

**A Person of Action**  
**Part 3**  
**“The 4 Horns of Resistance”**

**Zechariah 1:16-21**

16 “Therefore this is what the Lord says: ‘I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,’ declares the Lord Almighty.

17 “Proclaim further: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.’”

**Four Horns and Four Craftsmen**

18 Then I looked up, and there before me were four horns. 19 I asked the angel who was speaking to me, “What are these?”

He answered me, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.”

20 Then the Lord showed me four craftsmen. 21 I asked, “What are these coming to do?”

He answered, “These are the horns that scattered Judah so that no one could raise their head, but the craftsmen have come to terrify them and throw down these horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter its people.”

- Four horns here represent the nations that scattered God's people.
- In Biblical times **horns** spoke of strength and authority, because the power of a bull or an ox is expressed through its **horns**.
- Commentators believe the four horns most likely represent Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome.

4 Horns: in the bible horns are a type of power

There were:

4 Horns

4 Craftsmen - Carpenters

There were 4 horns that scattered Israel.

There were 4 Craftsmen that struck terror and threw down the horns.

Today I want to talk about 4 horns the enemy uses to Resist the People of God.

## 1st Horn - Horn of Lack

### Nehemiah 4

But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. <sup>2</sup> And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, “What are these **feeble** Jews doing? Will they **fortify** themselves? Will they offer **sacrifices**? Will they complete it in **a day**? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—Stones that are burned?”

Sanballat said to Nehemiah:

1. You lack Strength
2. You lack Skill
3. You lack Spirituality
4. You lack Time

Just like with Nehemiah, the Horn of Lack try to Intimidate and tell you: You will never prosper in the things of God because you lack...

You lack this and you lack that...

Your not Spiritual enough

Your not Gifted enough

Your not Smart enough

Your not Liked enough

You lack

...ability

...joy

...peace

...courage

...influence

lack, lack, lack

The Horn of Lack says God will bless some but God will not bless you. This is the level you will operate on for the rest of your life, your stuck here...

It's time to tell that Horn of Lack:  
I'm a Child of God...  
I have been bought with the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ...  
Horn of Intimidation you have no legal right here...  
In the Name of Jesus you must go...  
I am who God says I am...  
I will do what God says I will do...  
Devil your a liar but my God is True...  
I will listen to His voice and His voice only...

## **2nd Horn - The Horn of Limitation**

This Horn says, You can only go so far.

Story: A Trained Elephant.

- The Average Elephant weighs 12,000 lbs.
- It can lift with its trunk over 600 lbs and some have been known to carry over 1000 lbs.

In 1954 a man named Roger Bannister did what many people believed was impossible, He broke the 4 minute mile. They said it was humanly impossible. The year after that 30 people ran a mile in under 4 minutes. Year after that more than 300 people ran the mile in less than 4 minutes.

Do you have a block tied to your life that tells you oh no you don't?  
This far and no farther.

When you came to Jesus were you Chained to an Addiction?  
Were you Anchored to a failure?

- Maybe no one in your family has ever gone to college.
- Maybe the idea of a enjoyable, lasting marriage seems impossible.
- Perhaps no one in your family has ever achieved a goal like the one God has put in your heart...

- Can I tell you we've all been there and were learning to listen to the voice of the Carpenter that tells us follow me, don't listen to the Horn of Limitation, I will help you!

Maybe it's time to remind this Horn of Limitation; I serve the God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. **Ephesians 3:20**

God has not given me a Spirit of fear, but a Spirit of Power, Love and a Sound Mind. **2 Timothy 1:7**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. **Phil. 4:13**  
with God all things are possible. **Matthew 9:26**

### **3rd Horn - Horn of Hinderance**

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:18**

"I desire to come to you but satan has hindered me."

This hindering spirit gets in front of you to block you and trip you up. It throws up a road block to hinder your journey. But a Determined Heart says you can hinder me, you can buffet me, you can try to get in my way but I will continue in spite of you.

#### **Nehemiah 4:6**

6 So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its *height*, for the people had a mind to work.

This one takes a made up mind.

I heard about a study that was done over a 10 year period with dozens of families. It was determined that nearly 90 percent of the time something was wrong in each family. Either in their marriage or finances, the kids with their school or some other challenge they faced. If this is true and we condition our hearts to only worship God when things are good we will only worship him with 10 percent of our lives.

Pat Schatzline "If someone is hindering your worship, turn and face the wall."

Friend if your going to live for God, your going to meet the Hinderer...

If your going to do the thing God has for you to do, the Horn of Hinderance will do whatever possible to slow you down...

In fact is, if the devil isn't trying to stop you, something is wrong...

## Ephesians 6

10 Finally, **be strong in the Lord** and **in his mighty power**. 11 Put on the full armor of God, **so that you can take your stand** against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand your ground**, and after you have done everything, to **stand**. 14 **Stand firm** then,

If you can just stand - You Win!!!

Joshua 1:3 "I will give you every place where you set your foot,"

This is how you win as a Christian...

Keep your foot on it!!!

Stand

Be Strong... In the Lord... In His Might Power... Put on the Armor OF GOD... AND STAND!!!

Stand on the Call of God

Stand on the Dream God gave you

Stand for your Family

Stand even if your Friends don't

Stand, don't sit down

Don't lay down

Don't give up

If you STAND, you win...

The Horn of Hinderance simply wants you to give up your Stand...

So I'm here today to tell you Stand...

## 4th Horn - The Devouring Horn

- The first 3 horns will get in front of you.
- The last horn will follow behind you.
- God promises He will rebuke this Devouring Horn in Malachi 3.

### Malachi 3:6-12

6 "I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. 7 Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

8 "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'

"In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the Lord of hosts;

12

"And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the Lord of hosts.

God's saying:

If you will rebuke the devourer from your heart. I will rebuke him from your life...

If you give me what is mine, I will make sure you keep what is your...  
Just like we can't out give God. You can't out steel the Devil...

This is what God was doing in the days of Zechariah, He was restoring his people and blessing them so they could be a blessing.

God desire is the same for you...

God's plan is to bless you and use you for his Glory...

When the enemy sends the 4 horns of Resistance to stop what God wants  
God sends His 4 Carpenters; His Holy Spirit and he says...

1. You don't lack Strength - I will give you Strength
2. You don't lack Skill - I will give show you what to do
3. You don't lack Spirituality - I will give you my Spirit
4. You don't lack Time - If I can use Caleb at 85 to capture the Mountain where the Giants live. There's still time for you...

Don't be Intimidate - I am with you

Don't be Limited - I am without Limits

Don't be Hindered - I will Strength you to Stand

You will not be Robed of a Blessing - I will Bless you and make you a Blessing