

Rebuilding Our Defense
Nehemiah 4 & 5
God Protects

“Hear, O God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives.”

Nehemiah 4:4

Life Application: God protects His people- do not be afraid.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

Point: Every action God calls us to requires faithful, fervent prayer.

“And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.”

Nehemiah 4:9

Notice- Nehemiah prays and takes prudent action at the same time.

Opposition to God’s work is all around us- be on guard!

Point: God hears our prayers and answers in His way.

How does God answer prayer?

1. Yes- (such as Nehemiah’s request for favor and completion of the walls of Jerusalem).
2. No- (such as Nehemiah’s request for his enemies to be plundered and taken captive).
3. Not now- (such as Nehemiah’s request for God to remember his good towards others).

Opposition should create urgent prayer.

Point: In the middle of rebuilding, you may likely find foundational problems.

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who builds his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24-25

Personal Application...

God will protect you even in the middle of the fiercest storm. But don’t be surprised when the storm churns up some hidden damage- take it to the Lord in prayer.

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, July 5th, 2015
Next week: Guest preacher Brodie Schock