

RETURN, PART III

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**RETURNS ARE ALWAYS RESISTED, SO
BUCKLE UP.**

“But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious. They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into confusion. But we prayed to our God and guarded the city day and night to protect ourselves.

Meanwhile, our enemies were saying, “Before they know what’s happening, we will swoop down on them and kill them and end their work.”

So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows.

When our enemies heard that we knew of their plans and that God had frustrated them, we all returned to our work on the wall.

During this time, none of us—not I, nor my relatives, nor my servants, nor the guards who were with me—ever took off our clothes. We carried our weapons with us at all times, even when we went for water.”

Nehemiah 4:7-9, 11, 13, 15, 23 NLT

Mock
Intimidate
Kill
Resist
Attack
Demoralize

You're not worth messing with, until you return.

1. Returning challenges those related to you.

The Prodigal and his older brother: Luke 15
Shemaiah and Noadiah: Nehemiah 6:
10-14

2. Returning puts you against the current.

“.....you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”

Ephesians 2:2 NKJV

3. Returning brings you face to face with the devil and his crowd.
4. Returning forces you to confront your fear, pride, and insecurities and live by faith. [The Prodigal]

““But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” ’”

Luke 15:17-19 NKJV

God’s grace is poured out on those who return to Him

Pride doesn’t like it

The world will mock you and try to pull you back in so the current will take you.

The devil will resist you and attack you.

People who should welcome you home,
may not throw you a party.
**BUT YOU WILL RETURN ANYWAY AND
GOD WILL BLESS YOU AND EMPOWER
YOU TO OVERCOME EVERY
RESISTANCE!**