thou mayest hear<sup>H8085</sup> H413 the prayer<sup>H8605</sup> of thy servant,<sup>H5650</sup> which<sup>H834</sup> I<sup>H595</sup> pray<sup>H6419</sup> before<sup>H6440</sup> thee now,<sup>H3117</sup> day<sup>H3119</sup> and night,<sup>H3915</sup> for<sup>H5921</sup> the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel<sup>H3478</sup> thy servants,<sup>H5650</sup> and confess<sup>H3034</sup> H5921 the sins<sup>H2403</sup> of the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel,<sup>H3478</sup> which<sup>H834</sup> we have sinned<sup>H2398</sup> against thee: both I<sup>H589</sup> and my father's<sup>H1</sup> house<sup>H1004</sup> have sinned.<sup>H2398</sup>

Neh 1:7 We have dealt very corruptly<sup>H2254</sup> H2254 against thee, and have not<sup>H3808</sup> kept<sup>H8104</sup> (H853) the commandments,<sup>H4687</sup> nor the statutes,<sup>H2706</sup> nor the judgments,<sup>H4941</sup> which<sup>H834</sup> thou commandedst<sup>H6680</sup> (H853) thy servant<sup>H5650</sup> Moses.<sup>H4872</sup>

Neh 1:8 Remember,<sup>H2142</sup> I beseech<sup>H4994</sup> thee, (H853) the word<sup>H1697</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> thou commandedst<sup>H6680</sup> (H853) thy servant<sup>H5650</sup> Moses,<sup>H4872</sup> saying,<sup>H559</sup> *If* ye<sup>H859</sup> transgress,<sup>H4603</sup> I<sup>H589</sup> will scatter you abroad<sup>H6327</sup> (H853) among the nations:<sup>H5971</sup>

Neh 1:9 But *if* ye turn<sup>H7725</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> me, and keep<sup>H8104</sup> my commandments,<sup>H4687</sup> and do<sup>H6213</sup> them; though<sup>H518</sup> there were<sup>H1961</sup> of you cast out<sup>H5080</sup> unto the uttermost part<sup>H7097</sup> of the heaven,<sup>H8064</sup> *yet* will I gather<sup>H6908</sup> them from thence,<sup>H4480</sup> H8033 and will bring<sup>H935</sup> them unto<sup>H413</sup> the place<sup>H4725</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> I have chosen<sup>H977</sup> to set<sup>H7931</sup> (H853) my name<sup>H8034</sup> there.<sup>H8033</sup>

Neh 1:10 Now these<sup>H1992</sup> *are* thy servants<sup>H5650</sup> and thy people,<sup>H5971</sup> whom<sup>H834</sup> thou hast redeemed<sup>H6299</sup> by thy great<sup>H1419</sup> power,<sup>H3581</sup> and by thy strong<sup>H2389</sup> hand.<sup>H3027</sup>

Neh 1:11 O Lord,<sup>H136</sup> I beseech<sup>H577</sup> thee, let now<sup>H4994</sup> thine ear<sup>H241</sup> be<sup>H1961</sup> attentive<sup>H7183</sup> to<sup>H413</sup> the prayer<sup>H8605</sup> of thy servant,<sup>H5650</sup> and to<sup>H413</sup> the prayer<sup>H8605</sup> of thy servants,<sup>H5650</sup> who desire<sup>H2655</sup>

to fear<sup>H3372 (H853)</sup> thy name:<sup>H8034</sup> and prosper,<sup>H6743</sup> I pray<sup>H4994</sup> thee, thy servant<sup>H5650</sup> this day,<sup>H3117</sup> and grant<sup>H5414</sup> him mercy<sup>H7356</sup> in the sight<sup>H6440</sup> of this<sup>H2088</sup> man.<sup>H376</sup> For I<sup>H589</sup> was<sup>H1961</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> cupbearer.<sup>H4945</sup>

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 of the city and it's 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<sup>H5571</sup> the Horonite,<sup>H2772</sup> and Tobiah<sup>H2900</sup> the servant,<sup>H5650</sup> the Ammonite,<sup>H5984</sup> heard<sup>H8085</sup> *of it*, it grieved<sup>H7489</sup> them exceedingly<sup>H1419 H7451</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> there was come<sup>H935</sup> a man<sup>H120</sup> to seek<sup>H1245</sup> the welfare<sup>H2896</sup> of the children<sup>H1121</sup> of Israel.<sup>H3478</sup>

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 bal lat and To bi ah.

