

## NEHEMIAH

### Chapter 4

#### OPPOSITION TO THE WORK

- The surrounding governors saw the quick progress of the walls
- Sanballat from Samaria (North)
- Tobiah the Ammonite (East)
- Geshem the Arab (South)
- Ashdodites (West) later known as Philistines
- Questions of how can they do that much in a day????
- Questions of what do you do with burnt limestone??
- Word gets back to Nehemiah from some Jews in villages
- The ones who stayed behind, God used them too
- Nehemiah prays rather than answer the opposition, he picked the best king
- The wall has been measured at around 9 feet thick
- The remnant get the wall to half its height
- They had a mind to work - inner parts, determination of will, a seat of courage
- When breaches and holes were repaired, governors became angry
- They wanted to confuse the people, scare them, cause them to fear and stop
- Attacks from within and attacks from without
- Again Nehemiah prays and he prepares
- Nehemiah prays/sets guards/encourages them to fight
- Watch and pray is a NT theme - diligent, watchful, bold, courageous, be on guard
- He carried their griefs, cares fears before God
- The people say 'we are not able'
- 10 times they were told go back home and cause the workforce to dwindle
- Set guards behind the wall with weapons where it was unfinished
- Set guards on top of finished walls

#### THE WORK RESUMES

- What was meant to confuse and exasperate, God created a military defense system
- Jerusalem now has more people than it has had in 80 years, looks like a city
- Half kept watch, half worked and they worked day and night
- Trumpets were put in place to warn of attacks
- Josephus in the Antiquities tells us that trumpeters were placed all over to call defense to that section on sound
- They were doing right and suffering but for good reason - endurance
- We must fight but God fights for us (providence & workmanship)
- When the groups get bigger, you have to be more organized
- The devil's D's - Delay, Distract, Discourage, Disguise, Deceive, Distort, Destroy
- When we are against all odds and walled in, God can still fill our cup to overflowing
- God is the grand weaver, there is an orchestrator overall the parts of this book