Sermon Title: Rebuilding the Broken Walls of Our Nation

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1 *The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.*

It came to pass in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel,

2 *that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.*

3 *And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire."*

4 *So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.*

Introduction: The Invisible Decay

- The hollow oak tree looks healthy outside but falls in a minor storm because it is rotted on the inside.
- **The Main Focus:** A nation's true strength is moral and spiritual, not economic or military.

I: Recognizing Our Vulnerability

- **Scripture:** Nehemiah 1:3
- A luxury home built with no locks on the doors leaves its treasures unguarded.
- When a society abandons its moral foundations, it leaves its families and identity unprotected from the thief of spiritual decay.

II: A Heart Problem, Not a Political Problem

- Political solutions only treat external symptoms; government can restrain evil with laws, but it cannot change the human heart.

III: The Remedy Begins in the Mirror

- **Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 7:14
- I believe that to a great extent that God holds the church accountable for the culture—revival happens when God's people look in the mirror and repent, rather than pointing fingers at the world.

Food for Thought

Our main challenges today are;

- **Challenge 1**-Like Nehemiah's builders, focus on repairing the specific section of the wall "in front of your own house." Like live a life that testifies to God’s love, grace and deliverance.
- **Challenge 2**- Strengthen your own family, pray in your home, and serve your immediate neighbors to rebuild the nation from the inside out.