History records San bal lat as the governor of Samaria. San bal lat 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 ketps 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<sup>H559</sup> I unto<sup>H413</sup> them, Ye<sup>H859</sup> see<sup>H7200</sup> the distress<sup>H7451</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> we<sup>H587</sup> are in, how<sup>H834</sup> Jerusalem<sup>H3389</sup> *lieth* waste,<sup>H2720</sup> and the gates<sup>H8179</sup> thereof are burned<sup>H3341</sup> with fire:<sup>H784</sup> come,<sup>H1980</sup> and let us build up<sup>H1129</sup> (H853) the wall<sup>H2346</sup> of Jerusalem,<sup>H3389</sup> that we be<sup>H1961</sup> no<sup>H3808</sup> more<sup>H5750</sup> a reproach.<sup>H2781</sup>

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<sup>H5046</sup> them of<sup>(H853)</sup> the hand<sup>H3027</sup> of my God<sup>H430</sup> which<sup>H834</sup> <sup>H1931</sup> was good<sup>H2896</sup> upon<sup>H5921</sup> me; as also<sup>H637</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> words<sup>H1697</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> he had spoken<sup>H559</sup> unto me. And they said,<sup>H559</sup> Let us rise up<sup>H6965</sup> and build.<sup>H1129</sup> So they strengthened<sup>H2388</sup> their hands<sup>H3027</sup> for *this* good<sup>H2896</sup> *work*.

Neh 2:19 But when Sanballat<sup>H5571</sup> the Horonite,<sup>H2772</sup> and Tobiah<sup>H2900</sup> the servant,<sup>H5650</sup> the Ammonite,<sup>H5984</sup> and Geshem<sup>H1654</sup> the Arabian,<sup>H6163</sup> heard<sup>H8085</sup> *it*, they laughed us to scorn,<sup>H3932</sup> and despised<sup>H959</sup> <sup>H5921</sup> us, and said,<sup>H559</sup> What<sup>H4100</sup> *is* this<sup>H2088</sup> thing<sup>H1697</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> ye<sup>H859</sup> do?<sup>H6213</sup> will ye<sup>H859</sup> rebel<sup>H4775</sup> against<sup>H5921</sup> the king?<sup>H4428</sup>

Neh 2:20 Then answered<sup>H7725</sup> <sup>H1697</sup> I them, and said<sup>H559</sup> unto them, The God<sup>H430</sup> of heaven,<sup>H8064</sup> he<sup>H1931</sup> will prosper<sup>H6743</sup> us; therefore we<sup>H587</sup> his servants<sup>H5650</sup> will arise<sup>H6965</sup> and build:<sup>H1129</sup> but ye have no<sup>H369</sup> portion,<sup>H2506</sup> nor right,<sup>H6666</sup> nor memorial,<sup>H2146</sup> in Jerusalem.<sup>H3389</sup>

I have been telling the devils this all last week!

The enemy says, "How dare you build", "Do you really think you are gonna get it together?" "Do you really think you can minister to others". We are 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,<sup>H1961</sup> that when<sup>H834</sup> Sanballat<sup>H5571</sup> heard<sup>H8085</sup> that<sup>H3588</sup> we<sup>H587</sup> build<sup>H1129</sup> (H853) the wall,<sup>H2346</sup> he was wroth,<sup>H2734</sup> and took great indignation,<sup>H7235</sup> <sup>H3707</sup> and mocked<sup>H3932</sup> <sup>H5921</sup> the Jews.<sup>H3064</sup>

**Neh 4:2** And he spake<sup>H559</sup> before<sup>H6440</sup> his brethren<sup>H251</sup> and the army<sup>H2428</sup> of Samaria,<sup>H8111</sup> and said,<sup>H559</sup> What<sup>H4100</sup> do<sup>H6213</sup> these feeble<sup>H537</sup> Jews?<sup>H3064</sup> will they fortify<sup>H5800</sup> themselves? will they sacrifice?<sup>H2076</sup> will they make an end<sup>H3615</sup> in a day?<sup>H3117</sup> will they revive<sup>H2421</sup> (H853) the stones<sup>H68</sup> out of the heaps<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H6194</sup> of the rubbish<sup>H6083</sup> which<sup>H1992</sup> are burned?<sup>H8313</sup>

