

The Walls Are Broken Down

Pt. 1: Arise and Build

Introduction: Nehemiah demonstrates many ways to respond when the walls around us are torn down.

Nehemiah's Concern (1:1-3)

- A. Nehemiah was concerned about the Jews who had returned from captivity (Ezra. 2:1).
- B. Without a wall, the people were in great trouble and in shame.
- C. We are living in a time when the "Christian walls" that once surrounded our country, our churches and our homes are being torn down.

Nehemiah's Cry (1:4-11)

- A. Nehemiah didn't just sit around and grieve over the news he was told.
- B. Nehemiah was so disheartened that he mourned, fasted and prayed for several days.
- C. How much time do we spend in prayer to God over the Christian walls being torn down around our nations, churches and homes? (I Thess. 5:17; Phil. 4:6-7)

Nehemiah's Courage (2:1-8)

- A. Then I was very much afraid... (v. 2)
- B. So I prayed to the God of heaven...(v. 4)
- C. Do we have the courage to act upon our concerns? (Psalm 27:1)

Nehemiah's Commitment (2:9-16)

- A. Nehemiah didn't back down when he faced great opposition (vs. 10, 19).
- B. Nehemiah didn't back down when he saw the ruins of Jerusalem (vs. 11-16).
- C. Are we committed to rebuilding the walls of Christianity no matter what we might have to face? (I Cor. 15:58)

Nehemiah's Confidence (2:17-20)

- A. Nehemiah makes it clear from the beginning: the hand of God was upon him (v. 18).
- B. Do we have confidence in God to help us succeed the way Nehemiah did? (I Jn. 5:14)
- C. When we fail to have confidence in God to help us succeed, we are telling Him we don't believe in His infinite power.

Conclusion: The Christian walls around us are being torn down. What will we choose to do?