

## Healing From the Hurt of Hate

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Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews, saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, “What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they’re doing? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?”

**Nehemiah 4:1-2b NLT**

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

**Matthew 5:11 KJV**

# Safety against Satan means I ...

## 1. Identify my identity.

When Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem the Arab heard of our plan, they scoffed contemptuously. “What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?” they asked. I replied, “The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall.

**Nehemiah 2:19-20a NLT**

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**John 1:12-13 KJV**

## 2. Activate my trust in God.

Remember, O my God, all the evil things that Tobiah and Sanballat have done.

**Nehemiah 6:14a NLT**

“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God. If you listen carefully... and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you.

**Exodus 23:19, 22 NIV**

## 3. Exercise Godly defense.

Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other.

**Nehemiah 4:17b ESVUK**

Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Ephesians 6:17 NLT**

## 4. Overcome evil with good.

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Romans 12:19-21 NIV**

He fell to his knees, shouting, “Lord, don’t charge them with this sin!” And with that, he died.

**Acts 7:60 NLT**

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