Man they are talking trash and they 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 attacked 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<sup>H2900</sup> the Ammonite<sup>H5984</sup> *was* by<sup>H681</sup> him, and he said,<sup>H559</sup> Even<sup>H1571</sup> that which<sup>H834</sup> they<sup>H1992</sup> build,<sup>H1129</sup> if<sup>H518</sup> a fox<sup>H7776</sup> go up,<sup>H5927</sup> he shall even break down<sup>H6555</sup> their stone<sup>H68</sup> wall.<sup>H2346</sup>

To make matters worse, the world jumps in and attacks us with words as well. They might say "I see you are healed or delivered 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,<sup>H8085</sup> O our God;<sup>H430</sup> for<sup>H3588</sup> we are<sup>H1961</sup> despised:<sup>H939</sup> and turn<sup>H7725</sup> their reproach<sup>H2781</sup> upon<sup>H413</sup> their own head,<sup>H7218</sup> and give<sup>H5414</sup> them for a prey<sup>H961</sup> in the land<sup>H776</sup> of captivity:<sup>H7633</sup>

**Neh 4:5** And cover<sup>H3680</sup> <sup>H5921</sup> not<sup>H408</sup> their iniquity,<sup>H5771</sup> and let not<sup>H408</sup> their sin<sup>H2403</sup> be blotted out<sup>H4229</sup> from before<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H6440</sup> thee: for<sup>H3588</sup> they have provoked *thee* to anger<sup>H3707</sup> before<sup>H5048</sup> the builders.<sup>H1129</sup>

**Neh 4:6** So built<sup>H1129</sup> we<sup>(H853)</sup> the wall;<sup>H2346</sup> and all<sup>H3605</sup> the wall<sup>H2346</sup> was joined together<sup>H7194</sup> unto<sup>H5704</sup> the half<sup>H2677</sup> thereof: for the people<sup>H5971</sup> had<sup>H1961</sup> a mind<sup>H3820</sup> to work.<sup>H6213</sup>

**Neh 4:7** But it came to pass,<sup>H1961</sup> *that* when<sup>H834</sup> Sanballat,<sup>H5571</sup> and Tobiah,<sup>H2900</sup> and the Arabians,<sup>H6163</sup> and the Ammonites,<sup>H5984</sup> and the Ashdodites,<sup>H796</sup> heard<sup>H8085</sup> that<sup>H3588</sup> the walls<sup>H2346</sup> of Jerusalem<sup>H3389</sup> were made up,<sup>H5927</sup> <sup>H724</sup> *and* that<sup>H3588</sup> the breaches<sup>H6555</sup> began<sup>H2490</sup> to be stopped,<sup>H5640</sup> then they were very<sup>H3966</sup> wroth,<sup>H2734</sup>

**Neh 4:8** And conspired<sup>H7194</sup> all<sup>H3605</sup> of them together<sup>H3162</sup> to come<sup>H935</sup> *and* to fight<sup>H3898</sup> against Jerusalem,<sup>H3389</sup> and to hinder<sup>H6213</sup> <sup>H8442</sup> it.

Conspired= work treason= that is a hanging offence...

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<sup>H6419</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> our God,<sup>H430</sup> and set<sup>H5975</sup> a watch<sup>H4929</sup> against<sup>H5921</sup> them day<sup>H3119</sup> and night,<sup>H3915</sup> because of<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H6440</sup> them

Nehemiah responds to the threat with prayer to GOD and warfare. He is aware of the enemy **but his focus was GOD.**

Neh 4:10 And Judah<sup>H3063</sup> said,<sup>H559</sup> The strength<sup>H3581</sup> of the bearers of burdens<sup>H5449</sup> is decayed,<sup>H3782</sup> and *there is much*<sup>H7235</sup> rubbish;<sup>H6083</sup> so that we<sup>H587</sup> are not<sup>H3808</sup> able<sup>H3201</sup> to build<sup>H1129</sup> the wall.<sup>H2346</sup>

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<sup>H6862</sup> said,<sup>H559</sup> They shall not<sup>H3808</sup> know,<sup>H3045</sup> neither<sup>H3808</sup> see,<sup>H7200</sup> till<sup>H5704</sup> <sup>H834</sup> we come<sup>H935</sup> in<sup>H413</sup> the midst among<sup>H8432</sup> them, and slay<sup>H2026</sup> them, and cause<sup>(H853)</sup> the work<sup>H4399</sup> to cease.<sup>H7673</sup>

