

The Bible Panorama – The History XI: Nehemiah

“Build Walls for Your Family”

Nehemiah 2:1-10

Going Beyond the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on September 2, 2018

Entering In:

What do you think is the greatest obstacle to overcome in order to live for Jesus?

1. What forms of opposition did Nehemiah face while directing the rebuilding of the wall surrounding Jerusalem?

- 2:19
- 4:1-3
- 4:8
- 5:1-5
- 6:2
- 6:6, 7
- 6:10

What motivated King Herod’s opposition to Jesus? (Matthew 2:1-4, 8, 16)

What motivated the Pharisees’ opposition to Jesus? (Matthew 9:3, 11, 34)

What motivated the Jewish leaders’ opposition to the apostles? (Acts 4:2)

What will motivate the kings of the nations to oppose the Lord of lords and the King of kings? (Revelation 17:12-14; 19:19)

What motivates *opposition* among men?

Against whom were these men ultimately opposed? (Psalm 2:1-3)

What kinds of opposition have you endured because you have been engaged in doing the Lord’s work?

2. How did Nehemiah overcome the opposition to his work that he experienced?

- 2:20
- 4:4-6
- 4:9
- 5:6-12
- 6:3
- 6:8, 9
- 6:11-14

How have you overcome opposition to your work for the Lord? Illustrate with an example.

3. How did Nehemiah know that he was doing the Lord's work and not just pursuing his own dream?
- in his prayer (1:8-11)
 - in his commission (2:4-9)
 - in the midst of opposition
 - in the completion of his work (6:15, 16)

How do you know that you are doing the Lord's work and not just pursuing your own dream? Give your answer within the framework of the 4 contexts of the previous question.

4. In Chapter 8, Ezra read the Book of the Law publicly in the square before the Water Gate (8:1ff). Describe the details of this event and why they are important.
- Who was present?
 - Where did Ezra stand?
 - What ministry did the Levites perform?

How did the people respond to the reading of the Law? Why?

What did Nehemiah tell the people to do instead of what they were doing? Why?

When Nehemiah says, "For the joy of the LORD is your strength", what does that mean?

What kind(s) of *strength* do you see in Nehemiah's ministry?

What *joy* was set before Jesus in Hebrews 12:1-3?

What did that joy give him the *strength* to do?

What joy is set before you, and from where do you receive strength to do the work that the Lord has given you?

Living It Out:

Take heed to how you respond to those who oppose you. Pray for them sincerely.