Neh 4:12 And it came to pass,<sup>H1961</sup> that when<sup>H834</sup> the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> which dwelt<sup>H3427</sup> by<sup>H681</sup> them came,<sup>H935</sup> they said<sup>H559</sup> unto us ten<sup>H6235</sup> times,<sup>H6471</sup> From all<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H3605</sup> places<sup>H4725</sup> whence<sup>H834</sup> ye shall return<sup>H7725</sup> unto<sup>H5921</sup> 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<sup>H5975</sup> I in the lower<sup>H4480 H8482</sup> places<sup>H4725</sup> behind<sup>H4480 H310</sup> the wall,<sup>H2346</sup> *and* on the higher places,<sup>H6706</sup> I even set<sup>H5975 (H853)</sup> the people<sup>H5971</sup> after their families<sup>H4940</sup> with<sup>H5973</sup> their swords,<sup>H2719</sup> their spears,<sup>H7420</sup> and their bows.<sup>H7198</sup>

Neh 4:14 And I looked,<sup>H7200</sup> and rose up,<sup>H6965</sup> and said<sup>H559</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> the nobles,<sup>H2715</sup> and to<sup>H413</sup> the rulers,<sup>H5461</sup> and to<sup>H413</sup> the rest<sup>H3499</sup> of the people,<sup>H5971</sup> Be not<sup>H408</sup> ye afraid<sup>H3372</sup> of<sup>H4480 H6440</sup> them: remember<sup>H2142 (H853)</sup> the Lord,<sup>H136</sup> *which is great*<sup>H1419</sup> and terrible,<sup>H3372</sup> and fight<sup>H3898</sup> for<sup>H5921</sup> your brethren,<sup>H251</sup> your sons,<sup>H1121</sup> and your daughters,<sup>H1323</sup> your wives,<sup>H802</sup> and your houses.<sup>H1004</sup>

Neh 4:15 And it came to pass,<sup>H1961</sup> when<sup>H834</sup> our enemies<sup>H341</sup> heard<sup>H8085</sup> that<sup>H3588</sup> it was known<sup>H3045</sup> unto us, and God<sup>H430</sup> had brought their counsel to nought,<sup>H6565 (H853)</sup> <sup>H6098</sup> that we returned<sup>H7725</sup> all<sup>H3605</sup> of us to<sup>H413</sup> the wall,<sup>H2346</sup> every one<sup>H376</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> his work.<sup>H4399</sup>

Neh 4:16 And it came to pass<sup>H1961</sup> from<sup>H4480</sup> that<sup>H1931</sup> time<sup>H3117</sup> forth, *that* the half<sup>H2677</sup> of my servants<sup>H5288</sup> wrought<sup>H6213</sup> in the work,<sup>H4399</sup> and the other half<sup>H2677</sup> of them held<sup>H2388</sup> both the spears,<sup>H7420</sup> the shields,<sup>H4043</sup> and the bows,<sup>H7198</sup> and the habergeons;<sup>H8302</sup> and the rulers<sup>H8269</sup> *were* behind<sup>H310</sup> all<sup>H3605</sup> the house<sup>H1004</sup> of Judah.<sup>H3063</sup>

Neh 4:17 They which builded<sup>H1129</sup> on the wall,<sup>H2346</sup> and they that bare<sup>H5375</sup> burdens,<sup>H5447</sup> with those that laded,<sup>H6006</sup> *every one* with one<sup>H259</sup> of his hands<sup>H3027</sup> wrought<sup>H6213</sup> in the work,<sup>H4399</sup> and with the other<sup>H259</sup> *hand* held<sup>H2388</sup> a weapon.<sup>H7973</sup>

Gideon-Judges 6-lapping the h20 with armor on....

**Neh 4:21** So we<sup>H587</sup> laboured<sup>H6213</sup> in the work:<sup>H4399</sup> and half<sup>H2677</sup> of them held<sup>H2388</sup> the spears<sup>H7420</sup> from the rising<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H5927</sup> of the morning<sup>H7837</sup> till<sup>H5704</sup> the stars<sup>H3556</sup> appeared.<sup>H3318</sup>

**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 (envy 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 in 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**

And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews.

**Neh 5:1** And there was<sup>H1961</sup> a great<sup>H1419</sup> cry<sup>H6818</sup> of the people<sup>H5971</sup> and of their wives<sup>H802</sup> against<sup>H413</sup> their brethren<sup>H251</sup> the Jews.<sup>H3064</sup>

**Neh 5:2** For there were<sup>H3426</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> said,<sup>H559</sup> We,<sup>H587</sup> our sons,<sup>H1121</sup> and our daughters,<sup>H1323</sup> *are* many:<sup>H7227</sup> therefore we take up<sup>H3947</sup> corn<sup>H1715</sup> *for them*, that we may eat,<sup>H398</sup> and live.<sup>H2421</sup>

**Neh 5:3** *Some* also there were<sup>H3426</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> said,<sup>H559</sup> We<sup>H587</sup> have mortgaged<sup>H6148</sup> our lands,<sup>H7704</sup> vineyards,<sup>H3754</sup> and houses,<sup>H1004</sup> that we might buy<sup>H3947</sup> corn,<sup>H1715</sup> because of the dearth.<sup>H7458</sup>

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<sup>H1571</sup> I shook<sup>H5287</sup> my lap,<sup>H2684</sup> and said,<sup>H559</sup> So<sup>H3602</sup> God<sup>H430</sup> shake out<sup>H5287</sup> (H853) every<sup>H3605</sup> man<sup>H376</sup> from his house,<sup>H4480 H1004</sup> and from his labour,<sup>H4480 H3018</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> performeth<sup>H6965</sup> not<sup>H3808 (H853)</sup> this<sup>H2088</sup> promise,<sup>H1697</sup> even thus<sup>H3602</sup> be<sup>H1961</sup> he shaken out,<sup>H5287</sup> and emptied.<sup>H7386</sup> And all<sup>H3605</sup> the congregation<sup>H6951</sup> said,<sup>H559</sup> Amen,<sup>H543</sup> and praised<sup>H1984 (H853)</sup> the LORD,<sup>H3068</sup> And the people<sup>H5971</sup> did<sup>H6213</sup> according to this<sup>H2088</sup> promise.<sup>H1697</sup>

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<sup>H7223</sup> governors<sup>H6346</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> *had been* before<sup>H6440</sup> me were chargeable<sup>H3513</sup> unto<sup>H5921</sup> the people,<sup>H5971</sup> and had taken<sup>H3947</sup> of<sup>H4480</sup> them bread<sup>H3899</sup> and wine,<sup>H3196</sup> beside<sup>H310</sup> forty<sup>H705</sup> shekels<sup>H8255</sup> of silver;<sup>H3701</sup> yea,<sup>H1571</sup> even their servants<sup>H5288</sup> bare rule<sup>H7980</sup> over<sup>H5921</sup> the people:<sup>H5971</sup> but so<sup>H3651</sup> did<sup>H6213</sup> not<sup>H3808</sup> I,<sup>H589</sup> because<sup>H4480 H6440</sup> of the fear<sup>H3374</sup> of God.<sup>H430</sup>

Neh 5:16 Yea, also<sup>H1571</sup> I continued<sup>H2388</sup> in the work<sup>H4399</sup> of this<sup>H2063</sup> wall,<sup>H2346</sup> neither<sup>H3808</sup> bought<sup>H7069</sup> we any land:<sup>H7704</sup> and all<sup>H3605</sup> my servants<sup>H5288</sup> *were* gathered<sup>H6908</sup> thither<sup>H8033</sup> unto<sup>H5921</sup> the work.<sup>H4399</sup>

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,<sup>H1961</sup> when<sup>H834</sup> Sanballat,<sup>H5571</sup> and Tobiah,<sup>H2900</sup> and Geshem<sup>H1654</sup> the Arabian,<sup>H6163</sup> and the rest<sup>H3499</sup> of our enemies,<sup>H341</sup> heard<sup>H8085</sup>

that<sup>H3588</sup> I had builded<sup>H1129 (H853)</sup> the wall,<sup>H2346</sup> and *that* there was no<sup>H3808</sup> breach<sup>H6556</sup> left<sup>H3498</sup> therein; (though<sup>H1571</sup> at<sup>H5704</sup> that<sup>H1931</sup> time<sup>H6256</sup> I had not<sup>H3808</sup> set up<sup>H5975</sup> the doors<sup>H1817</sup> upon the gates;)<sup>H8179</sup>

Neh 6:2 That Sanballat<sup>H5571</sup> and Geshem<sup>H1654</sup> sent<sup>H7971</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> me, saying,<sup>H559</sup> Come,<sup>H1980</sup> let us meet<sup>H3259</sup> together<sup>H3162</sup> in *some one of* the villages<sup>H3715</sup> in the plain<sup>H1237</sup> of Ono.<sup>H207</sup> But they<sup>H1992</sup> thought<sup>H2803</sup> to do<sup>H6213</sup> me mischief.<sup>H7451</sup>

The enemy tries again to over throw 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<sup>H7971</sup> messengers<sup>H4397</sup> unto<sup>H5921</sup> them, saying,<sup>H559</sup> I<sup>H589</sup> *am* doing<sup>H6213</sup> a great<sup>H1419</sup> work,<sup>H4399</sup> so that I cannot<sup>H3808 H3201</sup> come down:<sup>H3381</sup> why<sup>H4100</sup> should the work<sup>H4399</sup> cease,<sup>H7673</sup> whilst<sup>H834</sup> I leave<sup>H7503</sup> it, and come down<sup>H3381</sup> to<sup>H413</sup> 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 comes 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<sup>H7971</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> me four<sup>H702</sup> times<sup>H6471</sup> after this<sup>H2088</sup> sort;<sup>H1697</sup> and I answered<sup>H7725</sup> them after the same<sup>H2088</sup> manner.<sup>H1697</sup>

Neh 6:5 Then sent<sup>H7971</sup> Sanballat<sup>H5571 (H853)</sup> his servant<sup>H5288</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> me in like<sup>H2088</sup> manner<sup>H1697</sup> the fifth<sup>H2549</sup> time<sup>H6471</sup> with an open<sup>H6605</sup> letter<sup>H107</sup> in his hand;<sup>H3027</sup>

Neh 6:6 Wherein *was* written,<sup>H3789</sup> It is reported<sup>H8085</sup> among the heathen,<sup>H1471</sup> and Gashmu<sup>H1654</sup> saith<sup>H559</sup> *it, that* thou<sup>H859</sup> and the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> think<sup>H2803</sup> to rebel:<sup>H4775</sup> for<sup>H5921</sup> which cause<sup>H3651</sup> thou<sup>H859</sup> buildest<sup>H1129</sup> the wall,<sup>H2346</sup> that thou<sup>H859</sup> mayest be<sup>H1933</sup> their king,<sup>H4428</sup> according to these<sup>H428</sup> words.<sup>H1697</sup>

Neh 6:7 And thou hast also<sup>H1571</sup> appointed<sup>H5975</sup> prophets<sup>H5030</sup> to preach<sup>H7121</sup> of<sup>H5921</sup> thee at Jerusalem,<sup>H3389</sup> saying,<sup>H559</sup> *There is* a king<sup>H4428</sup> in Judah:<sup>H3063</sup> and now<sup>H6258</sup> shall it be reported<sup>H8085</sup> to the king<sup>H4428</sup>

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 Haggai 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.

Neh 6:10 Afterward I<sup>H589</sup> came<sup>H935</sup> unto the house<sup>H1004</sup> of Shemaiah<sup>H8098</sup> the son<sup>H1121</sup> of Delaiah<sup>H1806</sup> the son<sup>H1121</sup> of Mehetabeel,<sup>H4105</sup> who<sup>H1931</sup> *was* shut up;<sup>H6113</sup> and he said,<sup>H559</sup> Let us meet together<sup>H3259</sup> in<sup>H413</sup> the house<sup>H1004</sup> of God,<sup>H430</sup> within<sup>H413</sup> <sup>H8432</sup> the temple,<sup>H1964</sup> and let us shut<sup>H5462</sup> the doors<sup>H1817</sup> of the temple:<sup>H1964</sup> for<sup>H3588</sup> they will come<sup>H935</sup> to slay<sup>H2026</sup> thee; yea, in the night<sup>H3915</sup> will they come<sup>H935</sup> to slay<sup>H2026</sup> thee.

Neh 6:11 And I said,<sup>H559</sup> Should such a man as I<sup>H3644</sup> <sup>H376</sup> flee?<sup>H1272</sup> and who<sup>H4310</sup> *is there*, that,<sup>H834</sup> *being* as I<sup>H3644</sup> *am*, would go<sup>H935</sup> into<sup>H413</sup> the temple<sup>H1964</sup> to save his life?<sup>H2425</sup> I will not<sup>H3808</sup> go in.<sup>H935</sup>

Neh 6:12 And, lo,<sup>H2009</sup> I perceived<sup>H5234</sup> that God<sup>H430</sup> had not<sup>H3808</sup> sent<sup>H7971</sup> him; but<sup>H3588</sup> that he pronounced<sup>H1696</sup> this prophecy<sup>H5016</sup> against<sup>H5921</sup> me: for Tobiah<sup>H2900</sup> and Sanballat<sup>H5571</sup> had hired<sup>H7936</sup> him.

Neh 6:13 Therefore<sup>H4616</sup> *was* he<sup>H1931</sup> hired,<sup>H7936</sup> that<sup>H4616</sup> I should be afraid,<sup>H3372</sup> and do<sup>H6213</sup> so,<sup>H3651</sup> and sin,<sup>H2398</sup> and *that* they might have<sup>H1961</sup> *matter* for an evil<sup>H7451</sup> report,<sup>H8034</sup> that<sup>H4616</sup> they might reproach<sup>H2778</sup> me.

**Neh 6:14** My God,<sup>H430</sup> think<sup>H2142</sup> thou upon Tobiah<sup>H2900</sup> and Sanballat<sup>H5571</sup> according to these<sup>H428</sup> their works,<sup>H4639</sup> and<sup>H1571</sup> on the prophetess<sup>H5031</sup> Noadiah,<sup>H5129</sup> and the rest<sup>H3499</sup> of the prophets,<sup>H5030</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> would have<sup>H1961</sup> put me in fear.<sup>H3372</sup>

Neh 6:15 So the wall<sup>H2346</sup> was finished<sup>H7999</sup> in the twenty<sup>H6242</sup> and fifth<sup>H2568</sup> *day of the month* Elul,<sup>H435</sup> in fifty<sup>H2572</sup> and two<sup>H8147</sup> days.<sup>H3117</sup>

Neh 6:16 And it came to pass,<sup>H1961</sup> that when<sup>H834</sup> all<sup>H3605</sup> our enemies<sup>H341</sup> heard<sup>H8085</sup> *thereof*, and all<sup>H3605</sup> the heathen<sup>H1471</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> *were* about<sup>H5439</sup> us saw<sup>H7200</sup> *these things*, they were much<sup>H3966</sup> cast down<sup>H5307</sup> in their own eyes:<sup>H5869</sup> for they perceived<sup>H3045</sup> that<sup>H3588</sup> this<sup>H2063</sup> work<sup>H4399</sup> was wrought<sup>H6213</sup> of<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H854</sup> our God.<sup>H430</sup>

Neh 6:17 Moreover<sup>H1571</sup> in those<sup>H1992</sup> days<sup>H3117</sup> the nobles<sup>H2715</sup> of Judah<sup>H3063</sup> sent<sup>H1980</sup> many<sup>H7235</sup> letters<sup>H107</sup> unto<sup>H5921</sup> Tobiah,<sup>H2900</sup> and *the letters* of Tobiah<sup>H2900</sup> came<sup>H935</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> them.

Neh 6:18 For<sup>H3588</sup> *there were* many<sup>H7227</sup> in Judah<sup>H3063</sup> sworn<sup>H1167</sup> <sup>H7621</sup> unto him, because<sup>H3588</sup> he<sup>H1931</sup> *was* the son in law<sup>H2860</sup> of Shechaniah<sup>H7935</sup> the son<sup>H1121</sup> of Arah;<sup>H733</sup> and his son<sup>H1121</sup> Johanan<sup>H3076</sup> had taken<sup>H3947</sup> <sup>H853</sup> the daughter<sup>H1323</sup> of Meshullam<sup>H4918</sup> the son<sup>H1121</sup> of Berechiah.<sup>H1296</sup>

Neh 6:19 Also<sup>H1571</sup> they reported<sup>H1961</sup> <sup>H559</sup> his good deeds<sup>H2896</sup> before<sup>H6440</sup> me, and uttered<sup>H1961</sup> <sup>H3318</sup> my words<sup>H1697</sup> to him. *And* Tobiah<sup>H2900</sup> sent<sup>H7971</sup> letters<sup>H107</sup> to put me in fear.<sup>H3372</sup>

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!